



GUINEA - CONAKRY

2024 BOOK DRIVE

CHILD2CHILD BOOK FOUNDATION ("C2C")
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Eline, Amirrah, Sedinam and Azzarrée during the 2022 Ghana Book Drive.



Child2Child Book Foundation (“C2C”) was founded in 2019 by two sets of sisters: Sedinam and Eline Asase from Ghana, and Azzarrée and Amirrah Uwhubetine from Nigeria. As teenagers ages 12 to 14 at the time, we created this foundation to address the lack of access to books among children in underserved African communities. Since launching, our team has grown to be seven-members consisting of four co-founders and three ambassadors. Together, the team has raised over \$100,000, delivered more than 110,000 books, and established a community library in Ghana’s Eastern Region. Our work spans four countries so far:

Nigeria, Ghana, Togo, and Guinea-Conakry.

GUINEA-CONAKRY BOOK DRIVE – OCTOBER 2024

In October 2024, we launched our book drive in Guinea-Conakry, in collaboration with Mrs. Folly Bah Thibault, a renowned journalist and UN-appointed Global Champion for *Education Cannot Wait*.

Mrs. Thibault’s Kesso Bah Foundation, named in honor of her late sister, supports the *Elle ira à l’école* program, which champions girls’ education in



Welcome party and students from Conakry.



New French books and school supplies donated by C2C to be presented to 1 of 25 schools in Conakry.

Guinea. Her sister was known for using her first-ever salary to help underserved children in need attend school, a legacy now carried on through this foundation. This initiative was designed both to honor the legacy of Kesso Bah and to advance literacy opportunities for underserved students.

The event was attended by the Guinea Minister of Education and the Minister of Digital Infrastructure, who expressed support for our mission. The book drive was particularly meaningful as it coincided with the 10th anniversary of Kesso Bah's passing, which the Kesso Bah Foundation celebrated with us.



Mrs. Folly Bah Thibault and young students.

During this program, we distributed 10,000 new French books to 25 schools across six districts. Trustee Nana Appiah-Korang represented C2C on the ground and during her visit.

Although our co-founders were unable to attend in person due to their academic commitments, the presence of Trustee Appiah-Korang ensured that the work was carried out with excellence.



Students receiving book donations.



Trustee Nana Appiah-Korang with students and their new French books.



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IMPACT

The Guinea-Conakry Book Drive created meaningful change in the lives of countless children. Many students received their very first storybooks, and the joy on their faces reflected the transformative power of access to reading. By placing books directly in the hands of these children, we not only encouraged literacy but also reinforced the importance of education for both girls and boys. This project expanded C2C's overall reach to more than 110,000 books distributed across four countries, while also laying the foundation for long-term

community engagement and sustainability through strong local partnerships.

From this project, we learned that strong partnerships are essential to success. The Kesso Bah Foundation's local knowledge and logistical support made it possible for us to reach so many schools effectively. We also learned the value of storytelling in amplifying our impact, as journalist Folly Bah Thibault brought significant visibility to the project. Finally, the lessons from our earlier experience in Togo prepared us to be more efficient and organized in Guinea-Conakry.



Students carrying newly donated books.



Classroom students already reading the newly donated books.



| Kesso Bah Foundation team, Mrs. Folly Bah Thibault and Trustee Nana Appiah-Korang with students, donated books and school supplies.



| School children in Conakry exploring the books donated by C2C.

LOOKING AHEAD: 2025 IN CONGO

As we celebrate shipping our 5th container and prepare for our next major initiative, C2C is excited to announce that our 2025 Book Drive will take place in Congo-Brazzaville. This will expand our reach to another francophone country sharing over 33,000 French books to schools and children with the local partnership of *Fondation Africaine pour l'Education (FAE)*.

International School of Brazzaville (AISB), FAE is a UNESCO club and well-established local non-profit focused on educational advancement. With this project, we aim to serve thousands of children under the age of 17. Our target is for the books to arrive in time for Thanksgiving 2025, so we can once again bring inspiration and opportunity to another corner of the continent.

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Led by Mrs. Fatima Beyina-Moussa, a well-respected philanthropist in the country who also chairs the board of directors of the American

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extend our thanks to the Kesso Bah Foundation and the Bah family for their partnership on the ground, as well as to our families, donors, and community for their unwavering encouragement. We are especially thankful to Trustee Nana Appiah-Korang, who represented us in Guinea-Conakry with distinction. From a simple dream shared by four young girls to a growing movement transforming lives across Africa, Child2Child Book Foundation has come a long way. With **4 containers shipped, over 110,000 books donated, and countless young minds inspired**, our journey is a testament to the power of

compassion, collaboration, and perseverance.

Each book we share opens a new world of imagination and possibility for a child – and that is the true measure of our success. As we look ahead to our **2025 Book Drive in Congo-Brazzaville**, we remain steadfast in our mission to spread the joy of reading and empower the next generation of leaders.

We look forward to celebrating many more milestones, partnerships, and stories of hope – one book, one child, and one community at a time.

Love always

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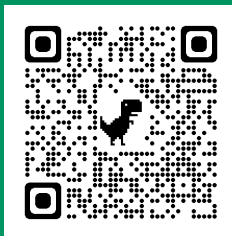
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