

Books For Africa has shipped over 26 million books to 46 African countries.



Tanzania



BFA and the Poverty Eradication Network of Tanzania (PEN Trust) continue their long-time partnership to enhance economic and educational development in rural Tanzania. In a country where only 25% of school-aged children attend school and only 69% of adults read, the need for books is great. Since 2005, BFA has distributed approximately 264,000 books through PEN Trust. Among its shipments to primary and secondary schools in 2011, BFA sent a container to the brand new St. Peter Claver High School in Dodoma, Tanzania. A co-ed boarding school, St. Peter Claver allows girls the same opportunities as boys. Female students return home at the end of each day and do not perform domestic tasks so they have the same opportunity to focus on their school work as their male peers.

Nigeria



BFA is pleased to partner with the Sir Emeka Offor Foundation (SEOF) in signing a \$400,000 Memorandum of Understanding to ship 32 containers of books to Nigeria. The Foundation is a Nigerian non-governmental organization with the mission to help raise Nigerians from poverty. SEOF largely focuses on providing quality education and educational materials to Nigerian students of all ages. The group was founded by Sir Emeka Offor, a well known Nigerian businessman. It is the philanthropic branch of the Chrome Group, a grouping of organizations involved in the Nigerian oil industry. Dr. Patrick Plonski and BFA Board Member Mike Essien visited Sir Emeka Offor last fall to formally sign the agreement. "Books are the foundation of a strong educational system and I am proud to accomplish this in collaboration with the philanthropic efforts of Books For Africa. I wholeheartedly endorse the mutual goal of helping to improve the book situation in African schools," said Sir Emeka Offor.

BFA Shipments in FY 2011 July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011			
Country	Containers	Country	Containers
Nigeria	43	Swaziland	3
Ethiopia	26	Botswana	2
Ghana	25	Egypt	2
Kenya	14	Madagascar	2
Tanzania	14	Malawi	2
South Africa	10	Namibia	2
Uganda	9	Sierra Leone	2
Liberia	5	Zambia	2
Cameroon	4	Zimbabwe	2
Sudan	4	The Gambia	1
Somalia	4		

Totals: 178 container units, 1.9 million books sent to 21 countries

Swaziland



"These books will be like a bride for the school. They will bring such goodness!" raved one head teacher as he reviewed the books in a BFA shipment. A BFA container was distributed by U.S. Peace Corps Swaziland to 30 schools in the tiny, landlocked country in 2011. Primary and secondary schools that received books indicated that they were impressed by the quality, quantity and wide variety of books they received. Once their libraries were fully stocked, the Swaziland National Library Service (SNLS) took another step to turn their libraries into true tools of literacy. All of the libraries and schools receiving BFA books hosted library management workshops with the SNLS and Peace Corps volunteers. After these workshops, the librarians are better able to help their students find the perfect book.