

A high-angle photograph of two young children sitting on a reddish-brown floor. The child on the left is wearing a maroon long-sleeved shirt and black shorts, holding a tablet displaying a book cover titled 'Le Neveu de Roméo'. The child on the right is wearing a purple and black plaid shirt and tan shorts, holding a tablet displaying a book titled 'MÉTAPHYSIQUE POÉTIQUE'. In the top left corner, a green metal case with a silver latch and the letter 'N' is visible. The legs and feet of several adults are partially visible around the children, suggesting they are in a classroom or library setting.

# *Reducing vulnerability through access to information*

SOCIAL INNOVATION IN PRACTICE & POLICY

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***17*** *years*









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The KoomBook emits a close range wi-fi signal.



Users can connect to the wi-fi via their telephone, tablet or computer.



Users easily navigate the server through any existing web browser.



Users can browse content as well as downloaded and upload their own content to be shared.



When the KoomBook is connected to the internet, it updates all locally created content to the cloud.



Comes with up to 5 hours of battery life!



**We bring the best of the Internet offline**



One digital library  
millions of contents  
infinite uses

**And work with local content  
providers in 20+ languages**

English, French,  
Spanish, Greek, Arabic,  
German, Pashto,  
Kurdish, Amharic, Farsi,  
Swahili, Kirundi,  
Wolof, Urdu, etc.



### **For Libraries**

IdeasCube multiplies the number of resources offered by libraries without high-speed or consistent Internet access.



### **At School or Universities**

IdeasCube is a powerful educational tool in schools and universities. The thousands of resources available allow teachers to propose new learning opportunities for students.



### **For professionals**

The flexibility of IdeasCube makes it an extremely useful tool for many professions. For example, it enables lawyers and judges or health workers to get access to up-to-date high-quality content and training materials.



### **In Home**

IdeasCube makes the best of the Internet available for families at home, where Internet data may be inconsistent or expensive.







*Ideas Boxes in  
humanitarian &  
post-conflict situations  
by the end of 2018.*

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*Ideas Boxes  
implemented with  
libraries and local  
institutions to serve  
isolated, rural,  
marginalized  
communities.*

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BRONX, DETROIT | WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE | PARIS | SENEGAL | AUSTRALIA

*4M+ people served by our operations since 2007*  
*200 libraries created and 300 supported in more than 27 countries*  
*More than 5,000 librarians trained to become cultural entrepreneurs*



**HUMANITARIAN &  
POST-CONFLICT  
INTERVENTION**



**EMPOWERMENT,  
EDUCATION &  
ACCESS TO CULTURE**



**SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP  
& TRANSFORMATION**



# Main impacts

## Better education

*Ideas Box increases academic performance by 23%.*

## Youth empowerment

*Ideas Box promotes curiosity, social cohesion and creativity.*

## Child protection

*Ideas Box offers a safe space for children and prevents gang enrolment and child abuse.*

## Community building

*Ideas Box boosts community vibrancy and resilience.*

Check our impact reports on  
[www.ideas-box.org](http://www.ideas-box.org)





**250 MILLION** CHILDREN  
ACROSS THE GLOBE  
ARE NOT LEARNING  
BASIC LITERACY AND  
NUMERACY SKILLS



ONLY **43%** OF THE  
WORLD POPULATION IS  
CONNECTED TO THE  
INTERNET

➔ & **57 MILLIONS** ARE OUT OF SCHOOL



**800 MILLION**  
PEOPLE STILL  
LIVE IN EXTREME  
POVERTY

*We believe that libraries are no longer just a collection of books, but **connectivity hubs** that empower economic and human development, and provide people with the tools to transform their lives.*

















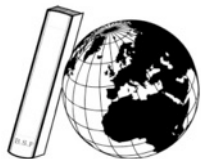




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