Case Study: READ Book Project, Tanzania

Partner: READ International

Overview: READ International deliver collaborative, student-led initiatives to improve access to education across the world and increase youth participation in the global community. They have 17 projects and 22 universities involved in collecting books to send to schools in Tanzania from UK schools and Universities. Since commencing distribution in 2003, they have distributed 336,000 books.

Issues of the project:
Each project is tasked to collect 25,000 each in order to raise their target. Many schools have to be contacted to reach this target.

Education for All’s contribution:
Due to Education for All access to high volumes of books and storage space, large collections can be achieved on an ongoing basis, complementing the work put in by the students in looking to schools for books. So far we have donated approximately 5,000 books to the Oxford project, and 2,500 to the Birmingham project. Education for All were able to donate new as well as second-hand books and classroom resources through kind donations made from Pictorial Charts, publishers of curriculum text books and teaching aids in London.

Partners comments:
“Education for All has helped us a lot in reaching our target. Many pupils in Tanzania will benefit from the donations. We look forward to being able to collaborate further in the future.”
- Leila Emerson, Regional Project Coordinator, READ International.

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