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## CBIRD receives books from Read International



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On the 12<sup>th</sup> August, Jude Muleke, the Lead Coordinator for Community Based Initiative for Rural Development (CBIRD) received a call from Martin Lamb one among the team members of the [Read international](#) in Uganda. Martin had brought 186 books of various types, including mathematics books, biology, English- comedy/fiction and grammar, a dictionary, and many more. These books were handed to CBIRD, who will distribute them across the Mugwanya Complex Primary School, Bwala Secondary School and the community library Jude has set up at his home in Masaka.

The local community library, has a Day Scholar scheme whereby local children can come and read and learn from the growing collection of books. This initiative has proved very successful and useful to the children of all levels in the community who would otherwise not be able to access any books to read. Currently the library has at least 100 books of different types and so far, around 51 children have been coming to his home to read those books. These children have welcomed the community library and CBIRD has had feedback from them that the initiative is extremely helpful since many have improved their reading culture while others are picking the interest. In fact, some have said that they have improved their academic through reading some of the books available. Many thanks go out to Jude and all those that help him.



*Martin and Holly from Read International organizing books*



CBIRD has a good number of primary schools and at least two secondary schools which he has on his program to support with reading materials. So far Narozari primary school has greatly benefited from this program, Mugwanya complex primary school and Bwala secondary schools are going to benefit from the donation from Read international whereas Lakeside secondary school will soon also benefit from CBIRD's work.

Despite CBIRD's current success, more books are still needed; CBIRD still needs people of good will to help him through with funds, material things and many other things that can be used by African children in both primary and secondary schools.

CBIRD continues to require volunteers to help in the schools he supports. We can provide accommodation and transport to two volunteers at a time.

CBIRD currently has two children that he helps to pay school fees- thanks to Ingrid of the Allen Foundation. There are more children that need to be supported with school fees. You are kindly requested to contribute to this noble cause.



**Please look at our website ([www.cbird.net](http://www.cbird.net)) for volunteering opportunities and other ways in which you can support CBIRD achieve our mission of Empowerment through Education!**