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- PROBONO in-service teacher training in Tanzania

As part of the PROBONO in-service teacher training programme, German experts travelled to Tanzania to run in-service training courses on general methodology



and subject-related teaching principles. In a workshop on „Student-centred methods and school discipline“, amongst

other things the subject of corporal punishment, which is still common practice in Tanzania, was discussed and challenged. Together with participants PROBONO member Michael Knittel, from the Studienseminar Heppenheim, worked on this subject to find pedagogical alternatives. The didactics of chemistry workshop was lead by Hans-Dieter Barke, Emeritus Professor of Chemistry Didactics at the University of Münster. Certified in-service courses in mathematics und English were offered by senior experts Leo Kauter, Dr. Michael Näder und Rolf Neumeier. The aim of the workshops is to help the Tanzanian teachers to clearly understand the advantages of student-centred methods and to practise them. Consequently, PROBONO in-service teacher training consists of several elements- a general methodology workshop, didactic expert workshops and follow-up measures at individual schools. more...

- **Bengo-employee visits educational projects**

In the spring a female employee of bengo, the advice centre for non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in the field of development and cooperation, visited PROBONO projects on behalf of the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). These projects had been sponsored by BMZ funding. Her feedback on the projects and their local supervision was positive and she encouraged PROBONO to apply for further funding.



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

In the summer Denis Kalyango, a PROBONO team member from Uganda, visited schools in Germany. He talked vividly about life and a typical school day in Uganda. [more...](#)



On their trip to Uganda and Tanzania PROBONO employees Dr. Elke Plies-Balzer and Gabriele Rolfs experienced a full programme focussing on talks at schools and visits to projects. [more...](#)

- **STEP Kick-Off Workshop at St. Joseph's SS**

The STEP („Students for Entrepreneurial Promotion“) action-oriented training programme at Leuphana University Lüneburg, which aims to promote entrepreneurship in developing countries, will be implemented in a pilot project at St. Joseph's Sec. School, Uganda, in 2015. The first workshop on this theme took place on 10 September. [more...](#)

- **Anniversary celebration at Mwangi High School**

In September Mwangi High School, Tanzania, celebrated its 25th anniversary. The school's long-standing head teacher and PROBONO employee, Eliot Senkoro, and Humboldt School Bad Homburg played a significant role in the successful development of the High School as it is today with its 600 pupils.

- **Global learning**

As an expert on north-south school partnerships Birgit Lorberg from PROBONO gave talks at various events in the Frankfurt area. On 16 September she gave a talk as part of the University of Kassel's education programme „The Orientation Framework is Learning to Fly“; On 14/15 November she held a workshop together with Elisabeth Bentrup from Ernst-Reuter-School.

Educational projects

- **New kitchen at Mapeera Sec. School Kalungu**

The students at Mapeera Sec. School Kalungu are delighted with their new school kitchen. The construction of the kitchen was made possible by fundraising activities at Städtisches Gymnasium Schleiden, a generous donation from ELM Recycling GmbH & Co. KG, Bissingen and PROBONO.



- **New sanitary installations at Kimashuku PS**

New sanitary installations have been built at Kimashuku Primary School. The pupils here have shown a marked academic improvement in the past year.

- **Teaching and learning materials**

It has been possible to acquire new teaching and learning materials at several PROBONO schools. Three schools received school books and a vocationally-oriented school acquired sewing and grinding machines.



- **Classrooms for Ilmissigyio Primary School**

Financial support from the Anna-Schmidt-School, Frankfurt und PROBONO has enabled two new classrooms to be built at Ilmissigyio PS. From now on all classes are being taught in stone buildings and the old wooden huts will serve as a kitchen.

Dialogue projects

• Photo books and projects

Several PROBONO schools in Germany, Tanzania und Uganda have created photo books showing pictures of everyday school life and sent them to their partner schools. The photo book from Mundanis Stadtschule, for example, contains photos of the head teacher, the classrooms, the canteen, the sportshall etc.

• Intercultural serial novel

How could the story go on? The pupils of Mapeera Sec. School asked their partners at Städtisches Gymnasium Schleiden this question and sent them the beginning of a traditional story from their country. It was then the German pupils' task to continue the story.

• PROBONO volunteer programme



In the past few months ten volunteers travelled to Tanzania and Uganda to work as volunteers in the classroom as well as running projects. As a „partner school ambassador“ Henrike Tiptkämper, on the suggestion of the Hühnerheide Dinslaken Primary School, presented the musical „Tuishi Pamoja“ in Tanzania, painted animal masks with the children and rehearsed the title song.



Daniel Hinkel, an electrical engineering student, spent six months at various schools in Tanzania repairing solar and electrical installations.

Fundraising

• Sponsored runs

By taking part in sponsored runs the pupils of the Europa School Gladenbach, Anna-Schmidt-School, Frankfurt and Wiesenau Neu Anspach Primary School have received support for their partner schools in Tanzania.



• Flea market at Heinrich-Heine-Gymn. Ostfildern

By organising a benefit flea market the Uganda Club at Heinrich-Heine-Gymnasium Ostfildern collected money for the renovation of the dilapidated roofs at their partner school.

Visits to partner schools

South – North - Visits

- „Guests are a blessing“ – this is how the Europa School Gladenbach felt about the visit by their Tanzanian partner. To celebrate the 20th anniversary of their school partnership teachers and pupils from Kisomachi SS visited the School in Gladenbach.
- Gassiano Senzighe, head teacher of the Malage Vocational Training Center, TZ, spent two weeks at Heinrich-Kleyer-School Frankfurt.

North - South - Visits

- „In October 2014 two teachers and nine pupils visited our partner school for the first time“ – an ideal start for the new partnership between Carl-von-Ossietzky-Gymnasium and Mbonea High School. [more...](#)

- In-service training in Tanzania: teachers from Humboldt School Bad Homburg together with teachers from their French partner school travelled to Mwanga High School.



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- Andreae-Gymnasium Herrenbg. - St. Michael's UG
- Carl-von-Ossietzky HH - Mbonea High School TZ
- IGS Eschersheim - St. Martin's Voc. S. School UG
- GS Dissenchen Cottbus - PS Arusha Usa River TZ
- GS Haldenbergschule Pasing - PS Tengeru TZ
- Limeschule Idstein - St. Mugagga Sec. School UG

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