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VODACOM Business Nigeria has donated a fully-equipped library to the pupils of SS. Peter & Paul School, Ikate Elegushi. The school is managed by Loving Gaze, a not-for-profit organisation.

According to Mr. Lanre Kolade, Managing Director for Vodacom Business Nigeria, the library was donated to promote a reading culture among the pupils from primary school. It will also help to prepare them for secondary and tertiary education by enabling them to learn about the world outside their school and their immediate environment.

### Immediate environment

The library donation includes various books, furniture and multi-media equipment. The company also donated quality [backpacks](#) and water bottles to the pupils of SS. Peter & Paul School Ikate Elegushi and St. John School, Ikorodu, Lagos to help the children carry their learning materials and drinking water to school.

According to Mr Kolade, the library donation is part of Vodacom Business Nigeria's Power to You programme which aims to give schools, especially those in underserved areas, access to the same facilities available to students in major cities or developed schools. Kolade added that Vodacom's doors are always open to schools that want to learn about new technologies that will enhance learning and prepare students for the evolving world.

He encouraged the students to use the library to learn about other countries, [cultures](#), music and science. "By reading books you become more knowledgeable, this makes you a more valuable person in the future" he said.

Mrs [Barbara](#) Pepoli, the General Manager of Loving Gaze who received the donations on behalf of the school, expressed her gratitude to Vodacom and assured the company that the library would be used to improve the reading proficiency of their pupils. She also appealed to other [corporates](#) to [donate](#) to charitable organisations in [communities](#) where they operate and for parents to encourage their children and wards to broaden their horizons by reading.