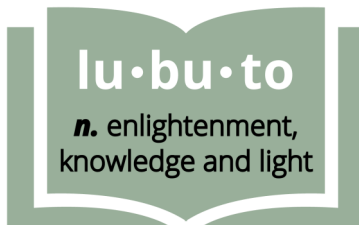




Libraries transforming Africa's next generation



in the Bemba language

Lubuto Library Partners sustainably creates opportunities for equitable education and poverty reduction in Africa. Its mission is to enlighten and enrich the lives of young people—especially those not in school and highly vulnerable—through responsive library services. Lubuto constructs a growing network of welcoming public libraries inspired by indigenous architecture, developing a model in Zambia poised to scale regionally. The libraries are owned and operated by committed local organizations. Lubuto maintains a continuous learning process, introducing children and youth services adapted to community needs.

Through advocacy and direct work with young people, Lubuto has successfully pioneered the use of public libraries as a platform for cross-sectoral impact and challenged narrow perceptions about what a library can be and do. We are guiding African libraries in connecting all children and youth with resources, services, and programs that empower them to realize their rights and transform their societies for the better.



Lubuto libraries have served **more than 150,000** children and youth in **over 1.5 million visits**
Lubuto Model Library in Lusaka receives an average of 2,200 visits per week

How do libraries transform young lives?

Lubuto libraries provide knowledgeably curated, highest quality **print collections and digital resources**.

The libraries offer dynamic **programs** for education, psychosocial support, and self-expression through reading, music, art, drama, computers, mentoring, makerspaces and other activities. Vulnerable youth are supported by local language and English literacy programs, sign-language storytimes, childcare for young mothers, coding camps—adaptable offerings for **all ages and abilities**.

Social service, health and legal **referrals** are available through the libraries, with active, regular **outreach** ensuring the libraries reach all young people with life-changing services.

Lubuto partners with local and international organizations to **advocate** for universal **rights** of children and youth and **gender equity**.

Lubuto innovated solutions—supported by PEPFAR and ViiV Healthcare— demonstrating that dynamic public libraries are a uniquely accessible and caring environment for linking high-risk girls to programs and resources that empower them to **prevent HIV infections, avoid early marriages** and **stay in school**.



“...children who have lived their lives in the margins finally find themselves at the centre—and learn that they deserve to be there.”

-Stacy Langner, Board Member



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