

# Books For Africa has shipped over 23 million books to 45 African countries.



## Uganda

Some of the estimated 2.5 million orphans in Uganda now have access to BFA books thanks to the nonprofit Bega kwa Bega. This organization distributed a BFA shipment of books in 2009 as part of its mission to provide health care and education for all Ugandan children, especially girls and children with special needs.

Alison Flath volunteered at Bega kwa Bega in 2009 and sent BFA a report with photos of the book distribution at some of the primary and secondary schools. She writes: "Bega kwa Bega received a container of books—a mixture of text books and story books. All are of value as the people in Uganda have no public libraries and few opportunities to read for pleasure. The education of young people must be a top priority, and your contribution is of enormous value."



## Ghana

In June of 2010, a delegation from the National Bar Association, led by NBA President Mavis T. Thompson, witnessed the distribution of a BFA shipment of books sponsored by their organization. The Ghana Bar Association received a West core law library, and the Ghana Human Rights Commission received a collection of new human rights books, all generously donated by Thomson Reuters. The shipment also contained over 18,000 BFA text and library books, which were distributed to schools and libraries in the central region of Ghana.

The delegation visited the small village of Abirivi. Thompson tells the story: "We were received by the Village King and then led through the streets to the town library, where we were greeted by many of the children who would benefit from the book donation. When we walked into the library, to our delight we saw boxes marked 'Books For Africa' stacked to the ceiling. It was at this moment that we realized we were not only making a donation of books there, but would be filling their entire library with books. For many of us this was the highlight of the NBA International Affiliates Meeting, and we will remember it for years to come."



## BFA Shipments in FY 2010

July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010

Country	Containers	Country	Containers
Ghana	30	Rwanda	4
Uganda	21	Botswana	2
Tanzania	20	Djibouti	2
Ethiopia	17	Eritrea	2
Nigeria	11	Malawi	2
South Africa	10	Swaziland	2
Kenya	9	The Gambia	2
Liberia	6	Republic of the Congo	1
Sierra Leone	6	Sudan	1
Cameroon	4		

Totals: 152 container units, 1.6 million books sent to 19 countries

● Number of container shipments sent since 1988

■ Books For Africa recipient countries since 1988

## Zambia

In the fall of 2010, BFA board member Henry Bromelkamp visited schools near Mangochi, Malawi, which received a BFA container of books. Most of the schools had either no books or very few old periodicals. One of the most enjoyable encounters was to find a set of World Book encyclopedias, which came in 2007 to the Rotary Clubs of Malawi and were distributed to all public secondary schools.

At Mwaye Primary School, near Balaka, Malawi, the community received a few hundred BFA books. The community members wanted the books to be accessible to parents and to be usable at home, so a wonderful result of the project is that the school library is a public lending library. For a fee of 20 kwacha (about 15 cents) a year, you can be a member of the library. When asked what happens if someone doesn't bring back a book, the librarian responded with a puzzled look: "This is a small village." He knows everyone, and everyone knows where the book is.

