

BOOKS FOR AFRICA



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NEWSLETTER

Books For Africa is the largest shipper of donated textbooks to the African continent. Books For Africa shipped over 14.5 million primary, secondary, post-secondary, and community library books to 27 countries since 1988. BFA has received the highest ratings from the Minnesota Charities Review Council.

BFA Ends Another Record-setting Fiscal Year

Books For Africa has had another outstanding fiscal year, shipping more books than ever before. In FY 2006, BFA shipped 79 containers of books (approximately two million books) to 19 African countries and exceeded the previous year's shipment total of 64 containers. These books were conservatively valued at over \$13.3 million. BFA raised \$852,000 in cash to ship these books – a 16 to 1 return on donations. Additionally, more books were shipped from our St. Paul warehouse location than ever before. BFA shipped 61 containers from St. Paul this



year vs. 42 in the previous fiscal year – a 45 percent increase (this on top of a 62 percent increase the previous year). As of November 1, 2006, BFA has shipped over 14.5 million textbooks to 27 African countries. Thanks to everyone for your help in making it happen!

BFA Shipments in FY 2006

Country	Containers
Nigeria	12
Tanzania	11
Ghana	8
Cameroon	6
Ethiopia	6
The Gambia	5
Botswana	4
Liberia	4
Somalia	4
Uganda	4
Kenya	2
Malawi	2
South Africa	2
Sudan	2
Zambia	2
Zimbabwe	2
Djibouti	1
Mali	1
Sierra Leone	1
Total	79 containers

BFA Participating in 2006 Federal Combined Charities Campaign



Books For Africa is pleased to be participating once again in the Federal Combined Charities

Campaign. In 2005, BFA received approximately \$67,000 in pledges from United States federal employees across the world. Books For Africa is part of the Aid to Africa Federation, but carries its own CFC number (#9954) so federal employees may donate directly to BFA. The Combined Federal Campaign is the world's largest workplace-giving program, soliciting donations from nearly four million federal employees and generating approximately \$250 million in donations. Books For Africa appreciates the support of federal employees in this, the 2006 Federal Combined Charities Campaign.



A Books For Africa delegation meets with His Excellency President Kikwete of Tanzania on September 27, 2006.

Returned Peace Corps Volunteer Ships Books Back to Zambia

Returned Zambia Peace Corps Volunteer and BFA staffer Ginger Wange, with outstanding support from friends and family, raised over \$9,000 to ship 25,000 books to Zambia. In July 2006, Ginger and her father, Kilimanjaro Society member Mark Wange, travelled back to four rural schools in Zambia to meet teachers and students who have benefited from this donation. David Muzeya, from Kapindi School in Ntambo, Zambia, is just one student whose life is changed... "Thank you for the rarely seen materials of educative books. My parents rejoice with me immediately when they saw the gift of books."



Ambassador Andrew Daraja of the United Republic of Tanzania Opens Newest Books For Africa Warehouse Facility in St. Paul

Tanzanian Ambassador Andrew Daraja presided over the grand opening of BFA's newest warehouse facility in conjunction with a Tanzanian presidential delegation visit to Minnesota on September 27, 2006. Books For Africa's newest warehouse facility is located in the Stroh's complex located at 715 E. Minnehaha Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, 55106.

In conjunction with the warehouse grand opening, Books For Africa shipped three containers of textbooks (57 tons approximating 90,000 textbooks) to Tanzania. Containers were sponsored by the United States Agency For International Development (USAID), St. John's Abbey (Collegeville, Minnesota), and the Andrah Foundation. Another container will leave shortly co-sponsored by Cargill and Preferred Adventures LTD.



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BFA Announces New Partnership with USAID African Education Initiative

On September 27, 2006 during grand opening activities for our newest warehouse facility, BFA announced a new partnership with the USAID African Education Initiative to ship 16 40-foot containers of textbooks to seven African countries. The first container was shipped on September 27th to Tumaini University in Iringa, Tanzania. Pictured above are BFA officials and Tanzanian Ambassador to the U.S. Andrew Daraja; and Tanzanian

Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Dr. Cyril August Chami. "Books For Africa is honored to host this Tanzanian delegation in Minnesota in conjunction with the grand opening of our newest warehouse facility and this announcement of a new partnership with USAID's African Education Initiative," said Books For Africa Executive Director Patrick Plonski.



A BFA/Better World Books delegation visits Zegha Business College in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia checking on a book donation.

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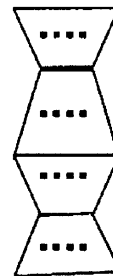
Children on Zanzibar greet a BFA delegation.

Liberian Project Update

With the recent election of Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf, a Harvard-educated professional sworn in as Africa's first female president, Books For Africa has worked with many friends of Liberia to initiate a large-scale project to ship 10 containers of textbooks (approximately 335,000 books) to Liberia over the course of the next 10 months. Key partners in this initiative include USAID's African Education Initiative, the U.S. Department of Defense, MoneyGram International, Mercy Corps, Henk Wolters (Netherlands), the New York Rotary Club, St. Andrew's Church (Rome, Italy), Africa's Children's Fund (Atlanta, Georgia), Lincoln, Nebraska contributors and many international friends, particularly UN colleagues of Dr. Natalie Hahn, Dr. Florence Chenoweth and Dr. Virginia Davies who have led the coordination of this effort. Thank you to everyone for your support in this effort to rebuild Liberia!

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TO: Executive Director of BOOKS FOR AFRICA
Cc. Tom Munyasya, ICTs, Distance Learning Project Manager UNDP Somalia

Date: May 20th, 2006.

Subject: Acknowledgment Letter.

We hereby submitting our great acknowledgement to Books for Africa for their sincerely and continuity assistance support to Somalia In general and Particularly Puntland State University (PSU).

One of the best and benefit able donation of books that we ever receive was the books from the books of Africa. These books were very useful and appropriate to our students of the University.

Currently, Puntland State University is willing to be a member of the recipients that constantly supported and donated both Books for Africa and UNDP, since both of them are our important partners.

Thanks in advance.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'HSH'.

Mohamoud Sheikh Hamid
PSU Executive Director.

