

WHAT DOES BIBLIOBUS MEAN ?



The bibliobus is a mobile library concept initiated in Côte d'Ivoire by Mrs Dominique Ouattara, President of the Children Africa Foundation. The goal is to improve access to books for children throughout the country. The project resulted from a need to address the limited availability of libraries in Côte d'Ivoire.

As its name indicates, the bibliobus is a bus designed for use as library which travels across the country, with more than 3,000 books on board to educate, entertain and inform preschool and high school children. The young readers are between 4 and 18 years old. Each mobile library is outfitted with two computers with internet connection, in order to bring technology closer to children. A video library of 100 movies and documentaries on various themes such as, wildlife, human body, history and geography, is also made available for the young readers.



WHAT ARE BIBLIOBUS USED FOR ?

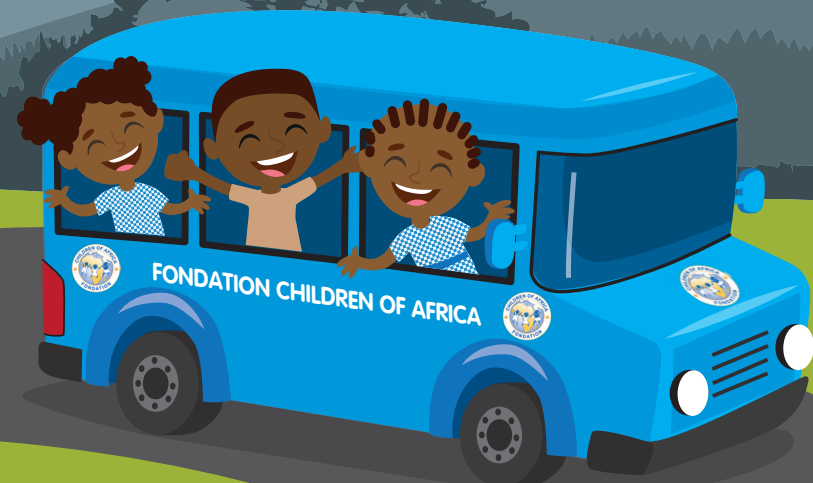
The goal is to :

Promote the reading habit among young children

Bring the world of books and technology to a young audience

Ensure children possess the necessary thinking skills

Connect young people to the outside world and provide wider access to knowledge



THE BIBLIOBUS ENJOYS GREAT SUCCESS EVERY YEAR



9 Mobile libraries available

Our mobile libraries have received about

300,000 children



The concept is designed for children aged

4 to 18

Readers have access to more than

50,000



The mobile library has been running for

11 years

In Côte d'Ivoire, our mobile libraries have serviced more than

40 localities



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THE BIBLIOBUS

OUR CONTRIBUTION TO PROMOTE BOOKS AND READING PLEASURES IN COTE D'IVOIRE



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THE BIBLIOBUS BRINGS THE WORLD OF BOOKS TO CHILDREN

*To a large extent the success of this project is due to the variety of its services and materials and its exceptional modularity.
Thanks to its mobility, the bookmobile, once on site, offers a wide range of activities for the joy of children*

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Two computers with internet access.



A LIBRARY

A library with more than 3,000 books on education, entertainment and general interest.



A VIDEO LIBRARY

A video library with 100 films, cartoons or documentaries.



A READING AREA

The bookmobile is also designed to accommodate small groups of children on board.



A SET OF FURNITURE

A set of tables, chairs and parasols that can be quickly customized for the locations.

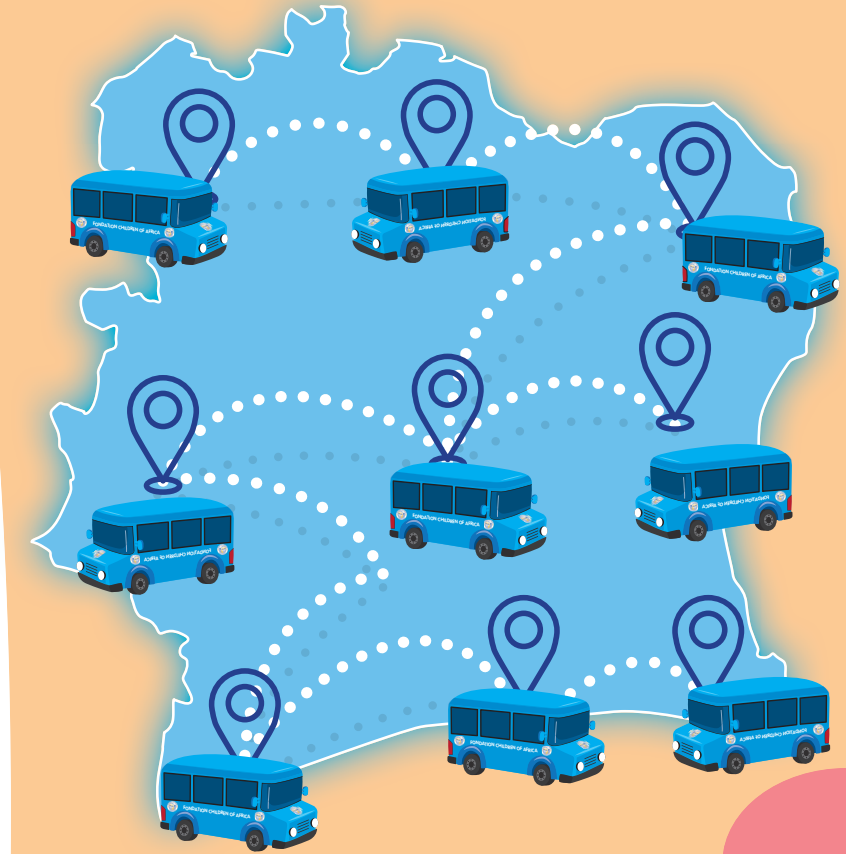


A CONTINUOUS ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM

Apart from library services, other activities are also organized such as film screenings to entertain the kids.



9 MOBILE LIBRARIES HAS BEEN TRAVELLING ACROSS THE COUNTRY



The bus had its first trip on December 15, 2008. Since then, we have nine mobile libraries which criss-cross the towns and villages of Côte d'Ivoire. The project was so successful that today the buses are requested in the 31 regions of the country.

A NEW 2-FLOOR BIBLIOBUS



The acquisition of 2-level English bus by the Children of Africa Foundation has expanded the number of mobile libraries available.

This new vehicle provides even more space for different activities.