

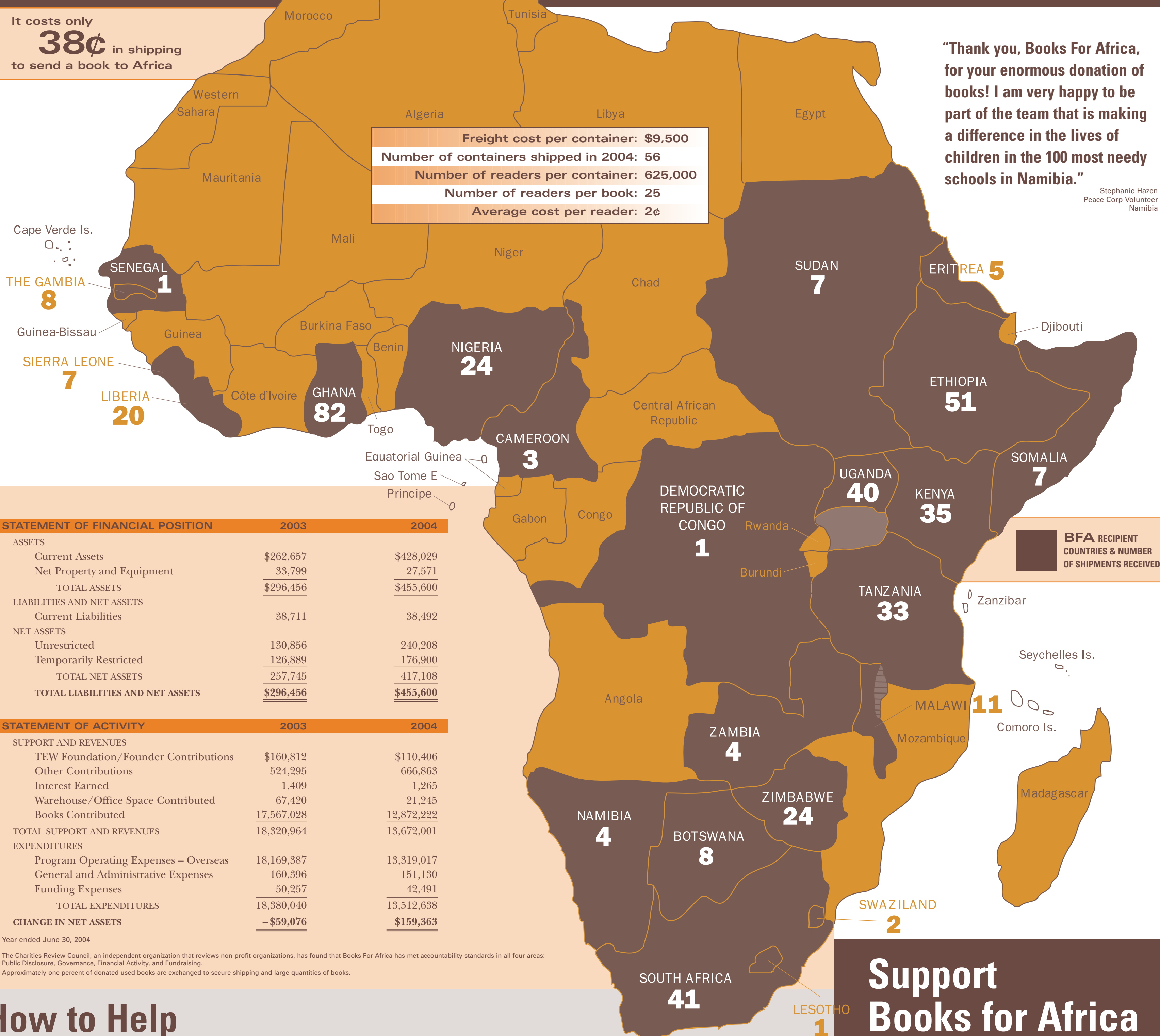
# Books for Africa has sent **Over 11 million books** — **millions more are needed.**

It costs only **38¢** in shipping to send a book to Africa

Freight cost per container: **\$9,500**  
 Number of containers shipped in 2004: **56**  
 Number of readers per container: **625,000**  
 Number of readers per book: **25**  
 Average cost per reader: **2¢**

"Thank you, Books For Africa, for your enormous donation of books! I am very happy to be part of the team that is making a difference in the lives of children in the 100 most needy schools in Namibia."

Stephanie Hazen  
 Peace Corp Volunteer  
 Namibia



## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	2003	2004
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current Assets	\$262,657	\$428,029
Net Property and Equipment	33,799	27,571
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$296,456</b>	<b>\$455,600</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
Current Liabilities	38,711	38,492
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Unrestricted	130,856	240,208
Temporarily Restricted	126,889	176,900
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>257,745</b>	<b>417,108</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$296,456</b>	<b>\$455,600</b>

## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY

	2003	2004
<b>SUPPORT AND REVENUES</b>		
TEW Foundation/Founder Contributions	\$160,812	\$110,406
Other Contributions	524,295	666,863
Interest Earned	1,409	1,265
Warehouse/Office Space Contributed	67,420	21,245
Books Contributed	17,567,028	12,872,222
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUES</b>	<b>18,320,964</b>	<b>13,672,001</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
Program Operating Expenses – Overseas	18,169,387	13,319,017
General and Administrative Expenses	160,396	151,130
Funding Expenses	50,257	42,491
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>18,380,040</b>	<b>13,512,638</b>
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	<b>-\$59,076</b>	<b>\$159,363</b>

Year ended June 30, 2004

The Charities Review Council, an independent organization that reviews non-profit organizations, has found that Books For Africa has met accountability standards in all four areas: Public Disclosure, Governance, Financial Activity, and Fundraising. Approximately one percent of donated used books are exchanged to secure shipping and large quantities of books.

## How to Help

### CASH GIFTS

Your cash, check, or credit card gift to Books For Africa can be designated for a specific program or directed to where the need is greatest. All gifts are tax deductible, as specified by law. For your convenience, gifts by credit card can be made directly online at [www.booksforafrica.org](http://www.booksforafrica.org).

### MATCHING GIFTS

Check with your employer about matching gifts. Many corporations and other organizations match employee donations dollar for dollar to the charity of the employee's choice.

### WILLS AND OTHER PLANNED GIFTS

Books For Africa can be named a beneficiary in your will and receive other deferred gifts such as life insurance. These gifts are not subject to estate taxes.

### GIFTS OF APPRECIATED STOCK

Books For Africa and you can benefit from gifts of stock (provided you have held the stock for 18 months or longer). You can eliminate capital gains taxes, avoid income tax on the gifted stock, and receive tax deductions for the full value of the stock.

### SPEAKERS BUREAU

If your employer, club, or group would like to learn more about Books For Africa's mission and work, please call 651-602-9844 or visit our website at [www.booksforafrica.org](http://www.booksforafrica.org).

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Books For Africa relies on volunteers to help sort and pack books, plan special events, produce publications, raise funds, and speak to groups. Put your special skills or talents to work for the children of Africa.

## Support Books for Africa

Our books are on once-empty library shelves, in classrooms in rural schools, and in hands of children who have never before held a book. Children who are hungry to read, hungry to learn, hungry to explore their work in ways that only books make possible.

For more information call 651.602.9844, email [bfa@booksforafrica.org](mailto:bfa@booksforafrica.org) or visit [www.booksforafrica.org](http://www.booksforafrica.org).



Dear Friends,

It's been another great year at Books For Africa! As we look back on 2004 we see many great accomplishments in our continuing efforts to ship more and more donated books to schools and libraries in Africa, and we are pleased to showcase some of these accomplishments for you in this year's annual report. Specifically, in 2004 Books For Africa shipped 56 containers of books (approximately 1.5 million books) valued at approximately \$13 million to 17 countries! None of this would be possible without the support of our many, many donors. Your support and efforts are greatly appreciated as we continue in our core mission of working to end the book famine in Africa. Thank you!

Additional exciting achievements in 2004 include the signing of a special collaborative partnership with the United Nations World Food Program and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) to ship approximately 400,000 books to school feeding locations across Africa; the celebration of the shipment of BFA's 10 millionth book; the hosting in Minnesota of President Kagame of Rwanda and South African Ambassador Barbara Masekela; further development of BFA's Kilimanjaro Society; further development of partnerships with organizations such as Better World Books and Goodwill/Easter Seals Minnesota; and securing additional donated warehouse space at a second location in Minnesota.

As we move through 2005 Books For Africa will continue to ship hundreds of thousands of books to the most needy to advance the cause of literacy and education across the African continent.

Join us this coming year—as individuals and as organizations—in supporting exciting projects that will bring millions and millions of dollars worth of donated books to schools and libraries across Africa. Education is the great equalizer in this world, helping people everywhere to rise above adversity and history. BFA can help in this great effort, and you can too!

Sincerely,

*Doris Pagelkopf*  
Doris Pagelkopf  
President

*Pat Plonski*  
Pat Plonski  
Executive Director



**"You really do not know the gratitude of the schools and the fantastic joy to the children that these books bring."**

Thaymond Lawenberg  
Rotary Club of Bedfordview  
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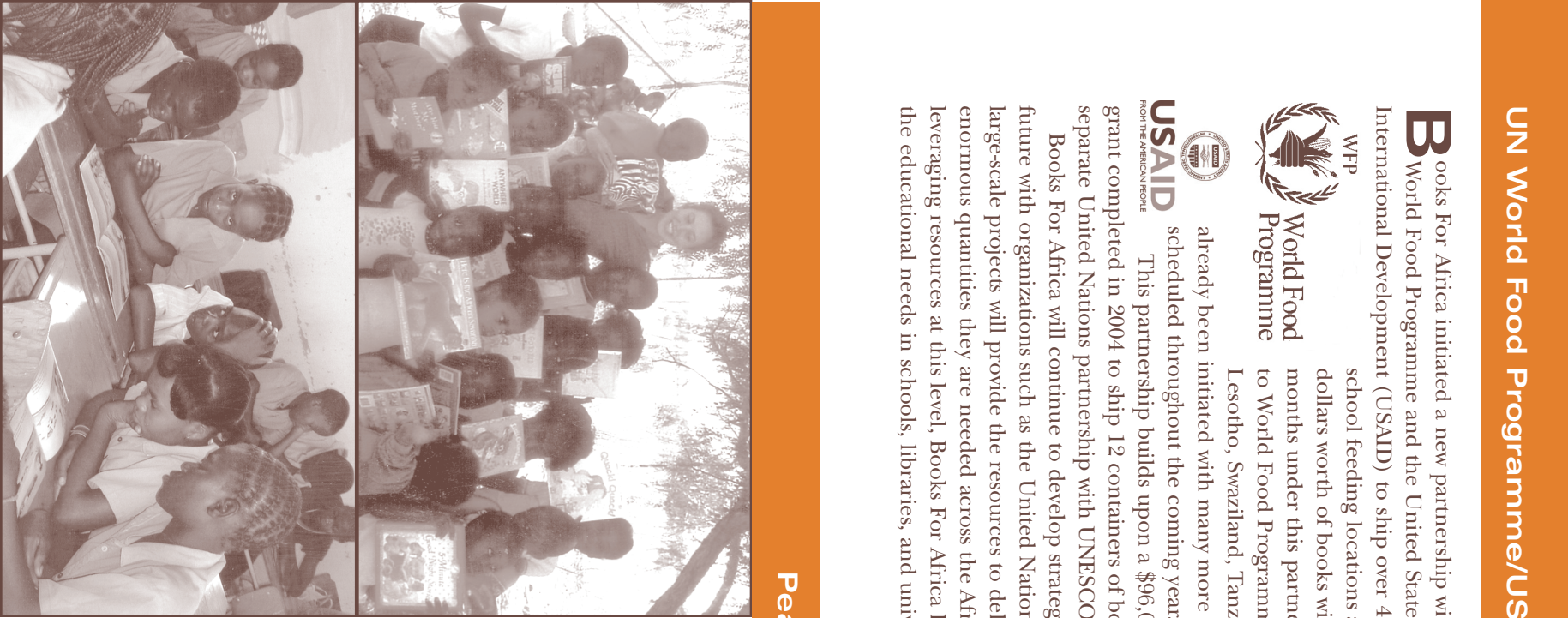
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**Peace Corps Partnership in Namibia**

Stephanie Hazen, a U.S. Peace Corps Volunteer in Namibia, became interested in working in a third world country when she met international students in college. This inspired her passion to serve in the Peace Corps and with the help of Books For Africa and a grant from the Irwin Andrew Porter Foundation, she was able to receive a container of 25,000 books to distribute to the 100 most needy schools in Namibia.

"I get to see first hand the daily impact that the books have on the children in Namibia," said Stephanie. She added, "The books improve the children's literacy and speaking skills immensely and the colorful pages brighten up their faces. An unwanted book in the United States is a treasure to the underprivileged children in Namibia."

BFA is proud to work with Peace Corps Volunteers like Stephanie, and many other individuals and organizations across the world to help the people of Africa to help themselves.

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