

Budleigh Salterton Lions Club: EdUKaid Update

What we will spend the funds on?

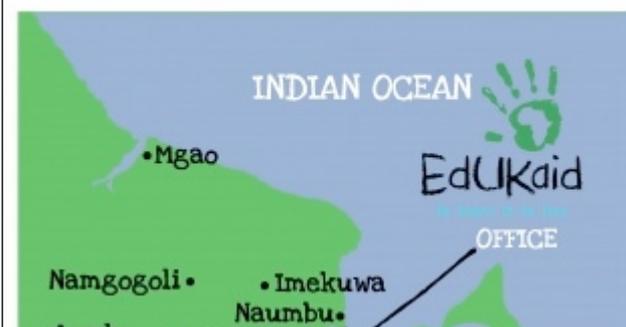
Pre-primary Resources/Maintenance Project

The Budleigh Salterton Lions Club kindly agreed to support EdUKaid in 2013 and fundraised at two events in early July, including a Cash Bingo and Jumble Sale. EdUKaid's Development Manager assisted at both events providing cakes and helpers!



Thanks to the Lions for organising two great events!

The funds raised will be of great significance to EdUKaid and will contribute specifically towards the costs of resources and equipment for our existing pre primary classes at: **Mgao, Imekuwa, Singino, Msijute, Namgogoli and Mwenge.**



EdUKaid's Pre-primary Project, Mtwara, Southern Tanzania

Pre-primary education provides an important foundation for later learning. It is a way to bridge the gap between home and elementary school and to prepare the children for primary education. It plays a crucial role in nurturing key attitudes to learning, supporting educational achievement and improving the efficiency of primary education.

Since 2009 EdUKaid have now opened 6 pre-primary classes and they have been a huge success. Attendance rates are nearly 100% demonstrating the children and families' satisfaction. The children are happy and enjoy singing, learning their alphabet and counting among other activities. The presence of a pre-primary classroom and a dedicated pre-primary teacher (as opposed to a handful of small children gathering, unattended, under a tree) has attracted many more children to go to school. It has inspired and motivated local communities that schooling is being supported, as well as having a positive impact on the rest of the school. EdUKaid is now working with a further 7 local Primary Schools to introduce and support additional pre-primary classes.

Photographs of existing classes in 2012/2013





**Above: EdUKaid's, Pre Primary teachers and assistants
(A team of 14 staff – July2012)**

In addition to the children, EdUKaid's pre-primary staff will be some of the beneficiaries of the funding. Back in July as part of our regular monitoring and evaluation work the teaching staff compiled lists of resources each of their classes require for effective teaching and learning. Some of the items requested include: classroom clocks, coloured paper, pupil work books, maps, abacus', scissors, glue etc. Some of the classrooms also require a repaint – **EdUKaid takes a community approach – whereby EdUKaid provides the paint and materials and the local community and parents carry out the maintenance work.**

As part of our sustainability strategy; we continue to work in partnership with primary schools to ensure maximum impact. As part of our monitoring strategy we monitor attendance, progression and transition rates and strive to facilitate an early positive start for children in this rural poor region.

To conclude, EdUKaid would like to thank the Budleigh Salterton Lions Club for their support of EdUKaid in 2013. We would like to provide a further update when the resources have been purchased and distributed; we and anticipate with our current workload and commitments this will be in January 2014.

