



BOOKS2AFRICA IMPACT REPORT

Masicorp, South Africa

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How did you first find out about Books2Africa?

Other Source

Other - Source

A Masicorp supporter in the UK connected us to Books2Africa

Name of Project or Institution

Masicorp

Beneficiary Number (If Applicable)

1000

Project Country Location

South Africa

Project Community Location

Masiphumelele

Type of Project

Nursery or Primary

Date you received books

31/05/2021

Number of books received

1000

Number of students/learners

1000

Number of teachers/staff

50

Please summarise why you needed books?

We run a library at a no-fee school, where resources are few.

Please summarise the overall impact of books received from Books2Africa

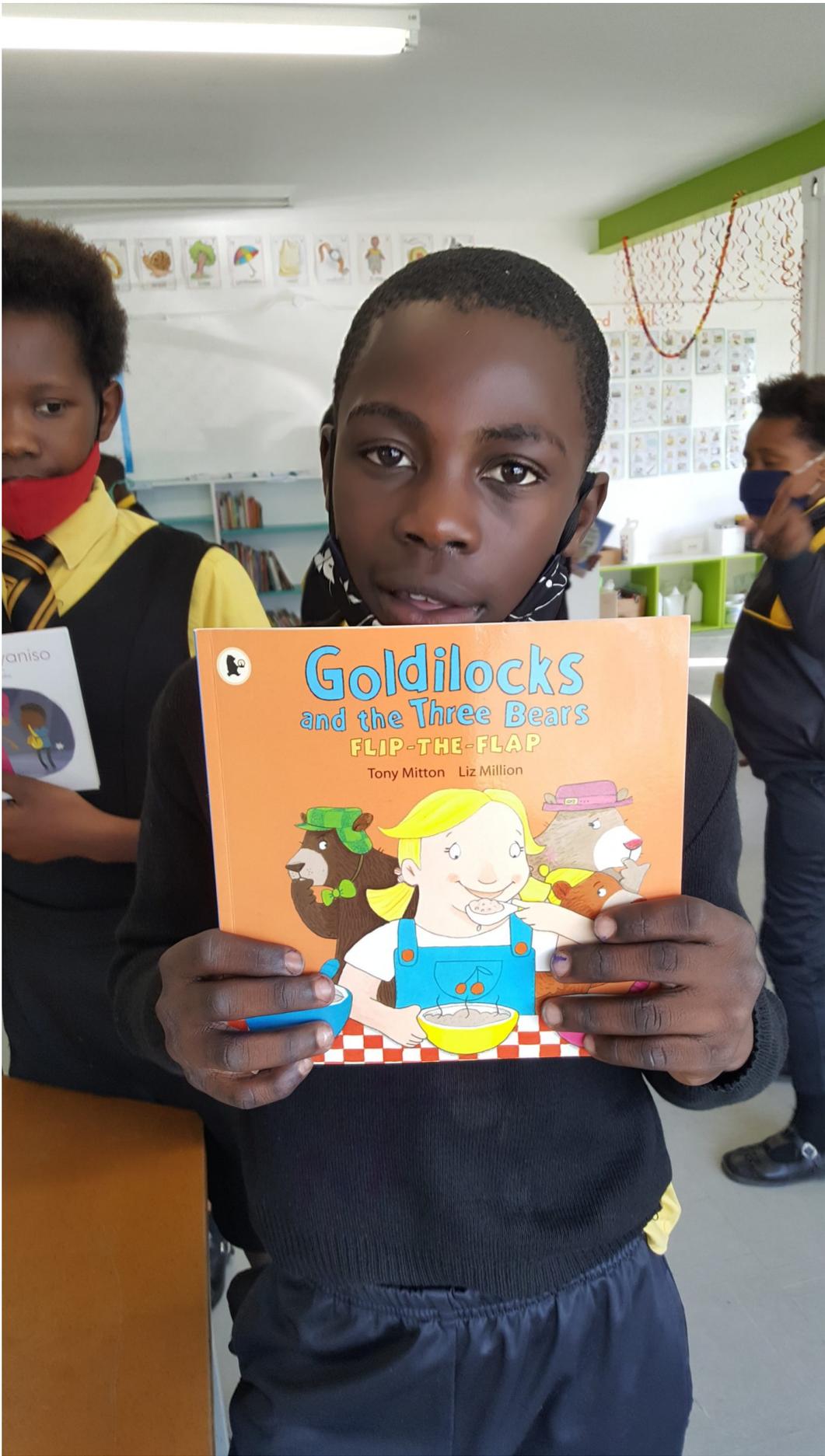
The books we received have greatly increased the number of books we're able to lend to children at the school.

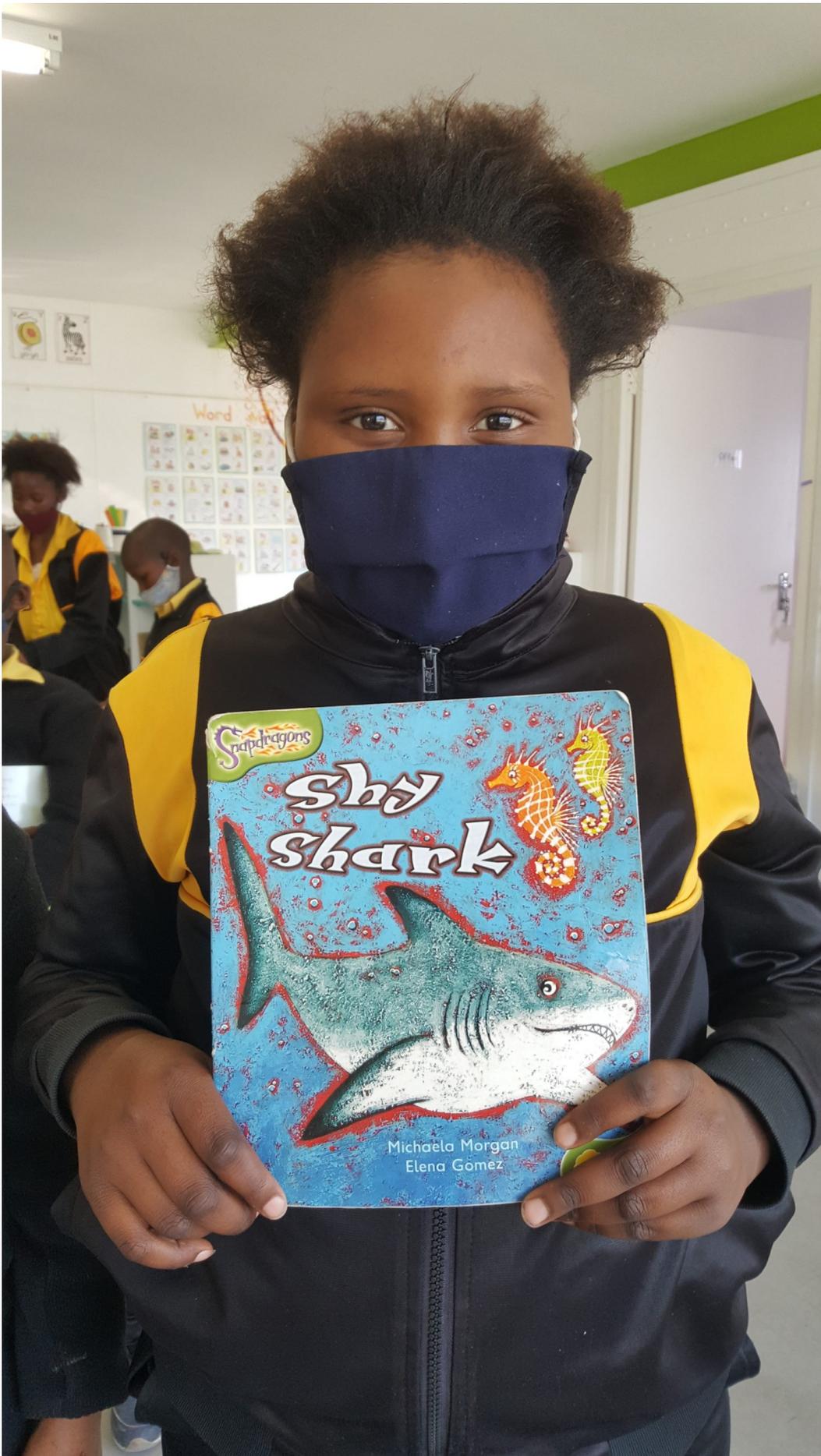
How would you rate the condition of the books received?

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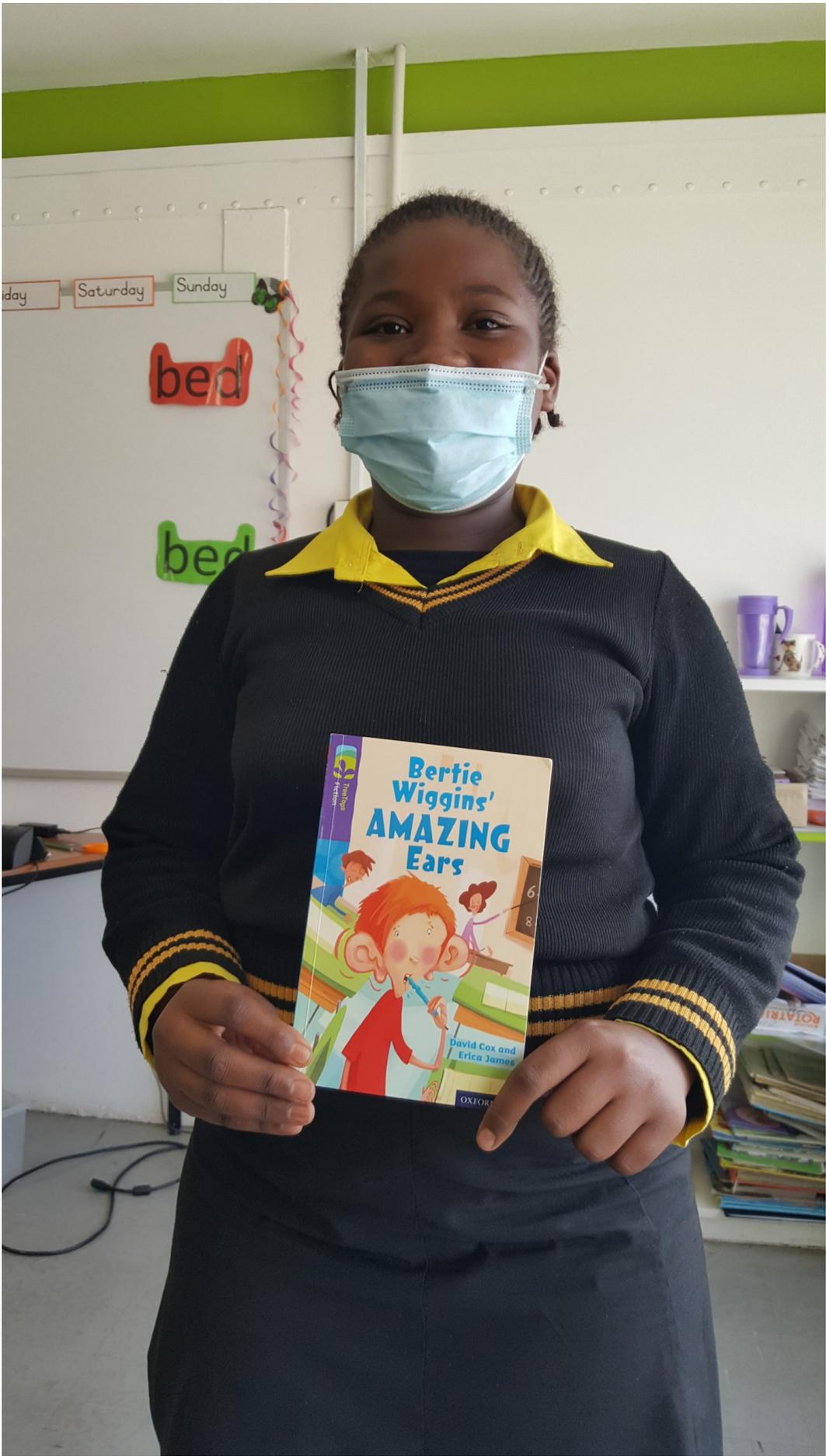
Please upload photos showing the project, the books received and beneficiaries holding or using them (maximum 10 photos)

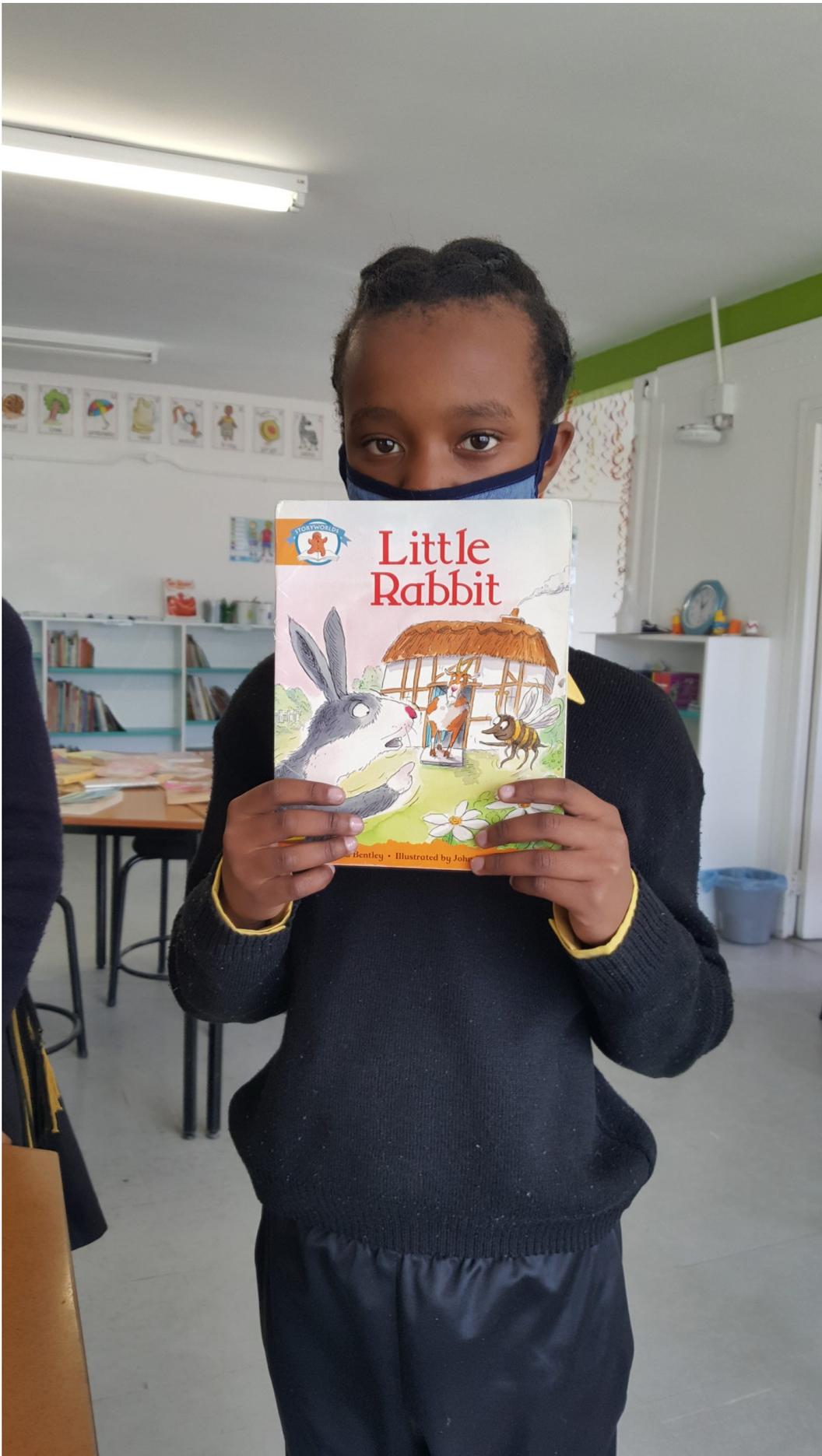












Please provide links to any video or news publication about your project receiving/distributing books (one link per line)

<https://www.facebook.com/MASICORP/posts/4187244718031498>

How useful are the books in meeting the educational needs of students/learners?

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In what ways have the books been useful for students/learners?

- Improved literacy or numeracy
- Improved attendance/engagement

Please describe how the books have impacted students/learners attitudes, performance, attendance/engagement etc.

We have been able to offer the children at the school more variety in their reading choice.

How are students/learners given access to the books?

- Library access

How many days in a week do students/learners have access to the books?

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Please mention any specific books received or subjects that were most useful for students/learners

Captain Underpants, Beast Quest, Diary of a Wimpy Kid, Horrid Henry, Oxford Reading Tree books

How useful are the books in meeting the needs of teachers/staff?

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In what ways have the books been useful for teachers/staff?

- Improved subject knowledge

Please describe how the books have impacted teachers/staff subject knowledge, teaching performance, attitudes, learning environment etc.

The staff also have access to borrowing books to use in their classrooms. This has only mildly been improved by having access to more books.

How are teachers/staff given access to the books?

- Library access
- Class/Lecture room access

How many days in a week do teachers/staff have access to the books?

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Please describe how the books have impacted the community

The school we work in is fed by the local community. Children are taking books home and reading to their siblings, they are also improving their reading skills. All of this increases the effect of literacy on the community.

Are books similar to ones you received available from your local book stores?

Yes

On average, how much do books similar to the ones you received cost to purchase in your country? (enter the equivalent price per book in £)

£ 14.00

Please describe where and how you normally acquire books prior to finding out about Books2Africa

Donations from local people, buying books from second hand shops, appealing to wealthier schools for secondhand books.

Has Books2Africa's support enabled your project to achieve its objectives?

Yes

How did you receive your books?

Shipped from UK Office

Please summarise the process and costs of clearing your shipment at the port, as well as your clearing agent and required documents if applicable.

I eventually handed the process over to a colleague of mine, as the process was incredibly complicated and stressful and I didn't have time to handle it while trying to manage all the programmes I was running at the time. I'd not anticipated the costs we'd have to incur to have the items cleared. This was very stressful, trying to manage the sponsor's expectations and the reality of the situation. Books2Africa eventually agreed to sponsor the process because otherwise we'd not have been able to go through with it.

In total, how much did you spend on clearing and haulage? (enter the equivalent in £)

I don't know what it cost in the end.

Please provide the names of any sponsors you would like to be acknowledged for funding the costs of this project (Include their website if possible)

Geoff Johnson