



**BIBLIONEF
PROJECT PROPOSAL**

**TO PROVIDE
STORYBOOKS FOR SCHOOLS IN
NDWEDWE DISTRICT,
DURBAN,
KWAZULU-NATAL PROVINCE**

INTRODUCTION TO BIBLIONEF AND THE PROBLEM SOUTH AFRICAN CHILDREN FACE

Biblioneef SA is a Not for Profit Organisation that donates new storybooks to children's organisations, mostly in the rural areas, throughout South Africa. Our goal is to provide deprived children with new books in their mother tongue, thus helping them understand the world around them and enabling them to lay a solid foundation of knowledge and awareness which is every person's birthright. Biblioneef is unique in South Africa in providing storybooks in all eleven official languages. The majority of children have little or no access to storybooks as they are too far from a Public Library and have no storybooks in their homes or in their schools. South Africa still faces a deficit of 60% of schools not having libraries. It is becoming increasingly clear that children who are not proficient in their home language have immense difficulties in grasping concepts when being taught at school and also have reading problems. But most of all Biblioneef believes that children should be able to read for pleasure and enjoyment in their own language. Biblioneef SA has a strong track record of giving books to children and has donated **over 250 000 books** to children's organisations since August 1998. We have also built important co-operations as well as partnerships with many organisations. One of these includes the Japanese Embassy where we have provided book stock for 17 school libraries they have recently established.

PROJECT PROPOSAL

The Ndwedwe District of KwaZulu-Natal is mostly rural, with only the coastal areas being urban. It lies north of Durban with the nearest towns being Verulam and Tongaat. The area is dominated by Zulu-speaking people so there is a great need for children to be able to read books in their own language IsiZulu. The storybooks that they need must be well written and well illustrated. Stories should be interesting and appealing to the children if we are to create a sustainable reading culture.

The majority of children in this area do not have access to storybooks. They depend on the Tongaat and Verulam Public Libraries, which are quite distant from the surrounding villages. Although a few old books may be found in isolated classrooms, any meaningful form of library is non-existent. Because of high levels of unemployment many of the parents of the learners are unable to pay the minimum school fees, which means that these schools lack the basic funds with which to purchase books.

Biblioneef SA would like to provide the children at 10 schools in the Ndwedwe area, with storybooks to form the core of a new library at their school. This will give children at each school the opportunity to have access to a large number of appropriate storybooks. With the aid of the teachers they will learn to read in their own language

Learning to read and sustaining an interest in reading will enable the children to help themselves in acquiring information and essential skills to equip them for South Africa's school syllabus. This will ensure that the children at these schools have a positive educational future and as adults will be able to participate more fully in the future of the Province.

The 10 schools I have selected have been recommended by ELITS (*Education Library Information and Technology Services*). Educators from these schools have constantly shown interest in developing a library at their schools and in developing a programme to promote reading. The majority of these teachers have attended library courses so they will be able to manage their resources effectively. Biblioneef will ensure that further training is given and will hold a workshop with the teachers on the day the books are handed over to them.

The 10 Schools Biblioneef proposes helping with this project are as follows:

1. Mayelesweni Primary School
2. Magudwini Primary School
3. Emakhasini Primary School
4. Gcinimfundo Secondary School

5. KwaNokusho Combined Primary School
6. Isifisoethu Secondary School
7. Magongolo Junior Primary School
8. Dikwayo Primary School
9. Hambanathi Senior Primary School
10. Nkosibomvu Secondary School

The media advisors of the Department of Education for KwaZulu-Natal, Mrs. T.C. Mdalose (Tel.: 034 989 9875), Pat Magwaza (Tel.: 031 360 6073) and M.P. Dube (Tel.: 031 360 6911) have given an undertaking to visit the schools and support the project.

The schools are required to notify Biblionef that the books have been received and they must then report quarterly on the impact the books are making on the children including the improvement in reading.

Each children's organisation that we donate books to is asked to carry out a community project as a way of showing their gratitude for receiving the donation. This could be cleaning the schoolyard, painting a wall or singing to pensioners. Biblionef believes this plays an important role in community pride and development and is empowering.

Biblionef undertakes to report on all phases of the project; that funding has been received, that the books have been delivered as well as to give full information on how the books have been received and the reaction of the children as well as the impact on their reading skills.

PROJECT BUDGET

Biblionef would like to assist each of the 10 schools with a donation in 2005 of 250 books per school.

The average cost of a book = **R 60.00.**(ca 7,50 Euro)

250 books @ R60.00 each = **R 15 000.00** (ca 1866,50 euro)

Dispatch of books, travel and training = **R 750.00** (ca 93,32 euro)

Administration costs = **R 1 500.00** (ca 186,64 euro)

For 1 School:

R17 250.00 will provide one (1) school with 250 books. (2146,32 euro)

For 10 Schools:

R 17 250.00 x 10 Schools = R 172 500.00 (ca 21.463,23 euro)

If you would like to help only a selection of schools then Biblionef will try to raise the Funding for the remaining schools from other sources.

All prices are given in South African Rand's due to the continuing fluctuation of the currency against the Euro.

CONCLUSION

Without your help we will not be able to achieve the above. Together we can effectively reach a great many children with books. We will be able to give vital support to communities who are desperately trying to improve their own conditions, but without the resources to do this they are facing immense challenges. There is an incredible spirit among our people who only want the chance to be able to show what they can achieve. With your financial support Biblionef can carry out the project described in this proposal and this will mean so much to the children. The joy on the faces of children receiving a new book in their mother tongue is wonderful to see and the advantages gained by the children are immense. Please help Biblionef to help them to realise their dreams.

BIBLIONEF SA ORGANISATIONAL INFORMATION

NAME OF ORGANISATION	Biblioneef SA
COMPANY REGISTRATION NO.	1998/018378/08
TYPE OF ORGANISATION	Non-Profit Organisation Section 21 Company
NPO Number	022-664-NPO
PROJECT PURPOSE	Donate books to children that have no access to reading material

ACCOUNTING DETAILS

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STATUS	Section 21 Company Registration No.: 1998/018378/08

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