

**News from the Director:**

I would like to update you on events that have taken place at BICO during the first half of 2015.

We have had a very busy start in 2015.

In February 2015 we had two weeks of the Low vision projects; assessing children in various resource centres, followed up by a workshop at Montfort College (see separate report for this). We also had an annual review meeting of the TRUST funded Trachoma Project in the month of February. Field activities for the TRUST were scaled up from March. In April 2015 the MORDOR project also started scaling up, and the result was that more staff were employed to increase BICO capacity. As of as of 1<sup>st</sup> May 2015, BICO had 24 employees as seen below in the table.

**BICO STAFF**

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>
1	David Chinyanya	Program Manager
2	Zacharia Kamwendo	Projects assistant
3	Ranneck Singano	Logistics assistant
4	Alvin Blessings Chisambi	ICT and data Project Officer
5	Limbani Mitengo	Accountant
6	Florence Kalua	Procurement and Logistics Project Officer
7	Thembelani Kayira	Part Time Financial Advisor
8	Paul Mkandawire	MORDOR field coordinator
9	Ignasio Wachepa	Senior Projects and administrative officer
10	Bruno Chimaliro	Part time Low vision officer
11	Lifa Mandala	Driver
12	Tiwonenji Chimwala	Driver
13	Willy Majiya	Guesthouse keeper
14	Chester Phiri	Administrative assistant
15	Fraser Chisale	Administrative assistant
16	Geoffrey Maseko	Field Worker Mordor
17	Mercy Patel	Field Worker Mordor
18	Milliano Dzimbiri	Field Worker Mordor
19	Glory Muleya	Field Worker Mordor
20	Christine Lukhere	Field Worker Mordor
21	James Simwanza	Field Worker Mordor –Team leader
22	YamikaniHoja	Field Worker Mordor
23	ChimwemweMateche	Field Worker Mordor
24	MumderanjiSalomieBalakasi	Trainee-ICT and Data

## TEAM BUILDING WORKSHOP

A team building and orientation workshop was held in Mangochi district during the first week of May. Pictures below shows staff at Nkopola during games at the team building workshop.





## NEW BICO OFFICE IN MANGOCHI

A separate BICO office was identified at Mangochi District Headquarters and staff working in the MORDOR project moved in on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2015 (picture). During trainings in mangochi offices



BICO also increased its fleet of vehicles from 3 to 7.

The second half of the year is expected to be even busier.

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Good luck to all BICO staff

Dr Khumbo Kalua

Director BICO

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