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LAUNCHING OUR MOBILE LIBRARY BOOK BOX LIBRARY CLUB

Despite the unexpected challenges that the Covid-19 pandemic brought to 2020 it has been a big year for Christianna Foundation. Following extensive research and planning in 2019, Book Box Library Club (BBLC), officially launched its pilot phase in Ona-Ara, Oyo State in February. As our first mobile library initiative, BBLC was designed to service some of the most hard to reach primary school children. It is a bespoke service, created in response to the specific needs of the region and in collaboration with the community. Ona-Ara is a severely under-resourced rural local authority where almost all of the schools lack the capacity to maintain a school library. Lack of windows, leaking roofs and poor security are among the issues which make the provision of a stand alone library unsustainable. Our research revealed that only 8.8% of the primary school children in Ona-Ara had library access, and of the three existing libraries two had been built by Christianna Foundation. BBLC is a pop-up library that visits primary schools every 2- weeks, lending books directly to children for use at school and at home. It is our most ambitious project to date, aiming to service 102 primary schools across Ona-Ara, reaching 20,000 children by 2023.

Book Box Library Club launches in its first 5 schools reaching 700 pupils.

- St. Paul's Anglican Primary, Kajola
- CAC Primary, Akinkemi
- IDC Basic School, Olorunda
- St. John's Basic School, Idi-Ose
- St. Peter's Anglican School, Ojuku

The BBLC pilot was suspended in March due to Covid school closures. We'll be back soon.

"Before the introduction of Book Box Library Club, pupils had no access to storybooks... It is a setback for the literacy levels of children, many of them have not handled storybooks before. They never got to talk of reading."

Mr Olopade—Head Teacher St. Paul's Kajola March 2020

