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# **West African schools receive Sevier County equipment donations**

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SEYMOUR, Tenn. (WATE) — Desks and equipment from Sevier County Schools arrived in West Africa to be distributed to more than 10 schools.

In July, students filled [two shipping containers with desks and other school equipment to be donated](#). The donations were originally going to be distributed to six schools but the Sevier County School System said they obtained more than 800 used desks and chairs.

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The Sevier County School System said the desks, chairs and equipment were received in 10 schools across Sierra Leone. There were given to the schools throughout the last few weeks.

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Students helping to bring desks, chairs and equipment to the shipping containers. Courtesy of the Sevier County School System

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After recent classroom upgrades, two Sevier County schools wanted to ensure that the old desks and equipment are put to good use rather than sent to a landfill.

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The surplus equipment was donated to Develop Africa, a Johnson City charity devoted to improving education in Africa. Patrick Doyle, CEO of the Seymour-based DMS Health Technologies who also serves as a lacrosse coach at Sevier High School, took on the shipping challenges and donated the costs.

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