



Books for Tanzania Project

2019 Report

Summary

In 2019 The Books for Tanzania Project successfully delivered a 40-foot container of educational books to Mbinga District in southwestern Tanzania. This container was donated by the Second Wind Foundation of Seabrook TX and it was officially handed over to the district on 8th September 2019. The books were then distributed to 29 schools and two libraries. Mbinga District officials estimate that these books will be accessed by over 17,500 people annually in the district.

The delivery was made possible by Sakyambo Enterprise Company Ltd (Sakyambo Ltd), the District Executive Director- Mr. Juma Mnwele, Dr Gabriel Ndunguru of Maguu community-based information Centre (MACOBICA) and Mr. Maurus Nchimbi of Learn to Serve the Community of Tanzania (LESCOTA).

This is the second container that has been delivered in Tanzania by the project since the signing of the MoU in 2017.

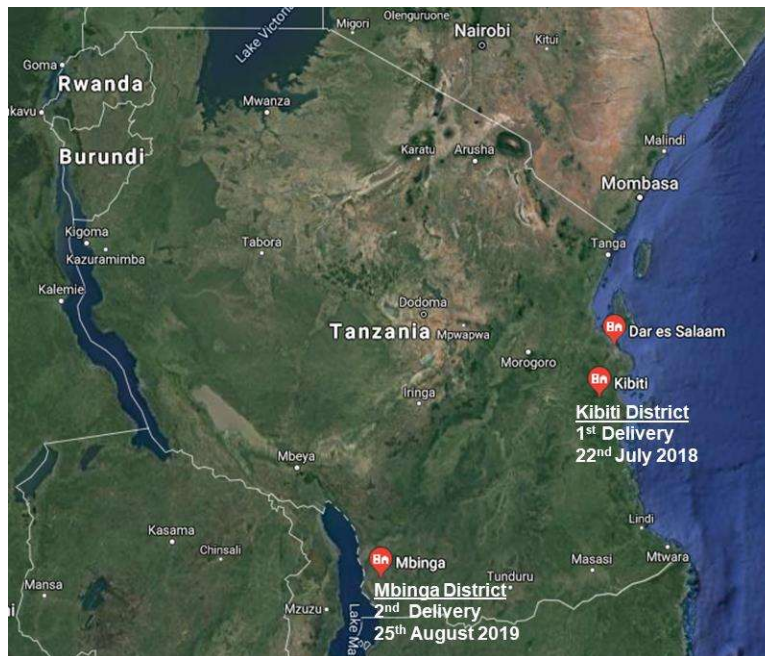


Exhibit 1: Map showing the locations of the two deliveries to date

The Books for Tanzania Project

Improving the quality of education in Tanzania is an important development priority for the country and Sakyambo Ltd plans to make a modest contribution to this endeavor as part of its social responsibility program.

According to UNICEF, the quality of education and learning achievement of Tanzanian children are major concerns and a potential obstacle in the development of the country. School going children often do not achieve foundational learning outcomes such as literacy, numeracy and life skills that are critical to their future productivity and success. Results from the 2014 primary school leaving examinations in mainland Tanzania revealed that only 8 per cent of Grade 2 pupils could read properly, only 8 per cent could add or subtract, and less than 0.1 per cent showed high levels of life skills (academic grit, self-confidence, problem-solving).

Furthermore, less than 30 percent of students achieve secondary education. The language barrier between primary and secondary education proves to be a challenge for most pupils that make it to this stage. The language of instruction in elementary schools is Kiswahili while the predominant language used in secondary schools is English. Many children, therefore, have inadequate prior exposure to the English language, and this is compounded by the fact that about 60 percent of all teachers are under qualified, lack incentives and instructional materials, and many of the public schools are in extremely poor areas.

In August 2017, Sakyambo Ltd signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Second Wind Foundation to receive donated books from the USA and distribute them in Tanzania.

On 22nd July 2018, the first container was delivered Kibiti District and this experience proved to be a valuable learning opportunity for the team. The result was a much smoother process for the second container that was delivered to Mbinga on 25th August 2019. Some of the lessons learnt include:

- A formal request for a donation must be made by a local institution. This demonstrates that there is a need for the books based on a 'needs assessment' made by a local knowledgeable entity.
- This request must be supported by the district administration and the Ministry of Education. This support is demonstrated by ensuring that the district and the ministry both acknowledge receipt of the request by date-stamping the request letter. This letter plays an important role in showing the relevant authorities at the port that the district and the ministry are aware of and support the donation.
- This request letter is then sent to the Second Wind Foundation who, in turn, schedule a shipment and send the export documentation when the container is ready for dispatch.
- This documentation and the request letter are then sent to the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) to inform them of the dispatch and expected delivery date. Continued engagement with the Port authorities reduces the likelihood of unnecessary delays and helps the project avoid unnecessary and unplanned charges.

We received a formal request from Mbinga in January 2019 and the container arrived at the port in Dar es Salaam in July 2019. It was cleared and transported to Mbinga, a town on the shores of Lake Malawi some 1,200km from Dar es Salaam. The container was delivered on 25th August 2019 and [officially handed over on 8th September, 2019](#).



Exhibit 2: Newspaper article in the Citizen newspaper covering the official hand over of the container

Accounting and Distribution of Books

Distribution of books begun on 12th September 2019 and was completed on 09th November 2019. The Dr. Ndunguru and the District Education Officer supervised the effort. They solicited help from local secondary school teachers to stamp, count and sort the books. Two activities were performed before distributing the books to the various institutions:

1. All books were stamped with a 'STRICTLY NOT FOR SALE' stamp. 5 stamps and ink pads were provided by Sakyambo Ltd and a team of teachers, under the supervision of the District Educational Officer, were assembled to complete this task. In addition to creating a deterrent for bad actors to resell these books, this exercise enabled the team to count and sort the books into various categories.



Exhibit 3: Each book is stamped and accounted for prior to distribution

2. All the books were sorted into the following categories:
 - Books for pre-school level education
 - Books for primary (elementary) school level education
 - Books for secondary (high) school level education
 - Reference material to serve the community as a whole

These books were then distributed to the institutions listed below:

1. 29 Schools (100% of public school in Mbinga district) received books from this donation. In total 19,918 books were distributed to the public schools

	SCHOOL NAME	NUMBER OF BOOKS
1	HAGATI	731
2	HILELA	725
3	KIAMILI	1,090

4	KIGONSERA	1,070
5	KIHANGIMAHUKA	1,119
6	KIPOLOLO	405
7	KITURA	245
8	LANGIRO	455
9	LINDA	350
10	LITEMBO	460
11	LITUMBANDYOSI	492
12	LUHAGARA	256
13	LULI	1,301
14	MAGUU	550
15	MAHILO	307
16	MATIRI	850
17	MBINGA GIRLS	450
18	MBUJI	300
19	MIKALANGA	1,520
20	MIPARU	1,082
21	MKAKO	640
22	MKOHA	1,845
23	MKUMBI	472
24	MKUWANI	280
25	NAMSWEA	242
26	NYONI	521
27	RUANDA	1,200
28	UKATA	700
29	WUKIRO	260
	TOTAL	19,918

2. Further, a total of 13,020 books were shelved at MACOBICA and LESCOTA libraries:

	LIBRARY NAME	NUMBER OF BOOKS
1	MAGUU	6,020
2	MATEKERA (LESCOTE)	7,000
TOTAL		13,020

3. 2,380 books were allocated to Mr. Totera, Dar es Salaam for use in his libraries. This was in response to the request that we received in March 2019.

	LIBRARY NAME	NUMBER OF BOOKS
1	TOTERA	2,380

Because the sorting was done in Mbinga district, about 1,200km from Dar es Salaam, Mr. Totera has declined this donation and opted to wait for a container that is intended for the capital, Dar es Salaam. These books will therefore be distributed in Mbinga and an updated list will be provided in due course.

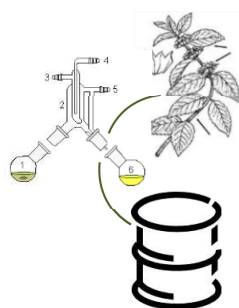
In total, 35,318 books were received and 32,938 books have been distributed in the district. Based on feedback from the district, this donation is expected to positively impact 15,120 school children and the libraries will be accessed by an estimated 2,400 people from the community annually.

Conclusion

The successful delivery of books to Mbinga district has helped us establish a method to deliver books to rural communities like Mbinga. The project also received positive press coverage that will increase the support that it receives from local institutions and, hopefully, this will make future deliveries easier.

We remain focused on delivering books that are likely to have a significant impact on recipient communities. This includes government schools and public libraries in rural areas as well as higher learning institutions such as universities and colleges.

We look forward to another successful year in 2020.



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APPENDIX



Exhibit 4: Container was delivered to Mbanga District Council Office on 25th August 2019



Exhibit 5: Mr. Tunjilege Kilembe addressing the Mbanga District Council at the hand over event on 8th September 2019



Exhibit 6: Mbanga District Council members inspecting the delivery on 8th September 2019



Exhibit 7: Delivery of books to Mbanga Girls secondary School



Exhibit 8: Delivery of books to Linda Secondary School



Exhibit 9: Matekela students' receiving books allocated for Matekela Library



Exhibit 10: The books are arranged in related education fields as soon after being received at Matekela Library



Exhibit 11: Books arranged in shelves at Matekela Library, Villagers and students have access to read

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Managing Director,
Sakyambo Enterprises Company Limited,
DAR ES SALAAM.

RE: NOTE OF APPRECIATION FOLLOWING 41 PALLETS OF BOOKS DONATED FROM THE SECOND WIND FOUNDATION - TEXAS U.S.A.

Reference is made to the above subject.

On behalf of the local council authority, and indeed the Mbanga community, I want to thank Sakyambo Enterprises Company Limited for the wonderful initiative that enabled the District Council to have received a consignment of books that are useful to our Public Schools and community libraries most of which are in the science category.

We are as well extending our heartfelt appreciation to Second Wind Foundation of Houston TX USA for the humbleness and human touch that they have shown to our pupils, the elders and students of Mbanga.

This support demonstrates the fundamental principal of humankind with greater human touch that our friends and colleagues from Second Wind Foundation are known for. It is by far well received and intends to compliment the government's long stance and objectives of delivering quality education to her people and students in particular.

Please be assured that, these books will be distributed and shared across as per the guidance and directives agreed.

The District Council is further committed to move forward with such collaborations from Sakyambo and the Second Wind Foundation

Yours truly,

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