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Dear Sir,

## **RE: APPRECIATION**

This is to acknowledge receipt of over 20,000 university books that were kindly donated by your organization to Kisii University. As a University we are indeed much honoured to be the recipient of the high quality donated books. We believe that this donation will go a longway towards increasing access to books and thus support Books for Africa's mission of ending the book famine in Africa.

Kisii University is a young national public University which was chartered in 2013. Since then, it has grown tremendously both in student numbers and academic programmes. Currently, the student population is approximately 15,000 spread across nine faculties namely; Health Sciences, Business and Economics, Information Science and Technology, Education and Human Resource Development, Agriculture and Natural Resource Management, Law, Arts and Social Sciences, Engineering and Innovative Technology, and Pure and Applied Sciences (SPAS). However, due to limited and dwindling government funding, it has been difficult to stock our library which has three floors with a sitting capacity of 5000 students in order to serve students and faculty effectively. The received books will go a longway to support the University in its endeavour to stock the library to full capacity. Further, the University will be able to promote a reading culture among its staff and students through provision of high quality books. Todate, we have books only in one floor and we envisage that the donated books will be distributed across our campuses as well as serve the second floor of our library. This further demonstrates a dire need for the University to source for more books if it has to meet the increasing demand for books among faculty and students.

We are in the process of cataloguing and distributing the books to various campuses based on need and in due course we will provide you with a detailed report on the usage of the books. Furthermore, we will include feedback from the beneficiaries on the impact of the books on the teaching learning process.

Indeed, we are touched by your generosity and willingness to support the University in its undertaking to realize its strategic objectives. We look forward to a lasting and fruitful partnership between Books for Africa and Kisii University.

Yours Sincerely

Prof. J. S. Akama, PhD VICE CHANCELLOR