



Books2Africa Impact Report

R World's library in north-east Malawi, United Kingdom

Section A - Impact Report Questions and Photos

1. Tell us about yourself

My name is Lesley Curtis and I am the CEO of the small UK charity, R World. I have many favourite books, but the one which I have read most recently which I found inspirational is Man's Search for Meaning by Viktor Frankl.

2. Tell us about your project?

For this purpose, I will call our project 'R World's library in north-east Malawi'. R World is a small charity focusing on development projects in a village in north east Malawi called Chitimba, and honours the life of my son Robbie Curtis who has inspired everything we do. Robbie was a big reader and was destined to work in Africa. Sadly he passed away in 2020. After, R World was created and so we could continue his journey, we were put in touch with the BMF by another small charity and the R World/BMF partnership blossomed. We formed a plan - to build a library - as in this part of the world, there was no library within a 4 hour drive. The library will cater for adults and children and this was recently declared open.

In the video we have prepared, it is obvious how delighted the Malawians are with this new facility and the books and computers we have sent via Books2Africa. We continue to raise money to fill the library with books and computers and to buy furniture and other fixtures.

3. Tell us about your book collection or library before you found out about Books2Africa.

Of course the library has been created from scratch as there were no libraries within a 4 hour drive. As far as I know, there were very few books at all in this area.

4. What materials have you received from Books2Africa and how do you feel about the quantity, quality and types of materials received?

We have sent over 2000 books and 6 computers. The books were great and the children are really enjoying reading and looking at them. I think most of the computers are in good working order.

5. What do you think the impact of the donated materials received has been/will be?

The impact has been huge in this area of Malawi which previously had no library within a 4 hour drive. A radio journalist has said that it is set to revive the dying literacy levels in this part of the world and education chiefs have asked Brown if he can educate those children currently out of school. Other local schools pay regular visits to the library as currently they have mainly children's books. Apparently adults have visited and Brown from the BMF has told them that they will be receiving adult books soon.

You can see from the video R World has prepared of the opening ceremony that the community is delighted with their new library and I know that some of the children who currently haven't got funding for secondary school are studying in there most days. It is piquing the ambition of these children and the impact is growing all the time.

Here is the video : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8nMq6zEYtdk>

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Project Photos





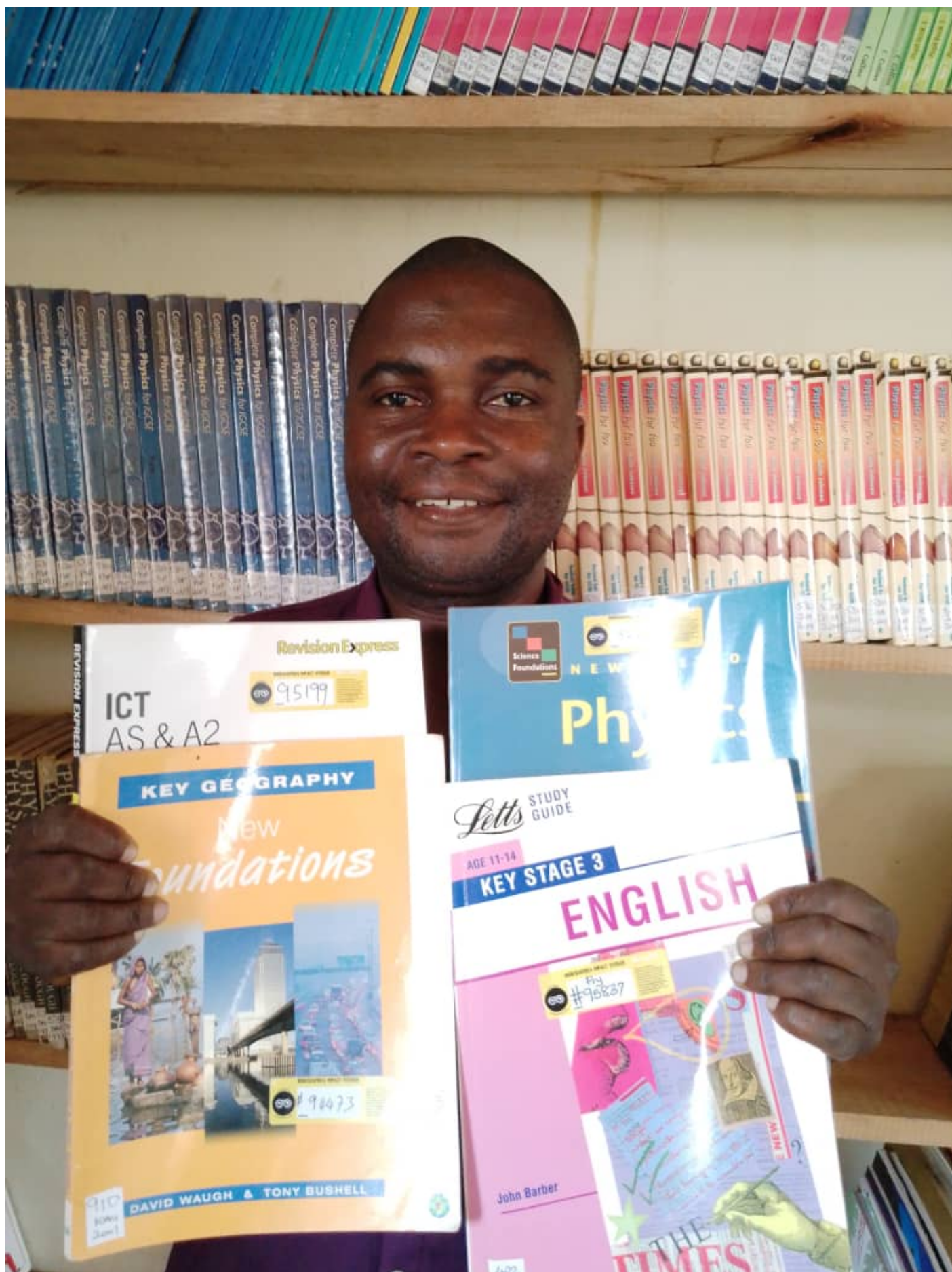
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Section B - Impact Report Numbers

Date you received books and/or computers

31/05/2025

How would you rate the condition of the books received?

5 (Excellent)

How would you rate the condition of the computers received?

3

Number of books received

2000

Number of computers received

6

Number of students/learners to benefit each year from materials received

1000

Number of teachers/staff to benefit from materials received

6

Section C - Your Contact Details

Contact Name

Mrs. Lesley Curtis

Project Name

R World's library in north-east Malawi

Project Location - Community

Chitimba

Project Location - Country

United Kingdom

Type of Project

Nursery or Primary School

Feedback

It would have been helpful if there was a little more feedback as to the whereabouts of the books in transit.

Consent

✓ I confirm the information provided is accurate and I agree to the [Privacy and Data Protection Policy, and Terms of Use](#).