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# EARLY STAGE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY INITIATIVES ADVANCING WITH PROJECT DEVELOPMENT...

**Mkango Resources Ltd. (TSX-V: MKA)** delivers extensive world class knowledge, experience and technical expertise related to **rare earth** mineral exploration, investment and development in **Malawi**. Mkango has begun implementing a successful early-stage social responsibility program, which is focused on **empowerment, education, reducing poverty** and **hunger**.

### Mkango – boNGO Partnership –October 2015

Mkango has an ongoing partnership with boNGO Worldwide (www.bongoworldwide.org), a non-profit, non-government organization in Malawi, established with the aim of raising the standards of education in the country. boNGO is assisting Mkango with improving the local primary school education surrounding the Songwe Hill Project. The first stage of the initiative, called the Happy Classrooms Project, is to enhance the learning environments in the 3 local primary schools through syllabus-related paintings on classroom walls. BoNGO has recently completed the painting of 12 classrooms Mkango has also recently launched an annual competitive scholarship programme to support secondary education for the top 6 male and female students from these schools.





A previous "Unhappy Classroom" at Mpembezu School (above)

AND

Class in progress with an example of a syllabus-related painting in the Mkango –BoNGO recently renovated "Happy Classrooms"

boNGO's visual classrooms transformation brings a significant improvement to the learning and teaching environments of the local primary schools, achieved through the painting of classrooms with bright, multi-coloured and child-friendly decorations, and teaching aids such as number line, shapes and patterns, alphabet lines etc., which reflect the school syllabus.

The advantages of the Happy Classrooms Project are that children can learn using the walls even after school time; the decorated walls are bright, and stimulate the children's minds helping them learn better. In addition, the decorated walls offer teachers new teaching aids in the absence of text books and other teaching aids, as well as allowing teachers to use a broader variety of teaching methods.



## Mkango – Assisting Flood Victims – February 2015

Mkango is committed to supporting the local communities in the Songwe Hill area and it donated earlier this year, various essential items to 470 households in the Songwe Hill Project area, whose livelihoods have been seriously affected by the recent flooding which caused widespread devastation across Malawi. The country suffered its worst rains in 50 years where non-stop heavy rainfall lasted for almost 15 days. It resulted in record flooding in approx. 15 districts of the country, including Phalombe.

The relief items donated by Mkango to the 470 affected households included maize flour (staple food), blankets, polythene roofing materials, buckets, cups and various kitchen utensils. The company also donated 1000 exercise books and 1000 pencils to each of the three primary schools within in the affected area due to the fact that many pupils probably lost such items during the flooding.





*Mkango's local Malawian team distributing flood relief items to communities at Mphembezu village* 

#### Seed Distribution/Bank Initiative – Dec 2014

In December 2014, Mkango working in conjunction with NASFAM (National Smallholder Farmers Association of Malawi <u>www.nasfam.org</u>), the leading smallholder-owned business and development organization in Malawi producing economic and social benefits for members, distributed 4,000 kg of pigeon pea seed to 1,000 families within the villages surrounding the Project as part of its annual Seed Distribution / Bank Initiative. This program, which is now in its fourth year of operation, supports and empowers the local farming communities. At harvest, twice the amount of seed will be returned back the Company, to store until the following season so that it can be distributed to new recipient farmers. This will ensure that in the following season three times the original number of famers will participate.

Water borehole & pump installed by Mkango at Mpembezu village



Bridge to site – employed local village workers to assist in construction of bridge

#### Local Infrastructure & Socio Environmental – October 2015

Two water boreholes and pumps were recently fully restored and donated to the nearby Wahiya and Nowa Villages, and another nine new & existing borehole pumps within the surrounding villages have continued to be serviced and repaired. Mkango has previously drilled a water borehole to supply Mphembezu School and village.

Local road and bridge maintenance is continuing, which, as well as improving local infrastructure, provides an alternative source of employment and income to the local communities. Mkango has previously refurbished six existing bridges and constructed a new bridge, in addition to refurbishment of roads to Mphembezu & Maone villages, and to Songwe to provide all year round access. Currently a new bridge is being constructed to re-connect the refurbished road between Noah and Mphembezu villages. Other on-going & previous community involvement at Songwe Hill includes:

- Employment of local community in field, road construction, on-site security
- ✓ Training program for Malawian graduate geologists & training provided to sampling assistants
- Donations of educational and sporting equipment to local schools
- ✓ Tree Planting Program



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