

# PROBONO NEWS



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### PROBONO

- PROBONO starts in-service teacher training

PROBONO is starting an in-service teacher training programme at Tanzanian partner schools. Over the next few years teachers at 17 secondary schools will receive regular further training in external workshops covering general methodology and subject-related principles. Subsequently they will receive support and be supervised at their



schools by mentors in the implementation of the new methods. The reason for this new programme is the fact that for many years exam results in secondary schools nationwide have been poor. Analyses have shown that a lack of school infrastructure and materials, but above all inadequate qualifications, are responsible for this poor academic performance. The in-service training programme supported by PROBONO is based on the teacher training concept "Teaching in Action" (TIA) with its modern teaching principles and student-centred approach. In contrast to rote learning methods hitherto practiced in Tanzania, pupils will now be actively involved in the lesson and participate in the development of solutions. Our cooperation partner in the in-service training programme is Mwenge University College of Education, a university which provides qualified trainers as well as the infrastructure for the TIA workshops.

- **School visits to Uganda, Tanzania and Kenya**

In July and September/October PROBONO employees visited all our partner schools in Uganda, Tanzania und Kenya. The itinerary also included official visits to the Tanzanian and Ugandan Ministries of Education, Mwenge University College of Education in Moshi, the German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ GmbH) in Tanzania, the German embassies in Dar es Salaam und Kampala, the Ugandan Goethe-Centre as well as a visit to the Bishop of Masaka.



- **Network meeting at Kloster Höchst**

A PROBONO network meeting was held at Kloster Höchst on 14 September. 28 participants from 11 PROBONO schools took part in the seminar on the theme of "Dialogue projects."

The response to the meeting was so good that PROBONO is planning a further network meeting in 2015.

- **Workshops at conferences and forums**

As experts for in North-South school partnerships PROBONO were involved in organising workshops at the SEZ Youth Forum in Rust as well as at the Africa Conference in Hamburg. At the youth forum in Rust this year's theme was „ We want development – but long-term! “, in Hamburg it was about a general framework and key aspects of communal partnerships in Africa.

## Educational projects



- **Two new school kitchens in Tanzania**

Clean drinking water and one warm meal a day reduce pupils' absenteeism due to sickness and lead to a long-term improvement in academic standards at schools.

Financial support from the Frankfurt City School Mundanis, a generous birthday donation from the Jacobi family from Kronberg, who have been regularly supporting PROBONO for years, as well as generous sponsorship from Osiris Investments GmbH have enabled school kitchens to be built at two schools in Tanzania which have since replaced the old open fireplaces.

- **Book donations for schools**

Teaching and learning materials are an integral part of school education. With some support from the German partner schools PROBONO has been able to acquire books for the following schools: St. Teresa of Avila Girls' Secondary School, Mramba Primary School, Uchira Secondary School, St. Michael's Secondary School.



- **Classrooms for One World Secondary School**

With PROBONO's financial support two new classrooms have been built at Kisangara One World Secondary School which can also be used for in-service teacher training.

- **Water supply at St. Joseph's Sec. School**

With support from their partner school, Heinrich-Heine-Gymnasium Ostfildern, as well as PROBONO, an urgently needed renovation of the water supply has been carried out at St. Joseph's Sec. School Nkoni in Uganda. Even in the dry period the pupils now have access to clean water everywhere on the school premises.



- **Mosquito nets and books for Uchira Sec. School**

PROBONO has provided books for Uchira Secondary School and has also equipped their dormitories with mosquito nets. This was made possible by a donation from the Dornbusch church congregation in Frankfurt and the great efforts of this year's confirmands.

## Fundraising

- Fundraising activities for South-North visits

Pupils from the South schools visiting Germany cannot afford the cost of flights. Consequently, by organising a sponsored run and a social day pupils from Lessing-Gymnasium Frankfurt and Carl-von-Ossietzky-Gymnasium Hamburg have collected enough money to be able to invite their Tanzanian friends to Germany.

## Dialogue projects

- Anna-Schmidt-School wins 1st prize with musical

With their musical „Tuishi Pamoja“ Anna-Schmidt-School in Frankfurt won 1st prize in the competition „Together for Africa“. The school was awarded the prize above all for successful cooperation with their Kenyan partner school Ilmissigyo, whose pupils had painted the scenery for the performance.



- PROBONO volunteer programme

Five young adults carried out a wide variety of projects as educational volunteers at schools in Tanzania. One volunteer offered regular keyboard lessons, another a



“pottery” workshop. The preparations for a circus performance were exciting and the HIV workshop offered was informative. The Tanzanian school children were also pleased with the projects “Afternoon supervision with dancing”, “German Easter customs craftwork” or even the regular reading out loud sessions.

## Visits to partner schools

- South - North - Visits

Pupils from Gongolamboto Secondary School, Duluti Secondary School and Mwanga High School visited their partners in Germany. The guests and their German friends worked together on a variety of social themes based on the realities of life in Germany, discovered traces of Africa in Frankfurt and organised the weather forecast on a Hamburg radio channel.



- North- South- Visits

Hochrad Gymnasium and Helene-Lange-School, both in Hamburg, and Waldorf-School Vorder- taunus visited their partner schools in Tanzania and South Africa.

## Donations

- In-service teacher training programme

In 2013 PROBONO launched the TIA in-service teacher training programme which is still in its pilot phase. Several workshops for 60 to 70 teachers are planned for 2014 covering general methodology as well as subject-related teaching principles in physics, chemistry, biology, mathematics and English. Between 2015 and 2019 one-week workshops are to be held twice a year for 80 to 100 teachers from approx. 17 schools. After every workshop “follow-up” measures at the schools will ensure sustainability. PROBONO would like to ask you, dear readers, for donations towards this effective and very necessary in-service training programme.

- Account for donations

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PROBONO would like to wish all our readers a Merry Christmas!