



# Umodzi-Mbame Model Childcare Center



**Holistic teaching and learning  
in a rural Malawian setting.**



**Based in the rural Village of Juma,  
20km from Blantyre Town, in the south of Malawi.**



**2 classrooms of 70 m<sup>2</sup>, a staff room, kitchen and playground**

**8 teachers working with 80 kids aged 3 to 6**

**Lessons from 8am to 12pm, including a daily meal**



**Lesson on numbers: Learning together in the simple, colourful and educational classroom.**



**Lesson on letters:** Learning in an interactive way under the outside shelter made from locally available materials.



**Ability Groups: Teaching in little groups of different ability levels.**



**Individual attention:**  
Supporting the child  
according to his or her  
personal development.



**Lesson on colours: Learning in Chichewa and English, using locally found items.**



**Using the body: Enjoying local songs and dances.**



**Circle time: Getting to know the Malawian culture looking at a painting from a local artist.**



**Educational outings:**  
**Learning about local animals while observing them.**



**Story time:**

**Listening to old tales told by a grandmother of the village.**



**Play time:**  
**Interacting and learning while playing.**



**Art and crafts:**  
Exploring and developing  
the creativity with what's  
found around.



**Health and Hygiene: Washing hands before lunch.**



**Learning needs energy:**

**The children get a special “Vitameal“ porridge every day.**



**Involvement of the Parents:  
Mothers are cooking the  
daily meal for the kids.**

**Using rocket stoves, a german  
invention, which requires 70 %  
less firewood than cooking on an  
open fire.**



**Participation of the community:  
Together creating teaching and learning materials.**



**Learning together:  
Parents are learning how their children are learning.**



**Sharing best practice: The Community, other NGOs and the Media observing the exemplary teaching and learning.**



**Graduation:** Children leaving for primary school - with a certificate and a bag full of skills, experiences and motivation.