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Introducing Lubuto Library Partners

Lubuto Library Project renamed to better express its mission

Washington, DC (October 15, 2014) — The Lubuto Library Project's board of directors today announced that the organization's name has been changed to Lubuto Library Partners. The new name underscores the fundamental importance of the partnership between Lubuto libraries and the local communities that they serve. Lubuto is making this change on the eve of its 10th anniversary and the opening of its first rural library.

"We chose this name in recognition of the partnerships that help define and animate our work. It highlights Lubuto's pioneering partnerships with the Zambia Library Service and the library profession in Zambia and worldwide," Lubuto's Founder and President Jane Kinney Meyers said. "We have long felt that the word 'project' made it seem like our work is short-term, but our partners in Zambia have noted our long-term commitment to supporting them."

Lubuto Library Partners will officially open its third library in Zambia, the first in a rural area, on November 6, 2014 in the Southern Province town of Nabukuyu. This library represents the fruits of longstanding partnerships in Zambia and financial underwriting by the U.K. foundation Comic Relief and the Open Society Initiative of Southern Africa.

ABOUT LUBUTO LIBRARY PARTNERS:

Lubuto Library Partners (www.Lubuto.org) is an innovative development organization that builds the capacity of public libraries to create opportunities for equitable education and poverty reduction. Its mission is to enlighten and enrich the lives of children and youth in sub-Saharan Africa, especially those not in school and highly vulnerable.

Lubuto constructs enduring, indigenously-styled open-access libraries stocked with comprehensive collections of well-chosen books and appropriate technology. These libraries serve as safe havens and are the center for Lubuto's programs, which offer education, psychosocial support and self-expression through reading, music, art, drama, computers, mentoring and other activities.

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