



BOOKFEEDING PROJECT



Annual Report 2021



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OPENING WORD

We entered the year 2021 with fear of what else can be expected from the pandemic. The year 2020 was the year when pandemic was all we heard about. There was not much time and energy to focus on the areas without a good healthcare system or government support. Furthermore, it seemed as if the pandemic was avoiding Africa in 2020... However, when Europe was slowly getting back to its feet and the restrictions were loosening up, the pandemic shifted to areas less visible to the mainstream media. In 2021 the pandemic shifted focus and Bookfeeding libraries and the volunteers in the communities were hit in full scale.

Most of our community libraries had to be closed for months at a time, they had to limit their activities and avoid gatherings. Schools were closed and there was very little we could do to help. The year was anything but what we had imagined. The impact the pandemic had was felt straight from the beginning.

As a result of the situation, we had to postpone or pause construction of some projects, limit the transport of books and many volunteers who were so happy to escape the lockdowns of Europe and visit Bookfeeding libraries were unable to go due to the travel restrictions.

Yet, we did not give up. Maybe slowed down – for the time being – but not give up. We started two new libraries - in Ghana and Uganda and finished one library in South Africa.

Despite the challenges we were still able to send volunteers to Uganda and Tanzania and organize a book collection in the Czech Republic, which resulted in over 350Kg of quality English books which are waiting to be sent to Africa when possible - you can read all about it in this report!

Indeed, Bookfeeding had grown and matured. And now, with a few more wrinkles we are now facing the future more determined than ever before. If 2021 taught us anything, then it is that sometimes it is good to slow down and take that time to reflect, gather energy and new ideas. It also showed us how resilient the communities we work with are. They are strong, determined and patient to bring better education and life to their neighborhoods. And pandemic is not going to stop them.

All this great work would be impossible without all the amazing Bookfeeders who – in their free time and without pay – work tirelessly to make the world a better place and Bookfeeding to be what it is today – and without you, our supporters.

Thank you



Alena Machálková
Co-Founder

BOOKFEEDING IN NUMBERS

Numbers for Scotland & Germany:

NEW LIBRARIES



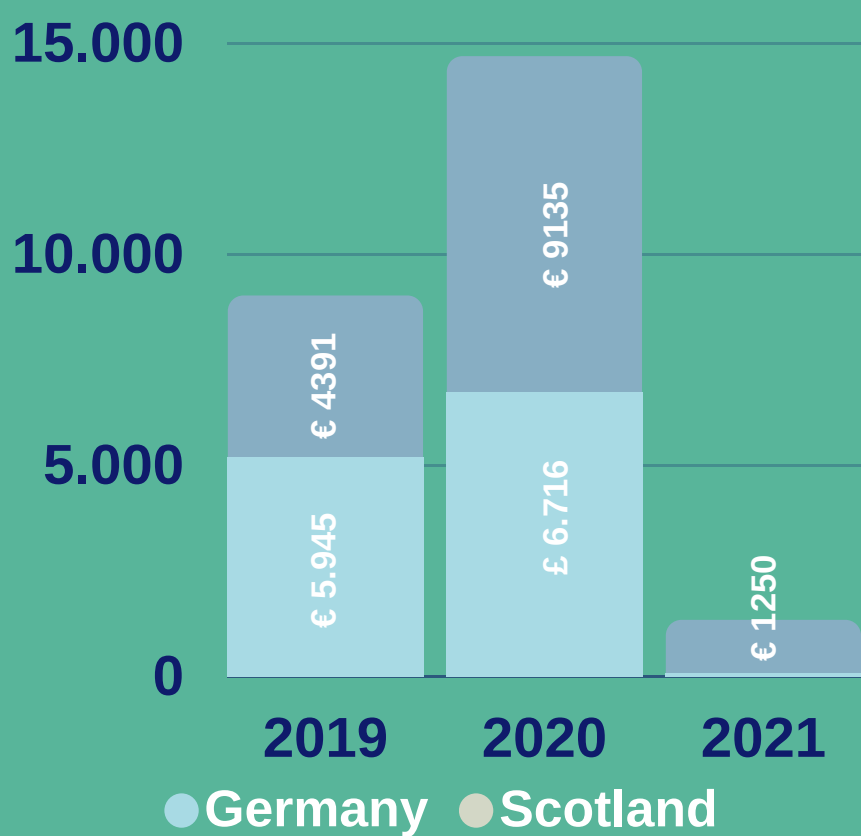
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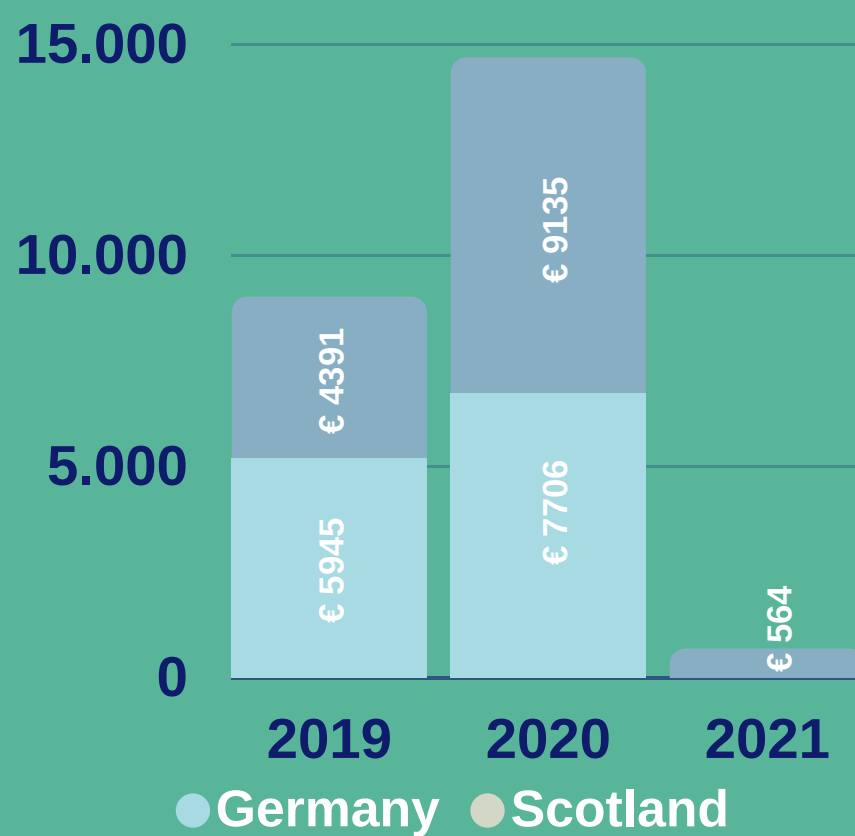
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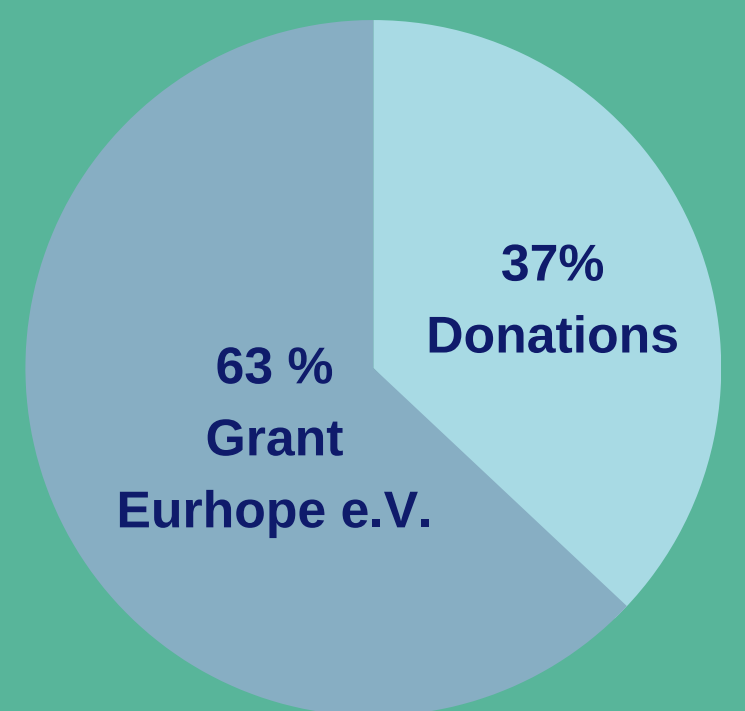
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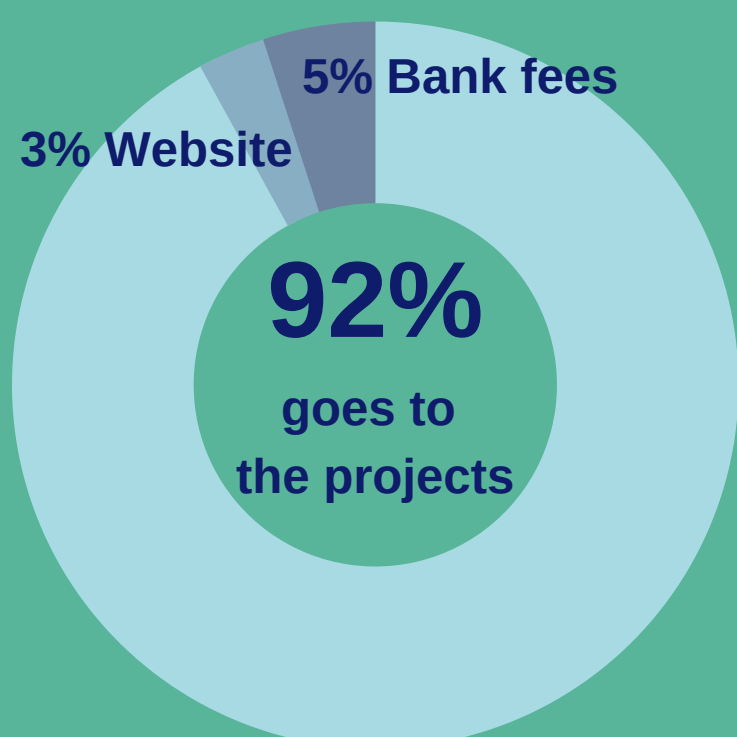
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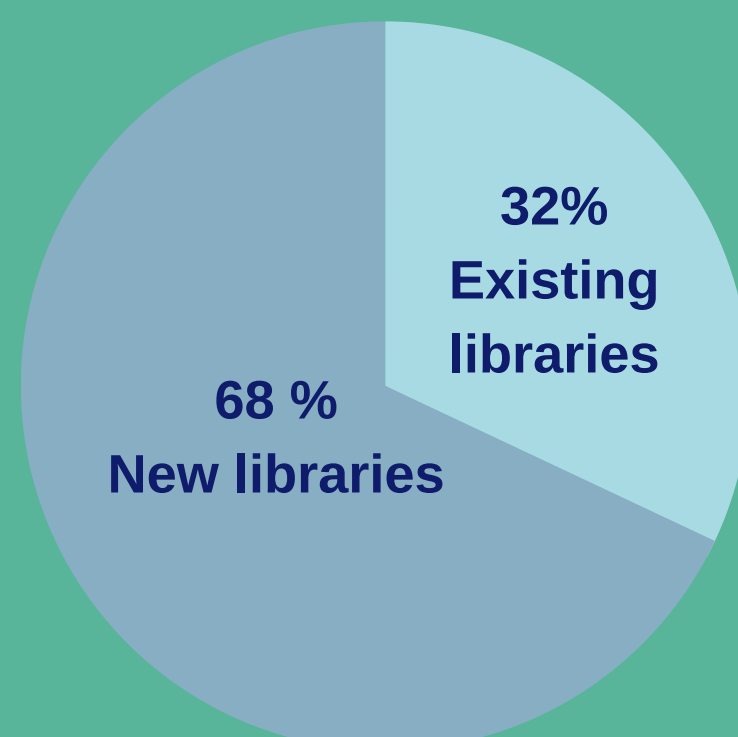
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Use of funds



Use of funds for the libraries



BOOKFEEDING IN NUMBERS

Numbers for Scotland:

NEW LIBRARIES



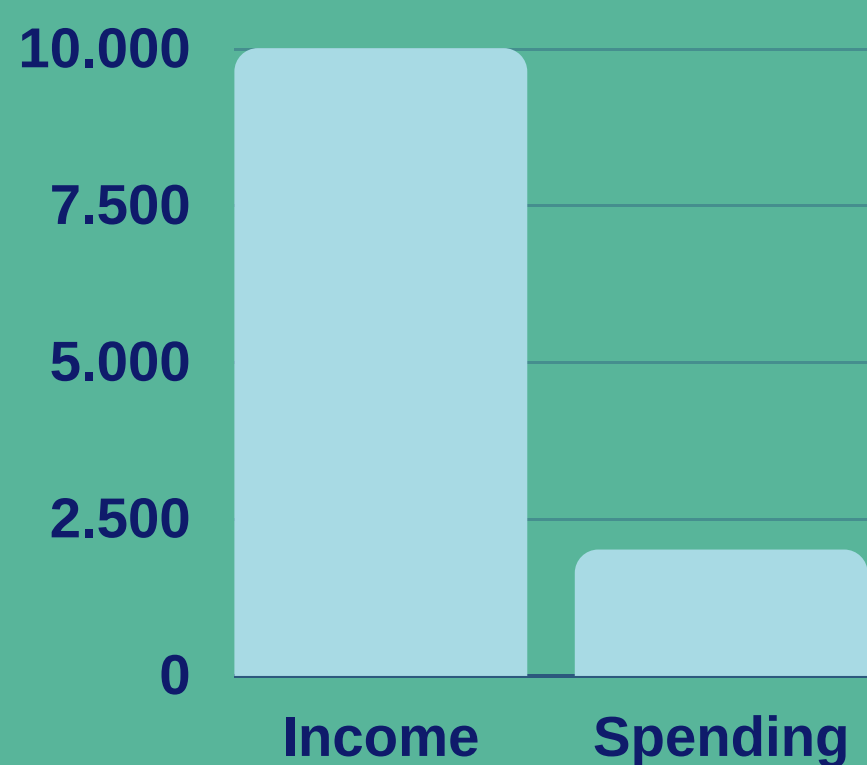
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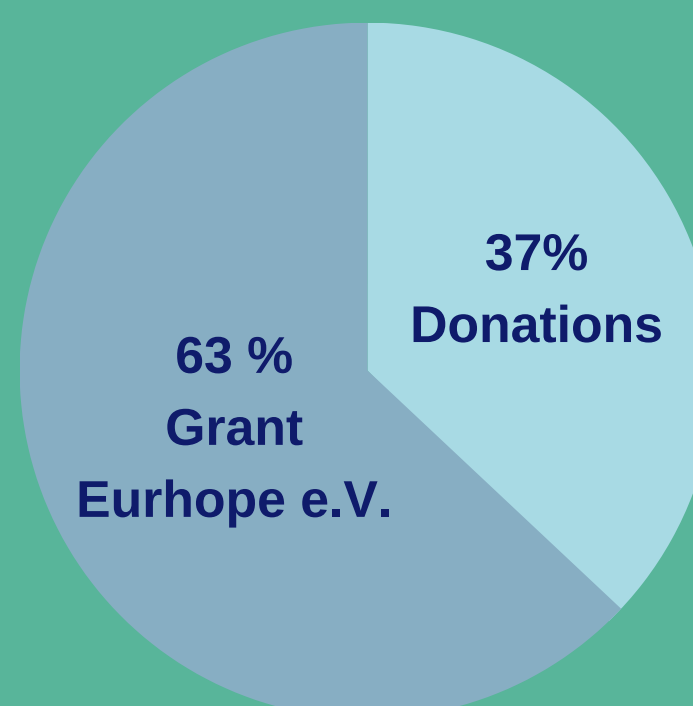
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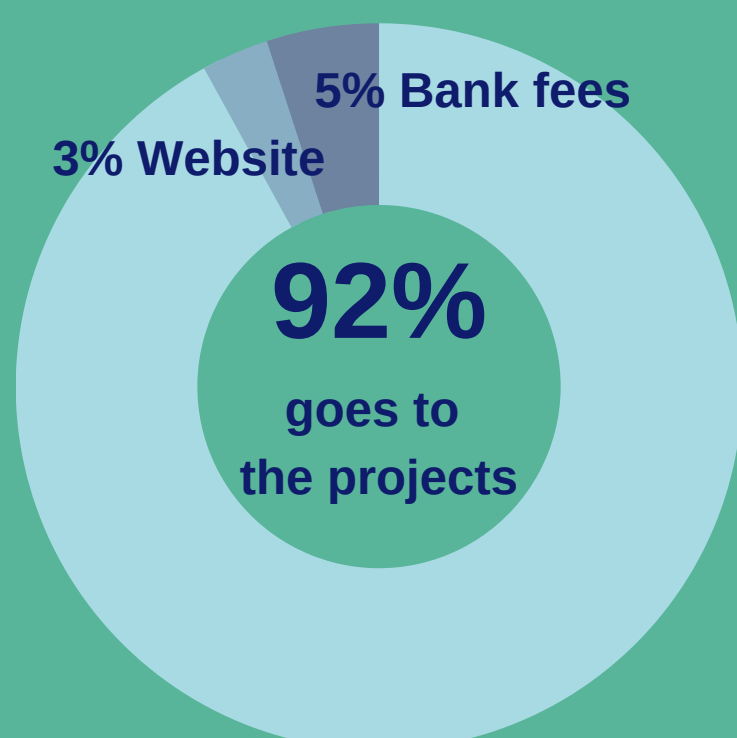
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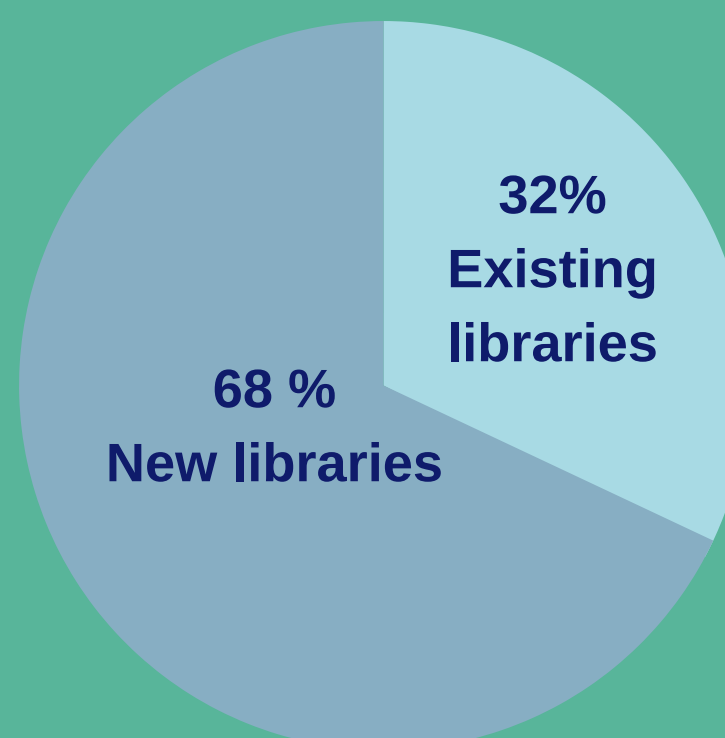
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Use of funds



Use of funds for the libraries



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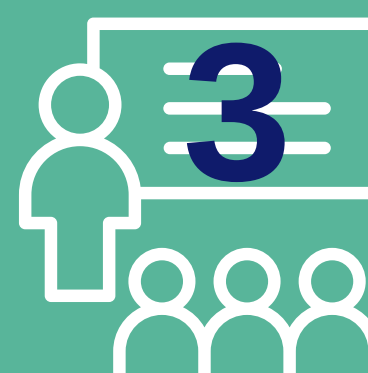
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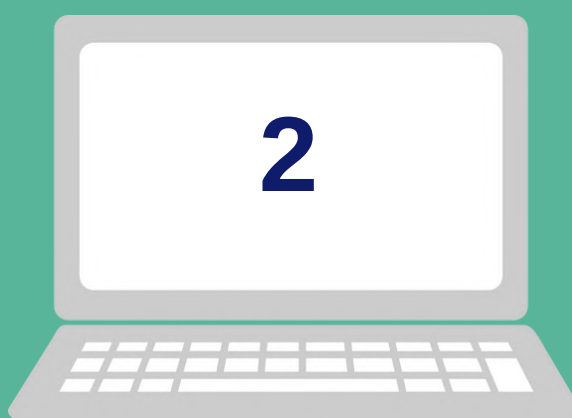
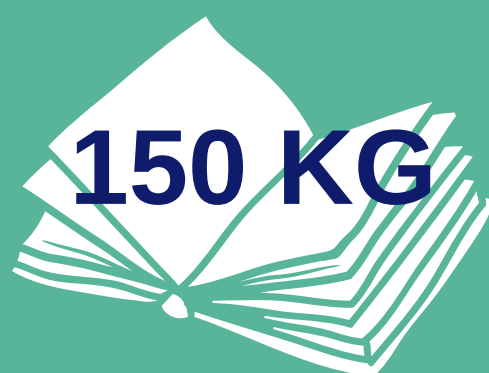
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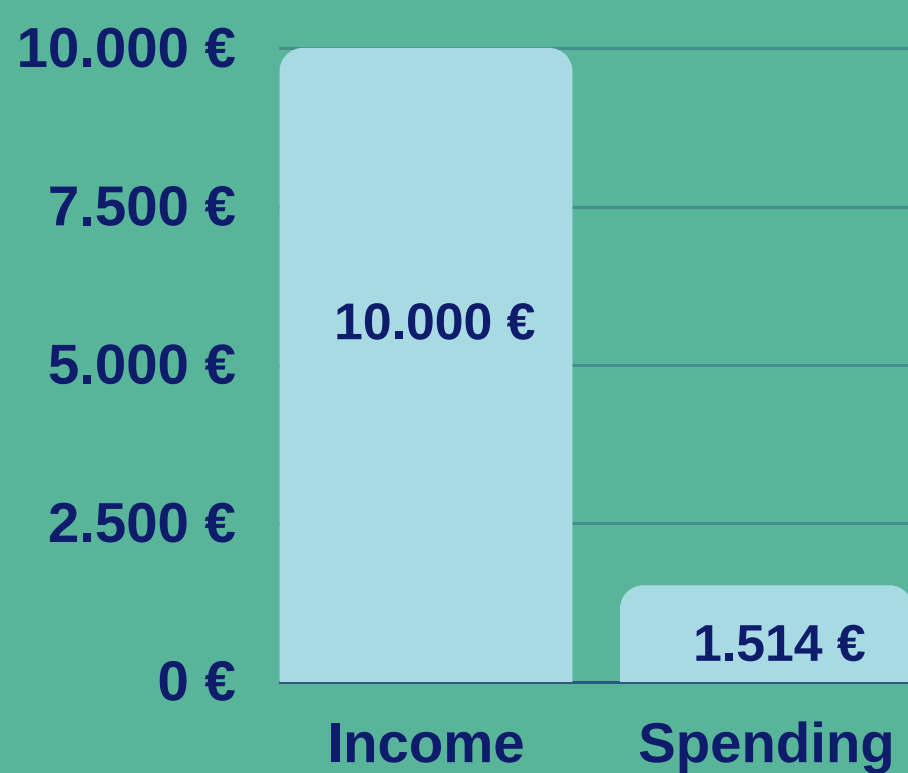
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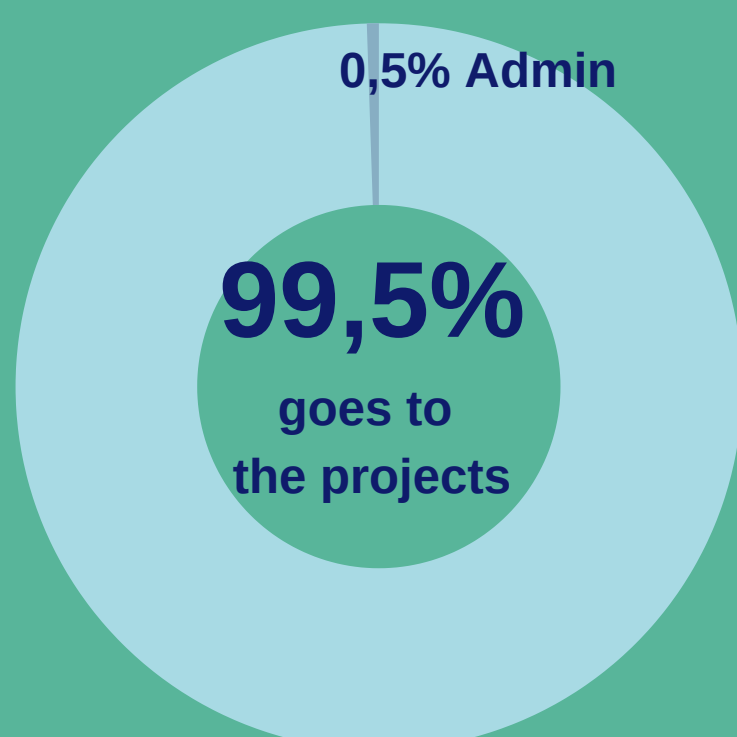
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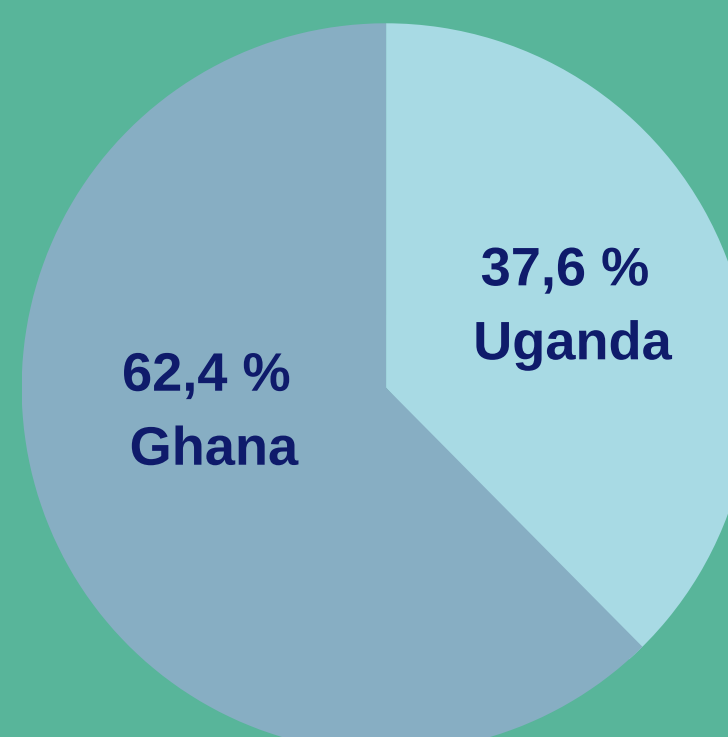
Source of funds



Use of funds



New libraries in 2021



NEW LIBRARIES

South Africa Polokwane Bookfeeding

Start of the project: June 2019

Languages: English, Sepedi

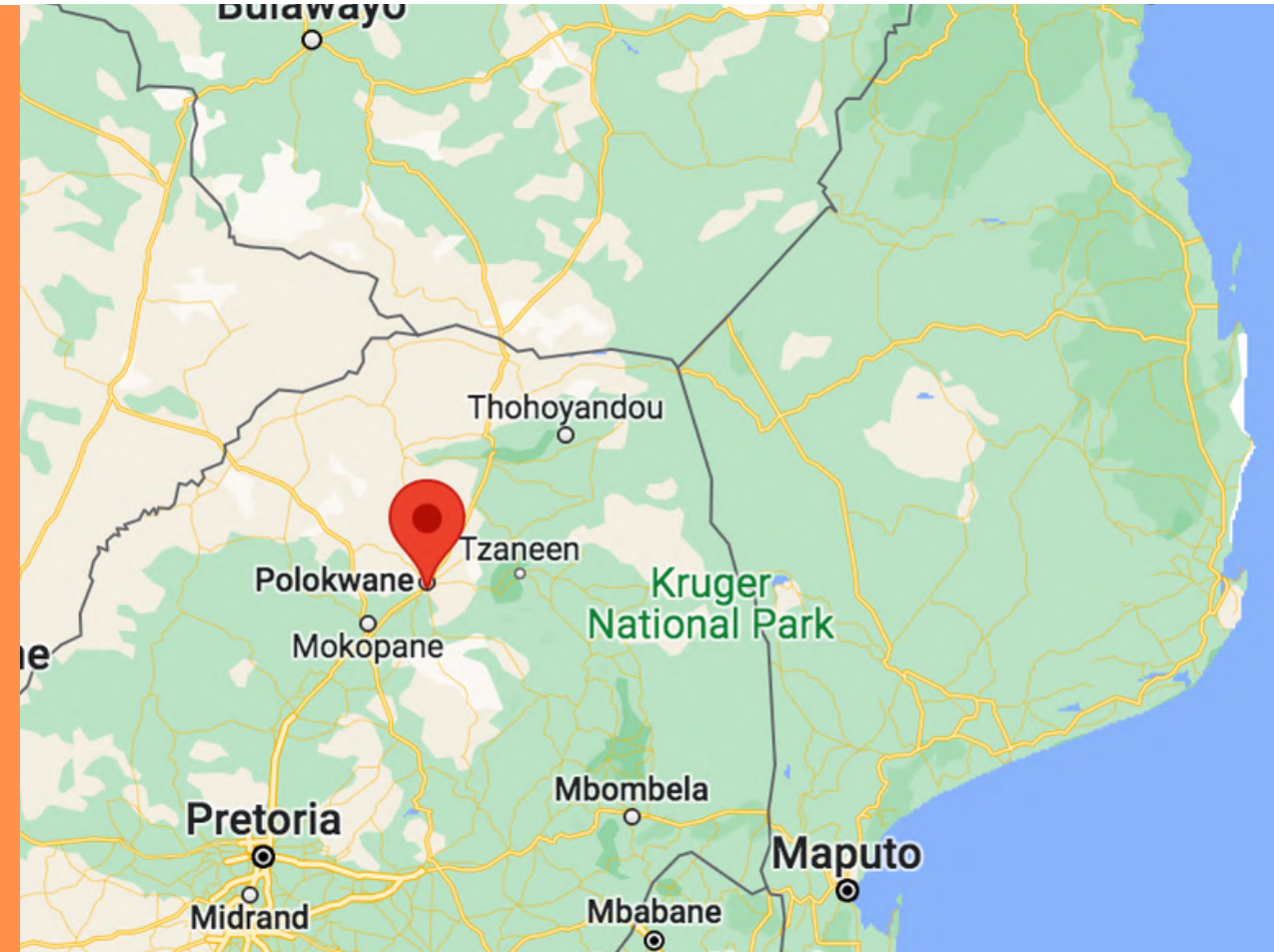
Accepting volunteers: Yes

Local partner: Lisika Unite Organisation

Funding: Eurhope e.V.

Opening of the library: June 2021

www.bookfeeding.org/south-africa-polokwane



THE LIBRARY

The library is home to more than 5000 children who are in the primary focus through preschool story times, quiet study and work areas for students and book clubs. The aim of our library is to provide improved access to education and strengthen social cohesion to promote equality, support civic engagement and help the community to reach their full potential.

LOCAL BOOKFEEDER

The project is led by Mtusane Stephen Malaka, who is the founder and managing director of the Lisika Unite Foundation. Assisted by 3 board members, with experience in engineering, finance and teaching. In addition, there is an advisory committee that consist of school principals and teachers.

LOCATION

It is located near town Polokwane (Limpopo province) in the north of South Africa.



NEW LIBRARIES

Uganda Tororo Bookfeeding

Start of the project: April 2020

Languages: English, Kiswahil and Ateso

Accepting volunteers: Yes

Local partner: ---

Funding: Eurhope e.V.

www.bookfeeding.org/uganda-tororo



THE LIBRARY

The Aputir Primary School and Community were established in the early 1950s. The school started with just grass-thatched houses as an office and mudded walls held together with iron sheets that served as classrooms. We are delighted to collaborate with Aputir and help them with a library on sight. And as with all other Bookfeeding libraries, the library will also be open to the general public. Plans are afoot for English courses and workshops on agriculture, fishing, agribusiness, and digital marketing.

LOCAL BOOKFEEDER

Silver Owori – Community Volunteer

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 small primary school.



NEW LIBRARIES

Sierra Leone Rokupr Bookfeeding

Start of the project: April 2020

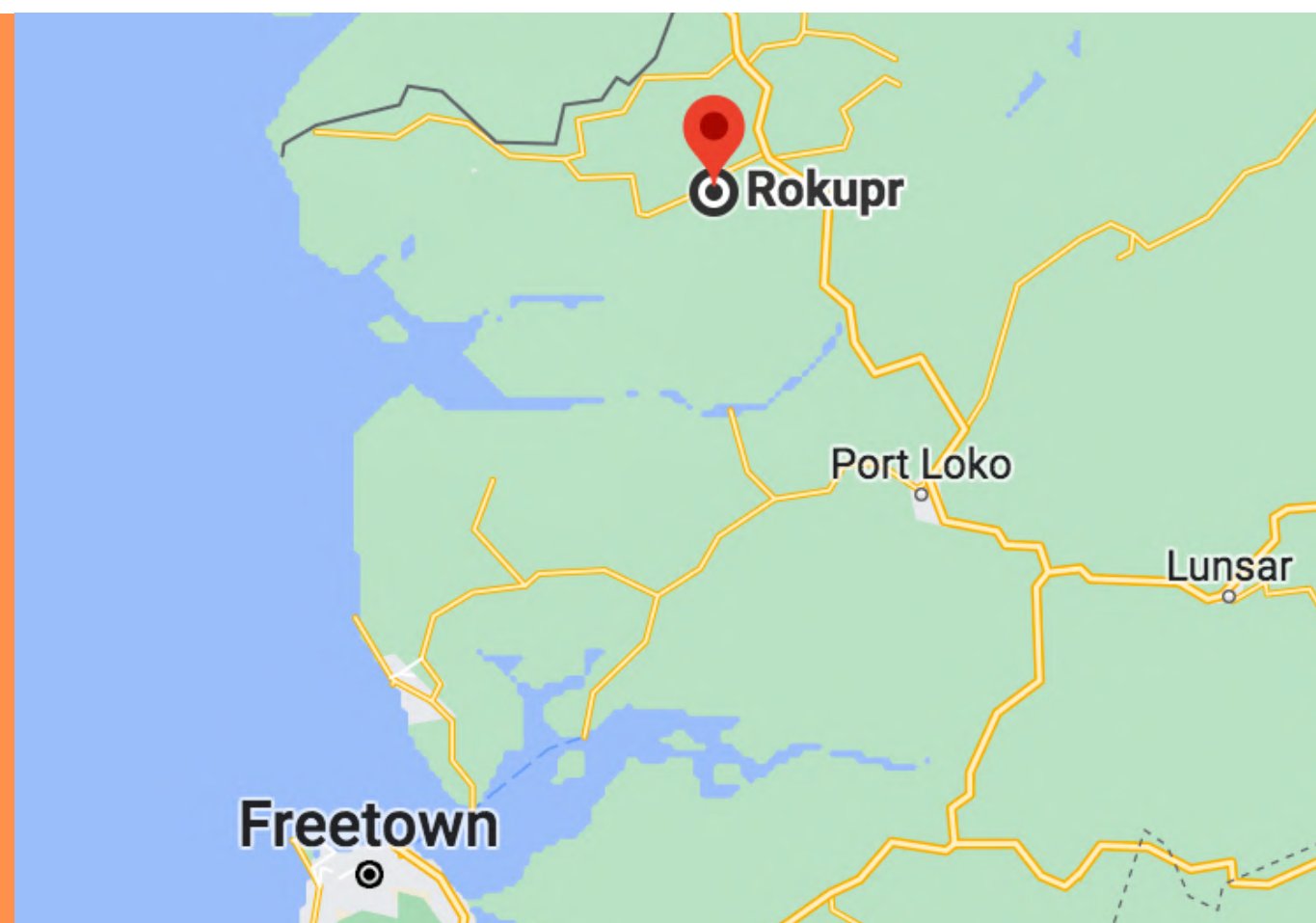
Languages: English, Krio (pigeon English) and Temne

Accepting volunteers: Yes

Local partner: CARE AGAINST RURAL POVERTY (CARP)

Funding: Eurhope e.V.

www.bookfeeding.org/sierra-leone-rokupr



THE LIBRARY

There are seven primary schools and five secondary schools in Rokupr, which are well attended. However, none of the township's primary schools has a library, with the exception of some secondary schools.

This library does not only benefit the pupils of Ahmadiyya Primary School, but also other primary schools and the public in general. Due to the long opening hours, the library can also be used as a place where pupils can spend their free time.

LOCAL BOOKFEEDER

Mr. Mensah – Librarian

Abdul Sorie Turay – Teacher

LOCATION

The Rokupr Library is located in the district of Kambia. The district of Kambia is located in the northwestern province of Sierra Leone. There are many different ethnic groups, but the largest are the Temne, Susu, Fula, Madnigo and Mendes. There are about 20,000 people living in the community.



NEW LIBRARIES

Ghana Ampenkro

Start of the project: December 2021

Languages: Asante, Twi, Fante, English

Accepting volunteers: Yes

Local partner: Rural Education Assistance Project (REAP)

Funding: Eurhope e.V.

www.bookfeeding.org/ghana-ampenkro



THE LIBRARY

Ampenkro Bookfeeding is the only social amenity in the community. The community and the school did not have access to any book until Bookfeeding helped them to start building a library. The library gives people from the community the opportunity to shape their interpersonal skills and to improve their academic performances.

LOCAL BOOKFEEDER

Solomon is our local bookfeeder, who is responsible for this project and its implementation.

LOCATION

The library is located in Ghana, in a rural community called Ampenkro in the Assin South District of the central region. The library supports a population of about 500 people including people in the surrounding communities. Users of the facility mainly include students from both the basic and second cycle schools as well as tertiary students.



ONGOING ACTIVITIES AT THE LIBRARIES

Pilot Sanitary Workshop

Menstruation is a topic surrounded by negative stigma. Many girls and women in Africa have limited access to hygienic facilities and menstrual products often resulting in shame and limitations concerning their day-to-day life at work or school. Due to the prevalence of this issue, we made the decision to organize workshops on making reusable sanitary pads as these have a small environmental impact and are affordable (half a dollar for one pad). We organized our pilot project in Kasese, Uganda in March 2021 where a tailoring workshop and discussions surrounding the topic of menstruation were held. A group of ten teen mothers took part in this 10 day long workshop which ended up being a success for everyone involved and is still on-going.

Workshops on Menstruation

At the beginning of the year, women met at the library in Visiwani (Tanzania) for several workshops on menstruation. The library provided a safe space to talk about different taboos and concerns that women experience related to menstruation. After the talks, we learned together how to make reusable sanitary pads. One of the volunteers, Abi, continues to spread the workshops within the surrounding Masaai villages.



ONGOING ACTIVITIES AT THE LIBRARIES

Basketball

The Ukonga library is located on the outskirts of Dar es Salaam. It is run by members of the Ukonga Basketball academy and lies close to the Juhudi Primary School and Ukonga Primary School. The library is located in a green yard close to the dorms of the basketball academy and the basketball court. The basketball community is very welcoming and has a vital role in promoting a sport that has a minority position in comparison to football, with a much bigger tradition and popularity in Tanzania.



Collecting Plastic

Collecting plastic in the community with local and international volunteers



Solar Chimney Drier

In one month, volunteers Maya and Austin, together with the community around Majengo library, have managed to build a solar chimney drier. The drier provides efficient drying even in hazy or partly cloudy conditions. Constructing the drier is simple, and it can be made from low-cost, locally sourced materials.

CALL FOR DONATIONS

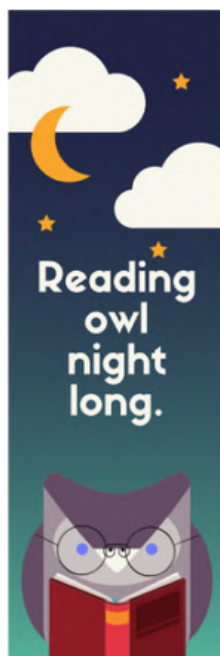
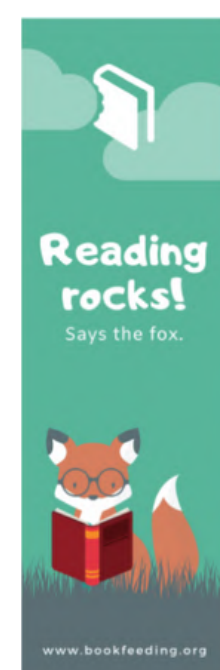
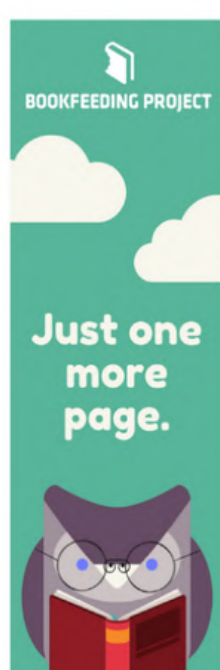
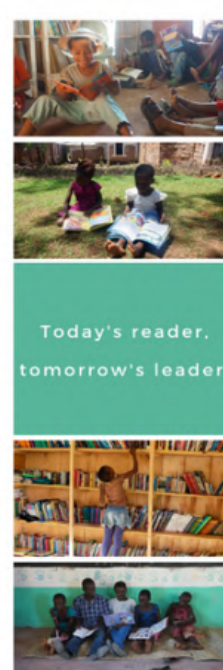
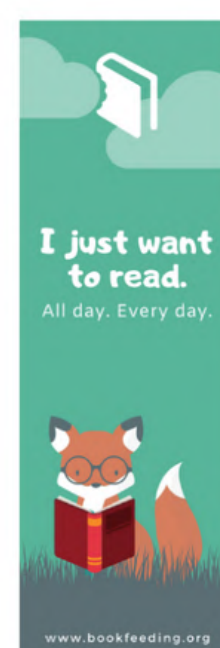
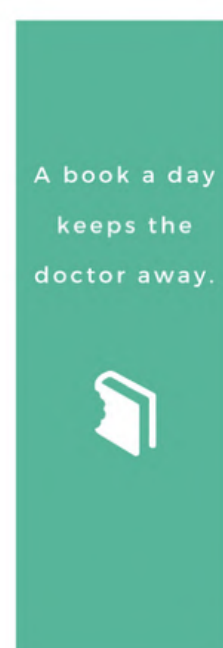


Bookmarks

Do you also love to read?

For a donation of 5€, we will send you five original Bookfeeding bookmarks.

There are nine different bookmarks to choose from.



PARTNERS AND VISIONS FOR 2022



Partners



Mini Grants

In 2022, we plan to support seven of our existing Bookfeeding projects with mini-grants of 500 €. The idea is to give the communities the possibility to further extend and improve their libraries with start-up ideas from their own communities.

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM



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Project Manager
Zimbabwe, Norton



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Uganda, Tororo



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