SCORES OF CHILDREN VISIT THEIR LUBUTO LIBRARY EVERY CHANCE THEY GET

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In 2019, we were unknowingly leading up to a global pandemic that would change the way Lubuto libraries (along with the rest of the world) operate. In this annual report, we present the culminating year of Lubuto’s developments since our beginning in 2005. This is the last report that shows the pre-pandemic impact and reach of Lubuto Libraries - then in 2020, suddenly everything had to change.

2019's milestones included continued accomplishments under our ViiV Healthcare Positive Action for Girls and Women grant, which aimed to prevent early marriages by engaging the whole community through the shared resource of the Nabukuyu Mumuni Library. Also notable in 2019 was the establishment of a Lubuto Zambia Board, which guides and assists in furthering our activities, visibility and aims in Zambia. We were also granted a USAID award that will enable us to significantly extend the physical infrastructure and resources of the Lubuto Model Library and convert it into a regional training center for all aspects of effective library services to children and youth.

Along with these milestones, this report shows the many programs and activities the libraries offered in 2019 that attracted children at the rate of 2,500 visits per week to a single library--many coming to their Lubuto Library every chance they have. We are humbled by the central role the libraries play in the lives of scores of young people and proud to share that information with you in this 2019 annual report.

Jane Kinney Meyers
Founder & President
The Lubuto Model Library averaged 2,500 visits per week in 2019

scores of children come to their Lubuto Library every chance they get
What draws young people to Lubuto Libraries in such large numbers?
specially curated library collections encourage lots and lots of reading...
...and sometimes napping
Three times in a week, Zambian Sign Language storytimes attract deaf children and their families and friends, who are excited to better communicate with one another.

*nearly 1,400 children have benefited from this program to date*
young mothers take English literacy lessons while Lubuto staff care for their children

over 350 young mothers have participated in this program— and over 41% of graduates re-enrolled in school, started a business, or found employment
Our programs targeting young rural mothers help prevent child marriage by addressing poverty and limited educational and economic prospects for girls — two major drivers of early marriage.

_These programs offer family makerspaces, facilitate meetings of local leaders, and offer comprehensive boarding school scholarships._
mentoring fosters confidence in young people...

...and includes career speakers, field trips, counseling, and more

over 2,150 children and youth have participated in these mentoring programs
children at the libraries have the chance to...

...share ideas

...dream big

...get homework help

...and speak up
some voices of Lubuto’s children in 2019

"Checkers is our favorite game. They always challenge each other in this game; we play at home and at the library. This time we want to see who is a champion!"

"It is my first time attending an art workshop. Today I have learned how to make a collage, and it's all thanks to Lubuto for the opportunity."

"I never had any hope that I would ever go back to school after dropping out due to pregnancy and financial issues. [Because of the scholarship program.] I am now very hopeful that I will finally become someone in the future."

"I started with Family Literacy, with a group of other young mothers. I am now in school and doing very well in my academic activities. I want to complete my studies and pursue a career in nursing."

"I have made this bag for trapping birds. I love birds and I am here at the library to read books about birds because I want to catch some and keep them as pets."

"Through the mentoring program, I have been exposed to a variety of careers through the different fieldtrips we have been able to go on... I believe whatever my mind can conceive, I can achieve, and I will be a computer scientist."
young artists draw inspiration from books in Lubuto’s collections
children discover science
in creative and engaging ways
use of computers and other technology builds digital literacy and critical thinking skills
boys and girls learn computational logic at coding camps
Partnering with the Motorola Solutions Foundation, Lubuto Libraries created a program called Girls Code! to reach 192 girls aged 11-20 that includes...

- Programming
- Robotics and physical programming
- Electronics
- Circuitry
- Computer logic
- Computer systems and architecture

Curriculum development, training sessions, and equipment procurement for this program began in 2019.
Two Lubuto staff members were trained in the Girls Code! curriculum...

...and they are now ready and eager to share these skills.
drama, music and dance develop talents...

...and even launch young actors into professional careers

Mwengele (on the right) was a prominent actor in the film I Am Not a Witch
children enjoy learning from games, especially chess...

...and movies are always a big draw — especially *Black Panther*

*in the past few years, Lubuto’s movie showings attracted nearly 15,000 view-*
Lubuto libraries have frequent special events and speakers...

*International Day of Happiness*

...that bring the community together
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Assets
Cash................................................................. $269,752
Prepaid expenses................................................. $24,236
Property and equipment (net)................................. $41,160
Total assets ............................................................ $335,148

Liabilities
Accounts payable and accrued expenses................. $944
Total liabilities ........................................................ $944

Net assets
Unrestricted............................................................. $152,104
Temporarily restricted............................................. $182,100
Total net assets ........................................................ $334,204

Total liabilities and net assets .................................... $335,148

Statement of activities

Support and revenues
Corporate matching gifts ....................................... $8,825
Donated goods and services ..................................... $124,726
Organizational donations ......................................... $2,000
Individual contributions ......................................... $71,219
Foundation grants ................................................ $10,643
Federal government grants ...................................... $128,141
Institution grants .................................................. $30,358
Other income ........................................................ $47,646
Total support and revenues ................................... $423,558

Expenses
Program services .................................................. $346,681
General and administrative .................................... $23,283
Fundraising .......................................................... $2,775
Total expenses ...................................................... $372,739

Program services: 93%
General & administrative: 6%
Fundraising: 1%

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