



## *PAL Project Tanzania: Update on School Development Initiatives*

All four schools in Manzese Ward have been engaged in a variety of school improvement activities. The Table below shows each school's activities and progress in 2012.

School	Activities	Progress
<b>Ukombozi Primary School</b>	Team Teaching	Ukombozi School planned to conduct two team teaching lessons per month. Until June 2012, they conducted and video recorded five team teaching lessons in classes one, two, three, five and seven. The teachers divided the lesson into sections and each teacher taught his/her part and while teaching other teachers were just sitting waiting for their part. Engaging teachers in team teaching was a challenge, some teachers were afraid and others were busy with their other activities. However, the PDLs worked hard to encourage teachers to participate in the process. This suggests the need to use whole school approaches to encourage all teachers to become fully involved in the project. For now some of the teachers are not fully committed to project activities.
	English Club	Several English clubs have been conducted. The main approach for this activity was to involve students from all Standards. During English clubs pupils were encouraged to engage in conversation and encouraged to express themselves in English. One of the big challenges identified was the lack of enough desks to accommodate a sufficient number of pupils in English club. Hence to date very few pupils have been involved in this exercise.
<b>Manzese Primary School</b>	Seminars on Hard Topics	Manzese School is progressing very well. Several seminars on hard topics have been conducted. The PDLs selected <i>Tenses</i> as one of the hardest topics to teach. Seminars on all parts of this topic i.e., past, present and future tenses have been conducted and recorded. After finishing a discussion on tenses an expert from the University of Dar es Salaam (Dr Mapunda) was invited for the purpose of facilitating a discussion and responding to questions that had not been resolved during in-door seminars. Teachers explained that they learned a lot and were able to get

		answers to questions that were unclear during indoor seminars. This suggested the need to have more seminars of this kind.
<b>Uzuri Primary School</b>	Reading Classes	Pupils have been encouraged to read English Text books. Even though there is an insufficient number of English Text Books, the pupils seemed to enjoy the class very much.
	Morning Speech	This activity has been conducted on every Wednesday since March 2012.  There are two ways through which this activity is conducted; 1) Pupils in class one to four are asked to provide a self introduction and say a little about their home, family, young sisters and brothers etc. 2) Pupils from class five to seven are encouraged to prepare a speech on various matters (political, social and other school issues). This speech is presented to other pupils. Teachers assisted in the preparation of speeches. The morning speech has now become part and parcel of the school's activities. Pupils and teachers are now used to this arrangement of having English Speech Day on every Wednesday.
	English Club	The plan is to have English clubs on every Friday, but only one English club was conducted so far because Friday is not a good day for this activity as most of the pupils (Muslims) are going for prayers. However, the PDLs plan to have more sessions of English Club after they discuss finding an alternative day for English Club with the head teacher.
<b>Kilimani Primary School</b>	A Seminar on Hard Topics	Teachers discussed together the hard topics for the purpose of sharing skills and agreeing on better ways to deliver content to pupils. After an indoor seminar individual teachers go to their class to teach the topic and the lesson is recorded on video. The plan was to record teaching in all classes and thereafter discuss the recording among teachers for constructive feedback. A number of Indoor seminars and recordings have been completed. Only two classes remain to be video recorded: Classes one and three.



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