

## **UBA Foundation Promotes the Reading Culture at GBHS Kribi and Benigna Etoudi Yaoundé through the Read Africa Initiative.**



The UBA Foundation that handles the corporate social responsibility projects of the United Bank for Africa has donated more than 2500 books to the libraries of Government Bilingual High School Kribi Library and College Benigna Etoudi Yaoundé. The handing over ceremony took place in Kribi on Friday 15 October 2021 in GBHS Kribi and 5 November 2021 at the campus of College Benigna in Etoudi Yaoundé.

The Read Africa is an initiative of the UBA Foundation aimed at rekindling the dwindling reading culture amongst African youths. Nowadays children's passion for reading informative and educative

books is fast eroding. This is part what this initiative is working to correct in the educational sector.

Handing over the books the Mrs. Francoise Dion, Regional Director for the Center 1 Region personally representing the Managing Director of UBA Cameroon called on the students to improve on their reading, as it will open up the doors of the world to them. She also challenged them to continue to be curious and constantly remain motivate in the quest for knowledge. In her own words" you can travel round the world by reading books".

The principals of GBHS Kribi and College Benignia expressed their gratitude for the gesture of the UBA Foundation for this will go a long way to increase the number of books available in the school libraries.

LARMAHI ZAMEDJO Principal of GBHS Kribi happily welcomed the donation of books to his school. According to him, this comes at a time when the student population is growing and there are not adequate books for all to read in the library.

Rev. Sr. Cécile Eveline NSENG Principal of College Benignia Etoudi Yaoundé was very emotional about the selection their school for such a laudable donation. With a student size of more than 2000, these books will ensure the library will have a go number of books the student can read.

GBHS Kribi a reputed institution in the South Region of Cameroon with over 6000 students. College Benignia is a Catholic school operating for more than 4 decades with a great reputation.

The books donated were, Segu authored by Maryse Condé and Fine Boy authored by Eghosa Imausen. The books are in both English and French and will be available to students in the school libraries.

The read Africa initiative conceived in 2011 by the UBA Foundation has distributed more than 500,000 books authored by African writers (in English, French & Portuguese) every year across 20 African countries. It falls in line with one of the sustainable development goals that promotes quality education. In 2021, the UBA Foundation has carried out the read Africa Initiative in 3 school across 3 regions of Cameroon providing books to more than thirteen thousand secondary and high school students.





