



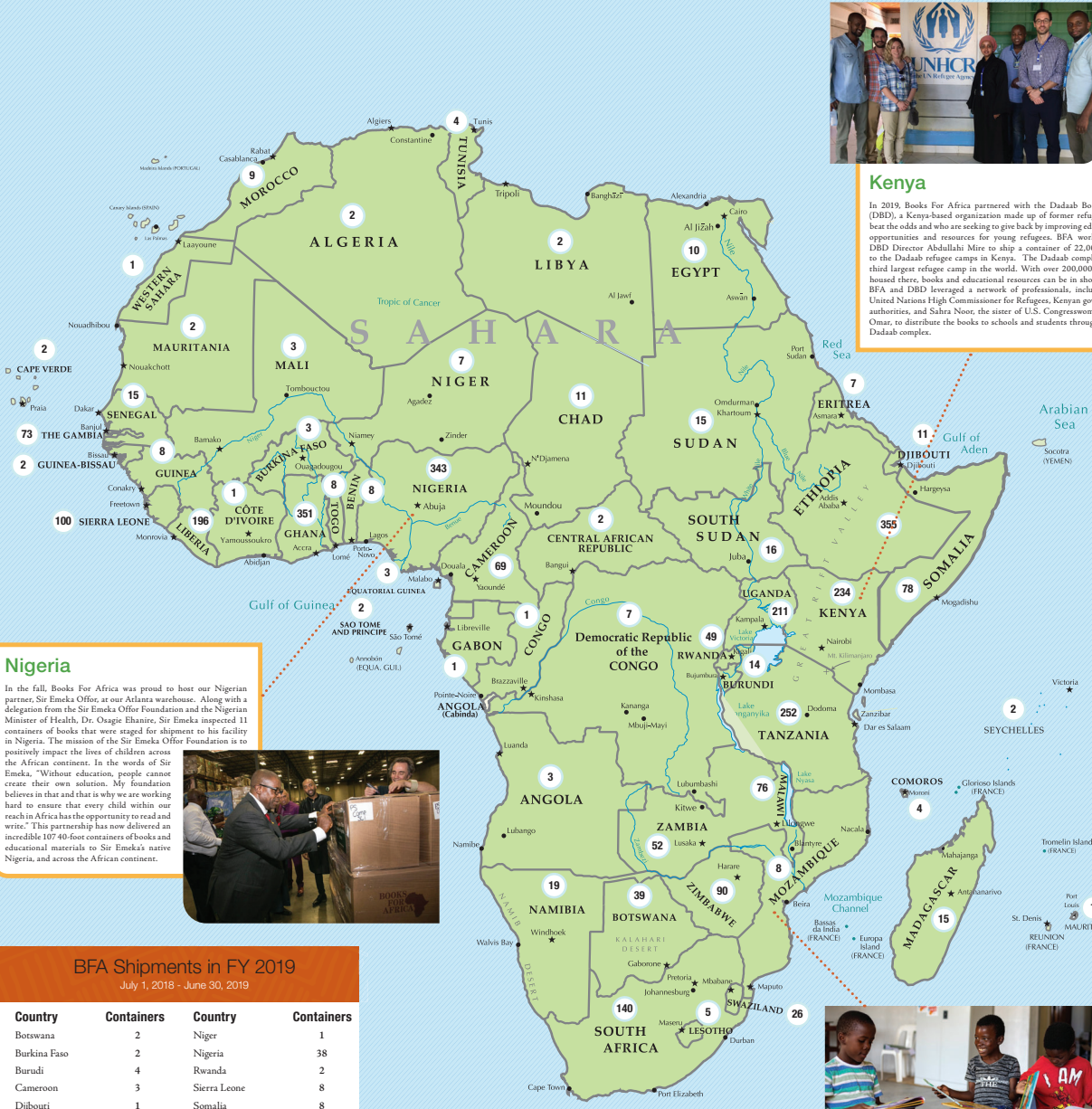
Law & Democracy Milestones

There was cause for celebration when Books For Africa's Jack Mason Law & Democracy Initiative delivered its 100th law library in a shipment to the Supreme Court of Namibia through the support of strategic partner Thomson Reuters. To mark the occasion, BFA joined former Minneapolis Mayor and Thomson Reuters VP for Government Relations and Strategic Partnerships, Sharon Sayles Belton, and other friends and partners of both BFA and Thomson Reuters. Former U.S. Vice President Walter Mondale wrote a congratulatory letter for the occasion, noting that providing law books "has a transformative impact well beyond the classroom or courtroom, strengthening the rule of law and improving the lives of thousands of people and their communities."



African Union Partnership

Books For Africa announced a formal partnership with the African Union in 2019, and BFA leadership attended the 2019 African Union Summit in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Her Excellency Arikana Chihombori-Quao, African Union Ambassador to the U.S., agreed to serve as Co-Chair of the Jack Mason Law & Democracy Initiative, a position previously held by the late former U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan. Ambassador Chihombori-Quao and BFA Summit Society Chair, His Excellency Dr. Ngosa Simbyakula, Ambassador of Malawi to the U.S., co-hosted our annual Summit Society reception at the African Union Mission in Washington D.C., where they were joined by a large contingent from the African Diplomatic Corps.



Nigeria

In the fall, Books For Africa was proud to host our Nigerian partner, Sir Emeke Ofor, at our Atlanta warehouse. Along with a delegation from the Sir Emeke Ofor Foundation and the Nigerian Minister of Health, Dr. Otaga Ehanine, Sir Emeke inspected 11 containers of books that were staged for shipment to his facility in Nigeria. The mission of the Sir Emeke Ofor Foundation is to positively impact the lives of children across the African continent. In the words of Sir Emeke, "Without education, people cannot create their own solution. My foundation believes in that and that is why we are working hard to ensure that every child within our reach in Africa has the opportunity to read and write." This partnership has now delivered an incredible 107,406 containers of books and educational materials to Sir Emeke's native Nigeria, and across the African continent.



Kenya

In 2019, Books For Africa partnered with the Dadaab Book Drive (DBD), a Kenya-based organization made up of former refugees who bear the odds and who are seeking to give back by improving educational opportunities and resources for young refugees. BFA worked with DBD Director Abubakari Mire to ship a container of 22,000 books to the Dadaab refugee camps in Kenya. The Dadaab complex is the third largest refugee camp in the world. With over 200,000 refugees housed there, books and educational resources can be in short supply. BFA and DBD leveraged a network of professionals, including the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Kenyan government authorities, and Sahra Noss, the sister of U.S. Congressman Ilhan Omar, to distribute the books to schools and students throughout the Dadaab complex.



Mozambique

This year, Books For Africa worked in partnership with Barefoot Books to publish 10 titles in Portuguese for a shipment to Mozambique. A total of 300,000 books, with a retail value of \$6 million, were custom printed in Hong Kong and shipped from its port. Upon arrival in Mozambique in late summer, BFA partner COVIDA distributed the books to orphans and their caregivers. This project was part of a new 'Books For Africa Publishing' initiative, in which BFA will begin publishing books in local languages. The books selected to launch this initiative have African themes and characters, educational notes and other learning materials. The funding partner on this project was FHH \$60; the funds are part of a five-year multi-million dollar effort in Mozambique under the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief.

BFA Shipments in FY 2019
July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

Country	Containers	Country	Containers
Botswana	2	Niger	1
Burkina Faso	2	Nigeria	38
Burundi	4	Rwanda	2
Cameroun	3	Sierra Leone	8
Djibouti	1	Somalia	8
Egypt	1	South Africa	20
Equatorial Guinea	2	Swaziland	4
Ethiopia	22	Tanzania	9
Ghana	18	The Gambia	2
Guinea	1	Togo	1
Kenya	14	Uganda	16
Liberia	7	Zambia	6
Malawi	10	Zimbabwe	5
Morocco	1		
Namibia	2	TOTAL	212

TOTALS: 212 container units, 155 computers and E-readers, 9 WestCore law libraries, 3.3 million hard copy books and 440,671 digital books to 29 countries
TOTAL VALUE: \$31 million

● Number of container shipments sent since 1988