

REPORT ON MALUNGENI PROJECT – December 2024

- 1) This project had one contact session in the first quarter of 2024 which went extremely well, but owing to a lack of additional funds we were unable to follow up with the other three sessions that were planned for the year.
- 2) *Africa A+ Schools (A+)* has secured funding from Arm in Arm in Africa, an organization in the USA, to carry out contact sessions in February and March of 2025.
- 3) The project will receive a site visit from a another potential funder in February 2025. This funder may fund the balance of the project.
- 4) The money raised for the Malungeni project on GlobalGiving is assisting us to build up funds for a third contact session in 2025.
- 5) The community of Malungeni greatly appreciates the work that A+ does and is hungry for more opportunities to see practical implementation of the curriculum. Parents are also eager to engage with A+ and learn more about how to stimulate learning with their children.
- 6) Our challenges in carrying out the project include:
 - The rural roads infrastructure is problematic, making it difficult to reach schools, especially after rain.
 - There is limited access to data and the internet so our usual approach of using WhatsApp between contact sessions, is severely limited.
 - Teachers are presently on leave and resume their work in mid-January, so no contact session can take place before February 2025.
 - Preschool teachers are not paid regularly by the Department of Basic Education, therefore it is difficult for them to stay motivated.