

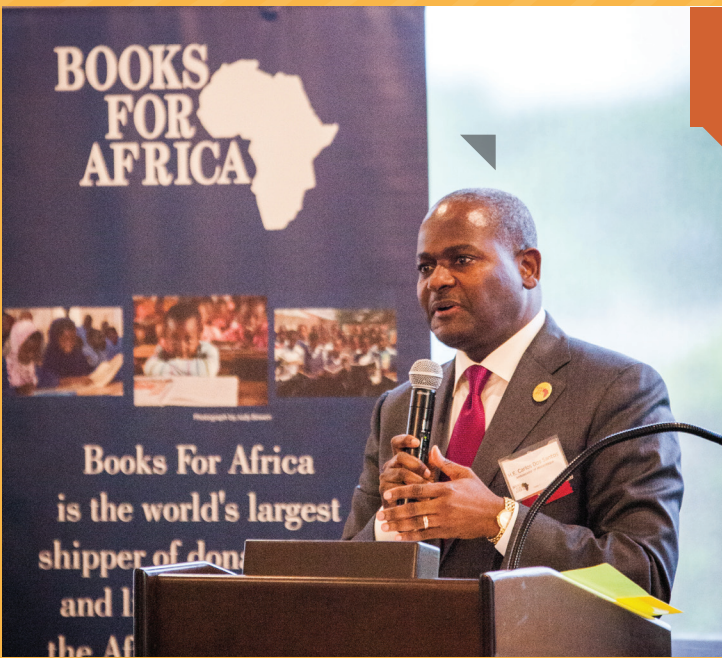


# Books For Africa has shipped more than 40 million books to 52 African countries in the past 29 years.



## Three Million Books Stronger with Out of Print

*Out of Print Clothing* does more than make great shirts and merchandise based on our favorite books—for every item they sell, they send one book to Africa in partnership with BFA! Since their founding in 2010, Out of Print has contributed \$847,525 to 141 BFA container shipments in 27 African countries. That adds up to *three million books* sent to Africa in Out of Print sponsored shipments! Percy Madikwe, a recipient of an Out of Print sponsored container in Botswana, shared: “Your donation came at the right time, since the children are faced with many challenges, especially lack of support on their education...your help will pave the way for the better future of the kids.”



## Firsts to Mozambique: Portuguese Books, Law Library

Following the success of our annual Words Change Worlds fundraising luncheon in St. Paul, Minnesota, keynoteed by His Excellency Ambassador Carlos Dos Santos, Mozambique's Ambassador to the United States, BFA was able to send the first of a series of containers of books to Mozambique. This first container benefitted Universidade Lurio in Nampula and included a brand new Thomson Reuters Law Library. Not only was this the first law library ever sent to Mozambique by BFA, it featured an extended Portuguese supplement provided by Revista Brazil. Tom Pfeifer of Thomson Reuters, our key sponsor for this shipment, highlighted the excitement that everyone felt in bringing together so many groups to make the project possible: “This is so inspirational to hear and such a reaffirming message of the difference we can make when we work together across our business and in partnership with your organization.”



## Egypt

A piece of Midwestern literary culture now resides in one of the world's oldest libraries in Alexandria, Egypt, thanks to a joint effort by BFA and nonprofits Little Free Library, Minnesota Friends of the Bibliotheca Alexandrina and the Minnesota Book Awards program. The Library originally opened in the 3rd Century and became the world's foremost center for scholarship. “We are humbled to have a Little Free Library book exchange in the world's most famous library,” said Todd H. Bol, co-founder and Executive Director of Little Free Library. “The library in Alexandria is a testament to the power of books throughout generations. We're grateful to our friends at Books For Africa for helping bring our Little Library to this truly significant space.”



## Nigeria

In May 2017 Books For Africa Executive Director Patrick Plonski traveled to Nigeria to speak at a distribution ceremony, celebrating the delivery of 16 containers of books to schools and libraries across the country. Sponsored by the Sir Emeka Offor Foundation (SEOF), this massive project also included the distribution of desktop and laptop computers, as well other educational resources. The SEOF is a long-time partner of BFA, with collaborative efforts resulting in millions of books being distributed to children and students in 19 African countries, including Sir Emeka's home country of Nigeria. At the ceremony, Sir Emeka stated that “education would be a shadow pursuit without reading materials.” The ongoing efforts of the SEOF and BFA will help put those materials in the hands of students, giving them the tools they need to succeed.



## Tanzania

In September, Books For Africa partnered with Poverty Eradication Network (PEN) Trust, Thomson Reuters, and the family of former BFA board chair, Norm Linnell, to bring an updated law library to the Tanganyika Library, Dodoma Branch, in Tanzania. An official presentation ceremony led by PEN Trust included the library's Director, board members and librarians from the community. Library representatives extended their gratitude to the project sponsors, and outlined their plans for the effective use and upkeep of the new law library.