

# Books For Africa has shipped over 20 million books to 45 African countries.



## Chad

In early 2008, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees distributed a BFA shipment of books to refugees in the 12 camps in Chad that were established for people fleeing armed conflict in western Sudan's Darfur region. English is a language many wish to learn. It is viewed as a "road to freedom" by refugees from Darfur. In the camps, students often have to share one book among ten pupils, but despite the lack of basic materials and qualified teachers, "Children and their elders realize study is a way of transforming their exile into an opportunity that will change their lives." Thanks to a generous grant from the OPEC Fund for International Development, Books For Africa recently sent two more 40-foot containers to Chad.



## Liberia

In January 2008, Books For Africa was honored to be the supplier of books for the kickoff of the single largest book distribution program in Liberia's history. Twenty-five 40-foot sea containers of books were sent to rebuild school libraries, which were destroyed in the civil war that recently ended. Many of the students at these schools had never before had a library or access to books in their community. The United States Agency for International Development and Visions In Action (a Liberia-based NGO) collaborated with BFA on this program. Books For Africa sent three more containers of books to Visions In Action in 2008 thanks to a generous grant from Oprah's Angel Network.

BFA Shipments in FY 2008			
July 1, 2007–June 30, 2008			
Country	Containers	Country	Containers
Liberia	53	Algeria	2
Ethiopia	27	Botswana	2
Ghana	20	Guinea	2
Tanzania	15	Lesotho	2
Uganda	10	Senegal	2
Nigeria	8	Togo	2
Kenya	6	Zimbabwe	2
Madagascar	4	Congo	1
Malawi	4	The Gambia	1
South Africa	4	Ivory Coast	1
Cameroon	3	Rwanda	1
Somalia	3	Zambia	1

**Total: 176 containers, 2.7 million books, sent in FY 2008 to 24 countries**

Number of container shipments sent since 1988

Books For Africa recipient countries since 1988

## Malawi

Over 20,000 library books were distributed to six village libraries and over 25 primary and secondary schools throughout Malawi in early 2008. Bring Me A Book Foundation and Better World Books sponsored the shipment. Mr. J. Chakaka Nyirenda, school headmaster at Kazuni Primary School, said: "It was as if we were dreaming when we got news that the container with our donation had arrived. Our job is more simplified with this book donation from BFA. We will now have a lot of reference books and book reading that will improve our pupils' English and bring confidence when speaking or writing English."



Our mission is to end the book famine in Africa!