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Annual Report 2022



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# Opening Words

It brings me immense joy to share the incredible progress we have made in the past year. The year 2022 was a year of transition for our small NGO as we decided to move from Scotland to Germany, which we successfully finalized in the final months of 2022.

Despite the extra work, time, and effort this took, our dedicated team of volunteers worked tirelessly to support all the Bookfeeding projects. We were able to distribute small grants to eight of them. These grants were used to fund various development project ideas and equipment that the communities asked for, ranging from a projector or computer, to workshops on how to make reusable sanitary pads - all of which have had a transformative impact on the lives of the people we support.

In addition, we opened a new library in Tororo, Uganda. These new facilities will provide crucial access to education and resources, empowering local communities and providing them with the tools they need to succeed.

We are grateful for the continued support of our volunteers and you, the supporters and sponsors, who have made all this possible. Together, we can continue building a brighter future with more opportunities for communities in need.



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**Alena Machalkova**  
**Co-Founder**

# What We Do

We are a non-profit charity registered in the UK and Germany, aiming to create safe educational centers and community hubs for disadvantaged communities.

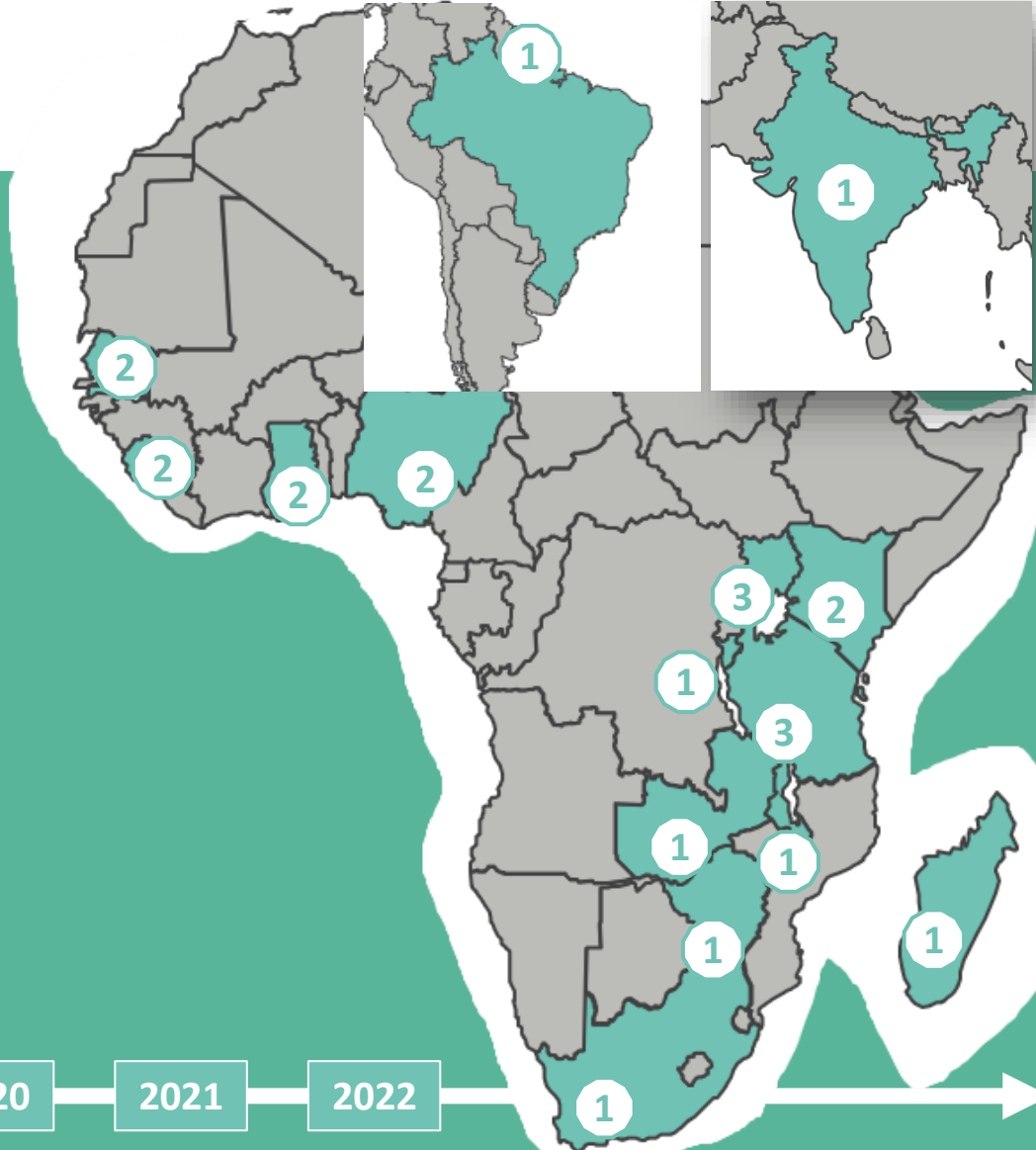
- We develop our libraries in cooperation with local communities and organizations as part of already existing or independent projects.
- We aim to create self-sustainable and collaborative centers that promote human rights, empower young girls and women, and support disadvantaged groups.
- We aim to build centers that allow community members to have increased access to information and the know-how to use it. Everyone can get involved and support this initiative.



# 2022- Two New Projects And Eight Mini-Grants

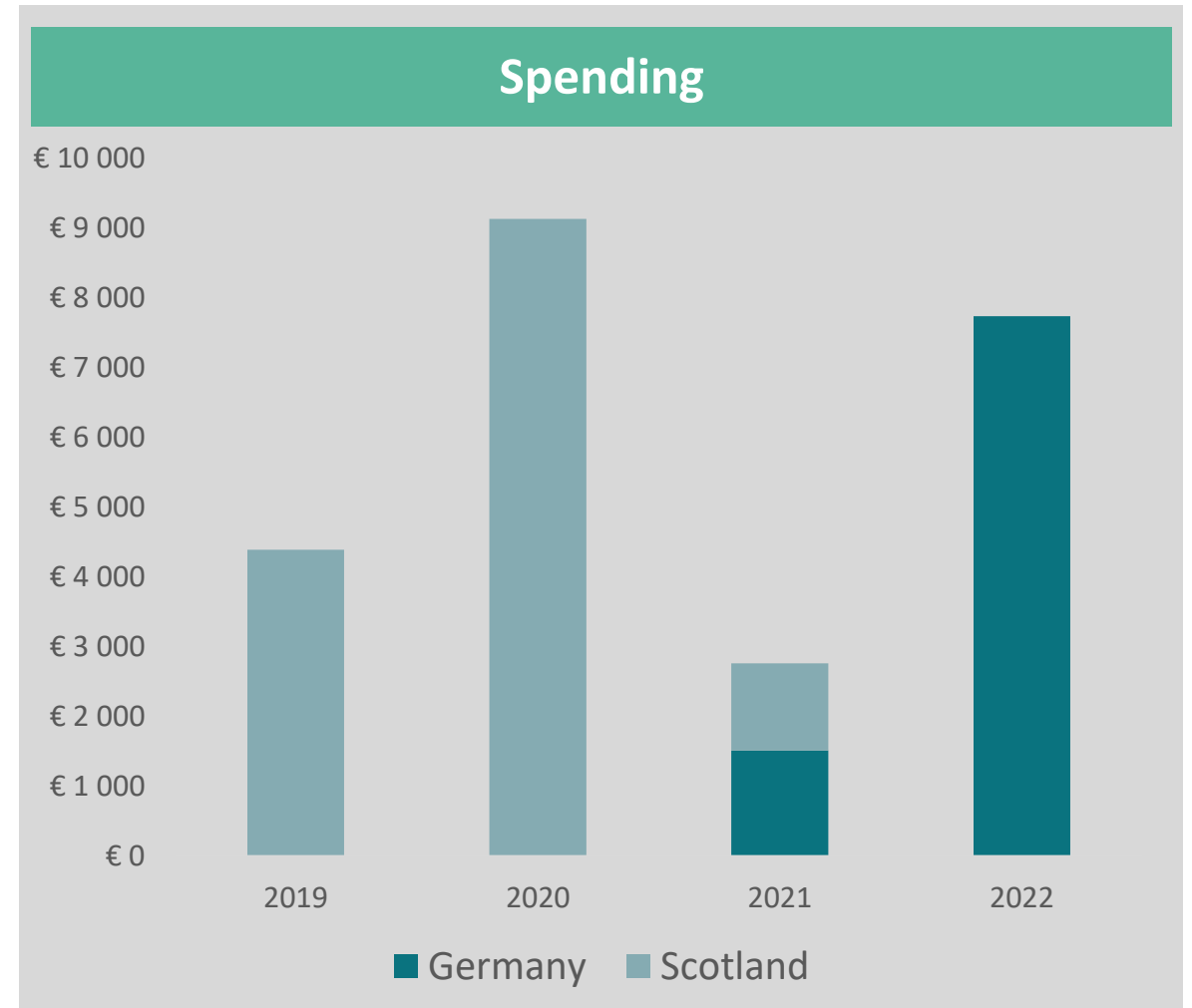
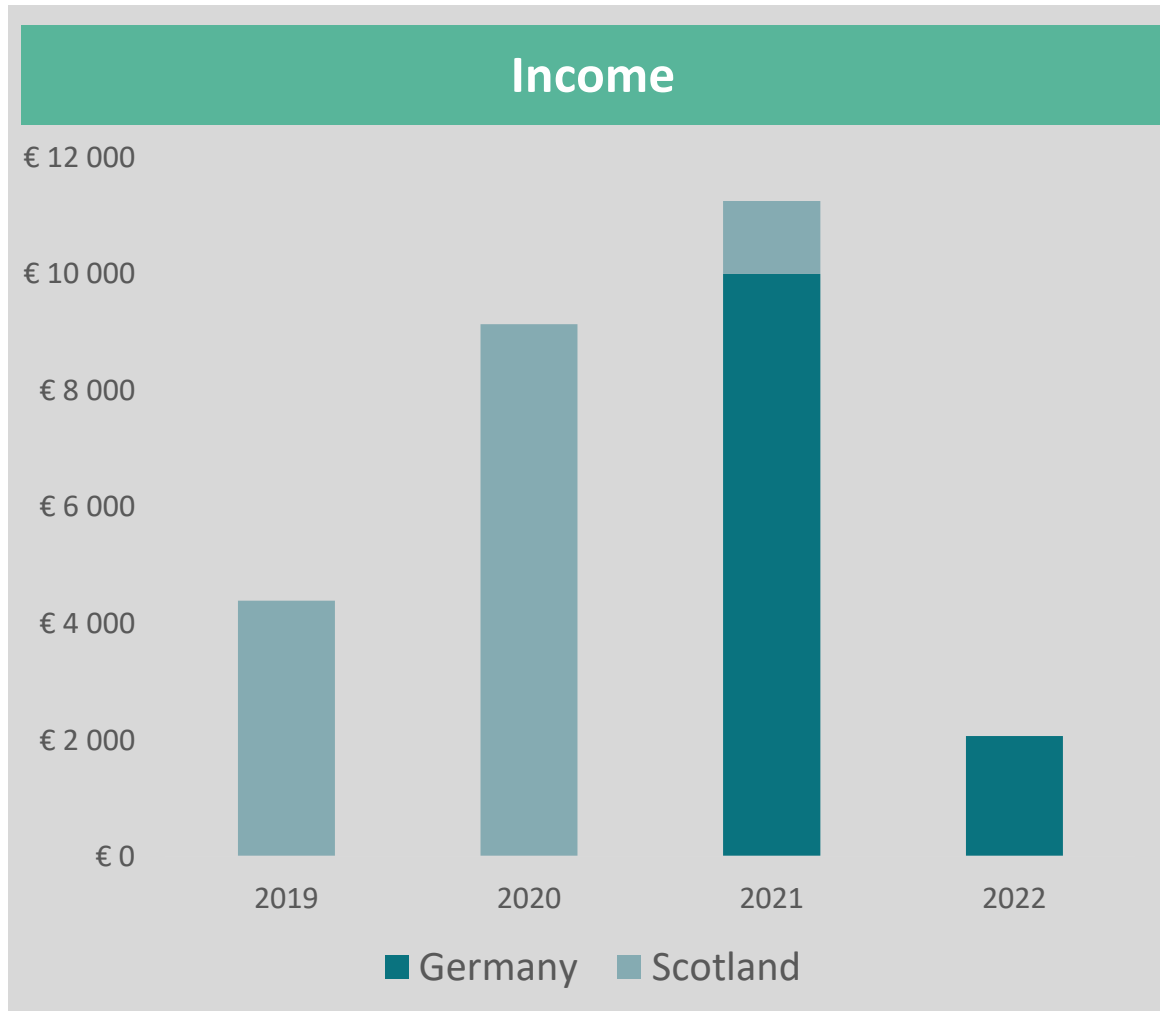
Since 2013, we have built 23 libraries in 3 continents and we have successfully continued with that effort in 2022, too.

- In Ghana, we built a new library, and shipped 300 kilograms of books and educational materials to the community from a generous donation, all the way from Spain.
- In Uganda, we renovated a library that is mainly used by the pupils of Aputiri School, but is also open to the general public. The space is now filled with educational books for primary-level school children and storybooks that anyone can enjoy.
- We supported eight existing library projects in Africa and one in Latin America.
- The nature of mini-grants varies but its main objective is to support existing libraries and communities with the requested support.
- We distributed mini-grants among eight projects, with each getting between 12-15% of the total sum of over €4,000.



# We Moved From The UK To Germany

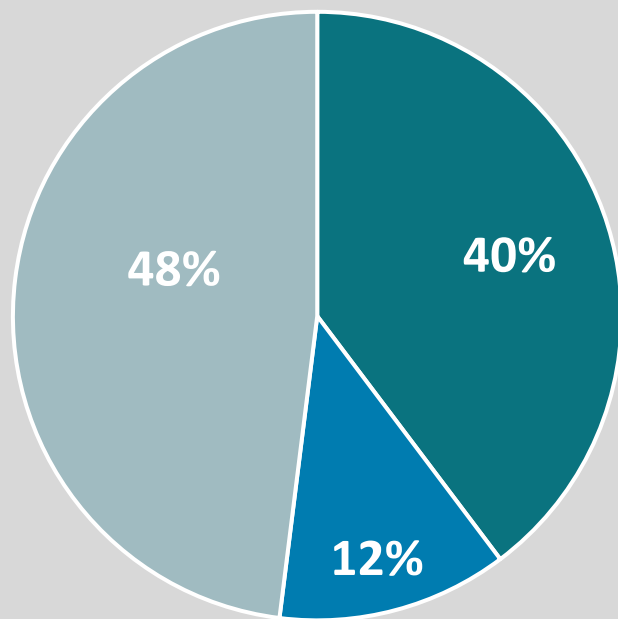
2022 was a year of transition for our NGO as we decided to move to Germany. We successfully finalized this in the final months of 2022. Going forward, we will only report income and spending through Germany.



# 2022- In Numbers

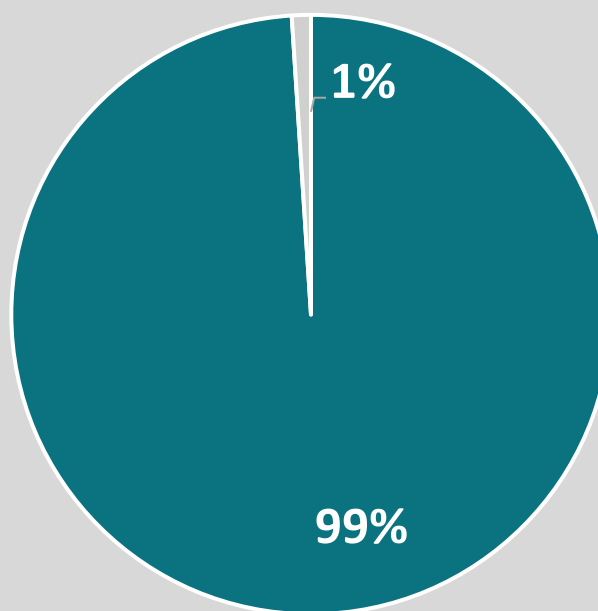
Last year, most of our expenditure came from the remaining funds and the HSBC refund. We supported two new library projects, and the funds were split almost equally between new and existing libraries.

### Source of funds



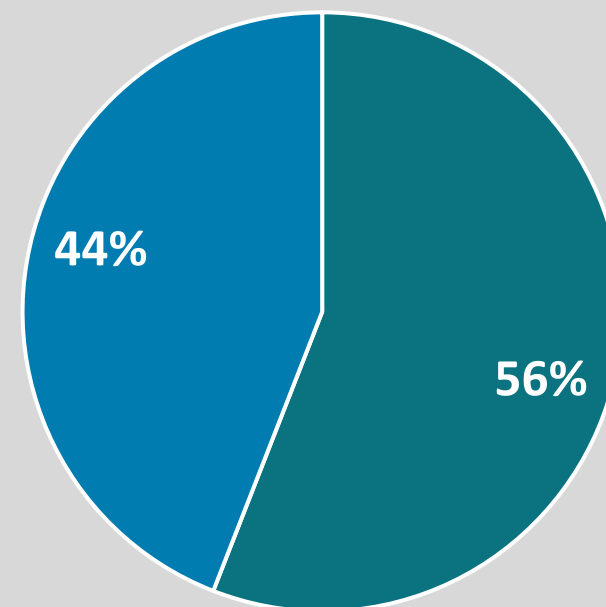
■ Bookfeeding Scotland ■ Donations ■ HSBC refund

### Use of funds



■ Projects ■ Admin

### Split per library

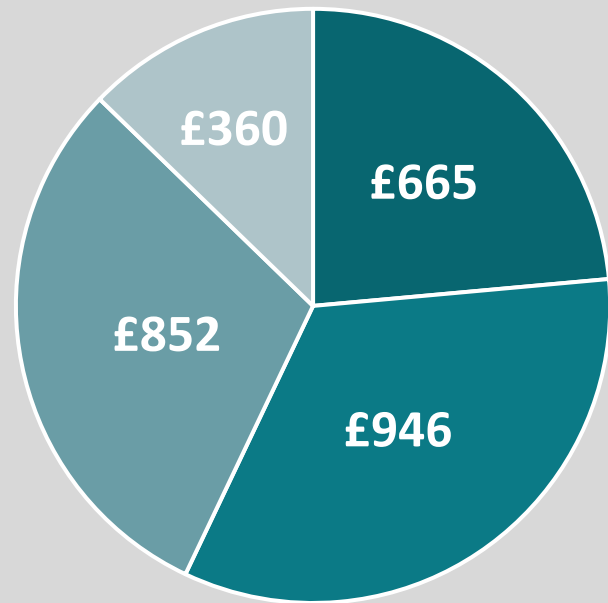


■ Existing libraries ■ New libraries

# HSBC Account Closure- Transfer of Balance To German Account

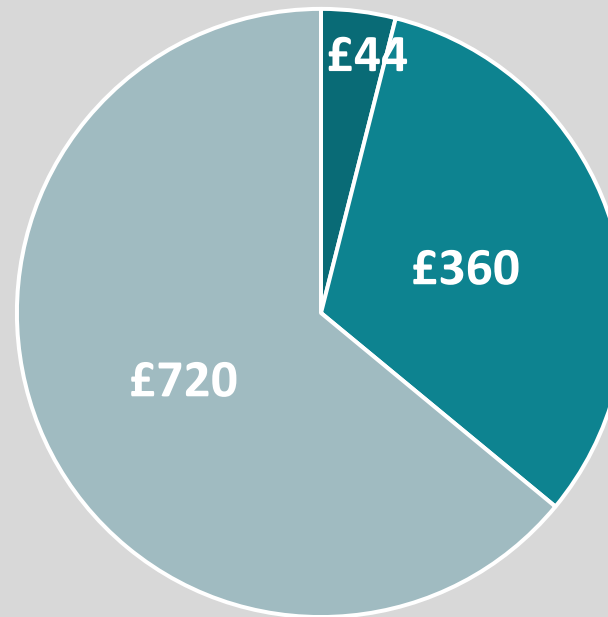
Our HSBC Bank account movements, use of account funds, and use of funds directly linked to library projects help you to better understand how we manage our finances.

HSBC bank account movements



- Balance Brought Forward
- HSBC Refund
- Donations Received
- Fundraising Activities

HSBC bank account use of funds and closing balance



- Administration and Bank Fees
- Direct Project Spend
- Transferred to German Account

HSBC account use of funds per library



Closing Balance on Account Closure

The rest of the funds from the HSBC Account were refunded via bank transfer to the German Bank Account on account closure

- Sierra Leone Rokupr
- Tanzania - Ukonga
- Transferred to German Account



# Progress In Construction – Ampenkro In Ghana

[Ghana, Ampenkro — Bookfeeding Project](#)

## The library:

- The library is in a rural community of around 500 cocoa farmers. There are few opportunities for their children for different lives, and this is where the library comes in.
- We started the construction of the Ampenkro Library during Covid-19 in 2021. Due to several restrictions in 2021 and very high inflation and a bad economy in 2022, there have been many delays.
- In 2022, we shipped 300 kgs of books and educational materials to the community.



## Location:

Ampenkro is a rural farming community located in the Assin South district in the Central Region of Ghana.

## Local bookfeeder:

Solomon Kwabena Gyimah



Construction started: Late 2021

Languages: *Asante Twi, Fante, English*

Accepting Volunteers: Yes



# New Library – Tororo In Uganda

[Uganda, Tororo — Bookfeeding Project](#)

## The library:

- The Aputir Primary School and Community was established in the early 1950s to further education in the villages in and around Tororo. The school started with grass-thatched houses that served as the office, and mud walls held together with iron sheets that served as classrooms.
- The newly renovated library is full of educational books for primary-level school children and story books that are mainly used by the pupils of Aputir School, but is also available to the general public.



## Location:

Tororo is a small town in Eastern Uganda. Known as a trading hub where people from the surrounding villages come to work, Tororo also has a number of primary schools but (to our knowledge ) currently no functioning public library.

## Local bookfeeder:

Silver Owori  
Owaret Stanley  
Otabong Richard



Start of the project: April 2020

Languages: English, Kiswahili, and Ateso

Accepting Volunteers: Yes



# Mini-Grants Awarded In 2022 (1/4)

In 2022, we allocated part of our funding to mini-grants for eight existing projects in Africa and Latin America.

## Nigeria, Aku

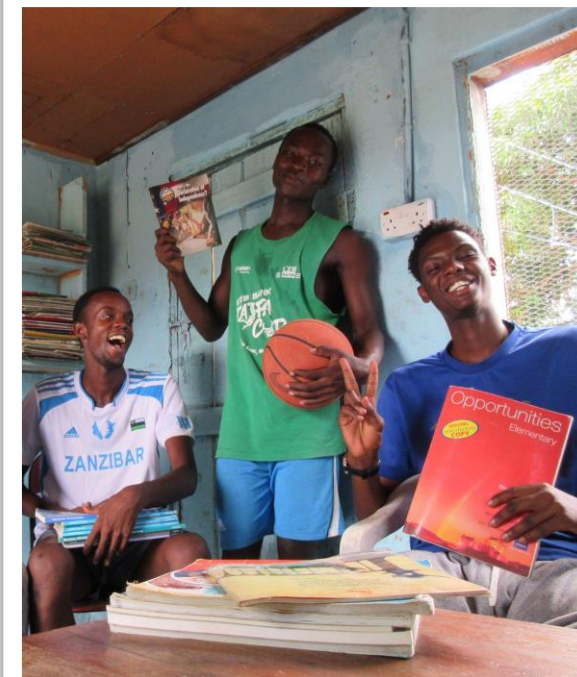
- The mini-grant was used to construct three bookshelves and purchase an office table to improve the library's infrastructure.
- The beneficiaries are the students in the community. They can now browse through the books and easily find the ones they want to read.



May

## Tanzania, Ukonga

- The mini-grant was used to purchase equipment and pay for two workers to renovate and repair a small house to be used as a bedroom for future volunteers.
- Volunteers increase the quality of our libraries and contribute to intercultural exchanges within communities.



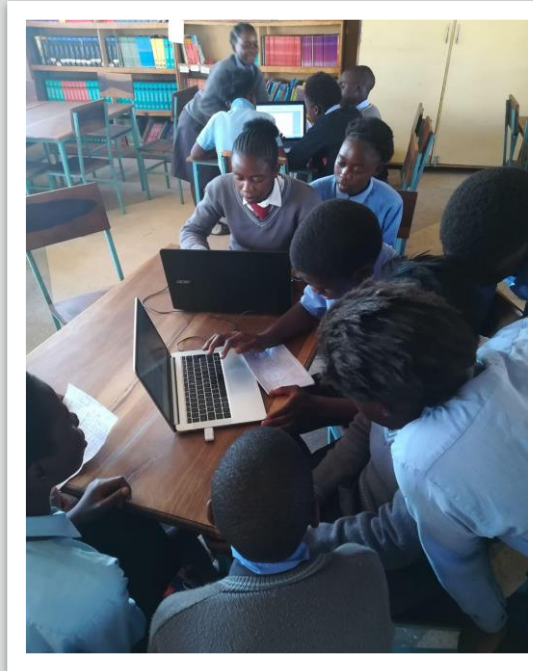
May

# Mini-Grants Awarded In 2022 (2/4)

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## Zambia, Kanyama

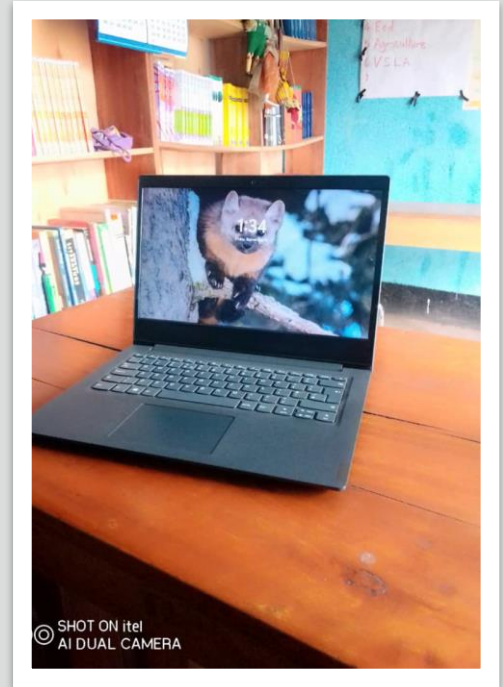
- We used the mini-grant to purchase new furniture for the library and enable small renovations (providing bookshelves, tables, and benches) for the students.
- In addition, we conducted reusable sanitary pads workshops for the women in the community.



June

## Uganda, Kasese

- We purchased a new Lenovo laptop which increases the teacher's ability to run the library in an organized manner and gain access to additional reading sources.
- This also leads to improved communication, as emails, reports, and photos can be quickly sent to us.



July

# Mini-Grants Awarded In 2022 (3/4)

In 2022, we allocated part of our funding to mini-grants for eight existing projects in Africa and Latin America.

## Zimbabwe, Norton

- We purchased a projector to deliver digital school lessons to pupils in the library. This is particularly relevant due to Covid-19 and the change from face-to-face teaching to hybrid learning.
- The projector can additionally be used to watch recorded lectures, documentaries, or other learning videos in a group setting.



July

## Sierra Leone, Rokurp

- We purchased new books and materials for the libraries (chalk, maps, and educational posters).
- We also bought many books required in the local curriculum so that students could access these even after school.



September

# Mini-Grants Awarded In 2022 (4/4)

## Tanzania, Visiwani

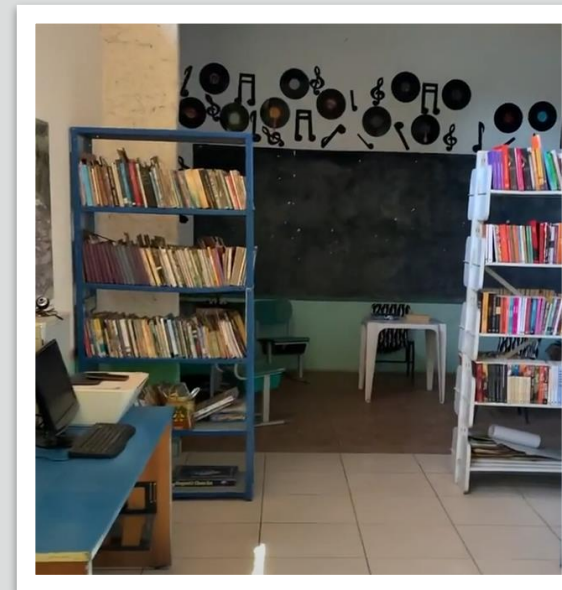
- We purchased two sewing machines to make reusable sanitary pads for girls.
- Sanitary pad workshops were also organized, and women were trained to use the machine and make pads. At a later stage, the women will be trained to make school bags and uniforms for the students.



October

## Brazil

- We used the mini-grant to improve the interiors of our existing library.
- We bought two sets of tall, self-standing shelves, which allow easier access, and one small reading desk.
- This has improved the overall layout and made book access easier for our youngest readers.



November

# Deeper Engagement With Communities

## Food Security Workshops

- In 2022, we continued organizing skill-transferring workshops in interested communities. We organized these workshops to address the issues of food insecurity, malnutrition, and sanitation. Through our volunteers' dedication and hard work, we provided hands-on training to grow mushrooms, sun-dried moringa, and tomatoes. Reading classes, reusable sanitary pads workshops, and cooking classes for young girls were also conducted.
- These workshops have provided valuable skills and knowledge to the participants, empowering them to start their own businesses or helping to find ways to improve their health.



# Other Volunteer Involvement

## Puppet Workshops

- In 2022, the library in Uganda, Kasese, had a pleasant visit from volunteers from the Netherlands - Anna and Eusebius. These two had already visited other Bookfeeding libraries in previous years. This time they brought a couple of puppets and donated some sewing machines to the ladies in the community.
- Children can learn how to tell their own stories through the puppets. It can improve their communication skills and creativity. Because storytelling is a big part of African culture, we hope some performances for a wider audience will happen soon too!





# Collection, Donation And Shipment Of Books

## Ghana-Spain Cooperation

- It started with a simple email containing an offer of English books from Spain. We are very thankful to Rosemary Rebello and Laura Unwin for their donation, hard work, and tireless support in helping to get 300 kg of books from Madrid to Accra!
- The library in Ghana is still under construction, but the books will have a new home as soon as it is finished.



# New Partnerships

## Partnership With Schools in CZE

- Last year, we established new partnerships with three Czech schools (ZŠ Doubravka, ZŠ Matiční, and ZŠ Dětská in Ostrava) and with that, started our penpal initiative.
- This initiative involves pupils exchanging letters written in English with their partner library in Africa (currently, Tanzania Ukonga and Sierra Leone Rokupr), allowing them to learn about each other's cultures and customs. Once a year, the schools in CZE organize a fundraising event to collect money to support the libraries and improve their access to resources. We invite others to join us in this incredible opportunity to foster cross-cultural connections and friendships.



# Thank You!

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