



Books For Africa has shipped more than 32 million books to 49 African countries in the past 26 years.

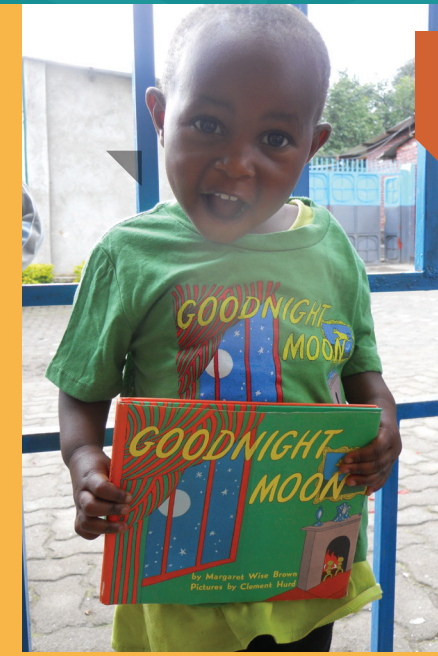


A huge operation requires a lot of books!

Books For Africa is the world's largest shipper of donated books to the African continent, but we are equally committed to sending books that are of great quality and usefulness to our African partners. That is why we are grateful for the support of our major book suppliers who provide the BFA warehouse with truck loads of high-quality new and used books for primary, secondary and university level students.

Book distributors Better World Books and Follett Educational Resources, as well as book publishers like Capstone Publishing and Lerner Publications make it possible for BFA to provide useful, attractive books to our recipients.

After the books are delivered to the BFA warehouse, teams of volunteers (over 14,000 in 2014) and BFA staff sort them into categories. This allows us to assemble each shipment to Africa uniquely, making sure we only send our recipients the kinds of books they need.



Three Cheers for Out of Print!

Since their founding in 2010, Out of Print Clothing has donated 50 cents to BFA for every product they sell—enough to send one book to Africa. Customers of their products, which feature iconic and "out of print" book covers, have now sent over ONE MILLION books to Africa!

The support of Out of Print has helped over 67 BFA projects become possible—projects like the Eric Harms Memorial Libraries project in Rwanda. The project sends books to nursery, primary, vocational and post-secondary institutions in communities all over Rwanda. It has provided thousands of students with access to books, like nursery school student Lucy (pictured here sporting her new Out of Print t-shirt) in Musanze, Rwanda.



Kenya

Students in the Kibera Informal Settlement of Nairobi have been given access to quality books thanks to a BFA project in collaboration with General Electric, Carolina for Kibera, Shining Hope for Communities, and Merck & Co. Kibera Girls' School and The Tabitha Clinic were among the many sites to receive books. "We have to say that the book famine in the informal settlement of Kibera will be a thing of the past," said Carolina for Kibera director Roggers Onyando Ochieng. "The communities in the area witnessed the occasion with surprise and joy."



Senegal

Support from the Sir Emeka Offor Foundation of Nigeria and the Nichols Foundation funded 50,000 books to Dakar, Senegal to support the work of U.S. Peace Corps Volunteers. A container of French books shipped from a BFA partner's warehouse in France and a container of English books shipped from the U.S. will support learning in rural communities in which the Peace Corps Volunteers live. Peace Corps Volunteer Lauren Thomas, who created a community library in her area, tells BFA, "thank you again for working with Peace Corps to bring books to rural villages in Senegal...The first of its kind in the area, Bibliothèque Maleme Niani will have profound effects on community and youth development."



BFA Shipments in FY 2014

July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014

Country	Containers	Country	Containers
Ghana	24	Malawi	5
Ethiopia	21	Namibia	4
Kenya	18	Niger	4
Uganda	18	South Sudan	4
The Gambia	16	Zambia	4
South Africa	14	Cameroon	3
Liberia	13	Senegal	3
Sierra Leone	12	Burundi	2
Tanzania	12	Chad	2
Nigeria	9	Democratic Republic of Congo	2
Zimbabwe	9	Swaziland	2
Somalia	8	Egypt	1
Rwanda	7	Guinea	1
Botswana	6		

TOTALS: 224 container units, 239 computers, 11 WestCore law libraries; 2.6 million books to 27 countries
TOTAL VALUE: \$22.8 million

● Number of container shipments sent since 1988



Zimbabwe

While visiting remote fishing villages around Lake Kariba in Zimbabwe, Claude & Barbara Mayfield observed schools in crisis with few educational resources for their students. That experience gave birth to the Zambezi Schoolbook Project, which partnered with BFA to send over 44,000 books to schools in very rural areas of Zimbabwe. Working with a team of organizations like the Rotary Club of Harare and The Tashinga Initiative, the project has distributed books to students living in areas where resources are exceedingly scarce. "The response of the schools, teachers and students, to organize libraries and put these books into use with a sense of joy and discovery, warms every heart," report Claude & Barbara.