

ALL CHILDREN READING: A GRAND CHALLENGE FOR DEVELOPMENT



793 MILLION ADULTS
WORLDWIDE
CANNOT
READ THESE
WORDS.



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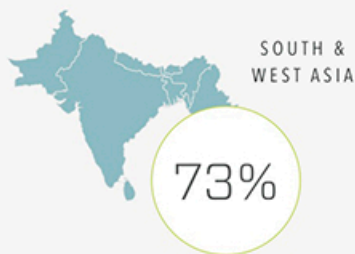
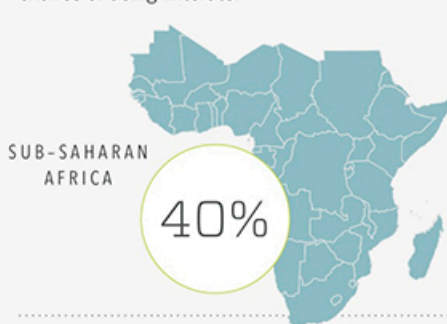


84%
of illiterate adults live
in just 35 countries

GLOBAL LITERACY CHALLENGES

In some sub-Saharan African countries, children with 5 years of education still have a 40% chance of being illiterate.

73% of illiterate adults live in South and West Asia and sub-Saharan Africa.



In low income countries the majority of students do not acquire basic reading skills even after four years of primary school.

61 MILLION
PRIMARY SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN
ARE OUT OF SCHOOL

IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA ALONE,
10 MILLION
DROP OUT
OF PRIMARY SCHOOL EVERY YEAR.



MORE THAN 70%
of children in primary grades cannot read at grade level in Mali, Pakistan and Peru.

LITERACY PLAYS A TREMENDOUS ROLE IN FUTURE SUCCESS

Literacy offers people better lives with more opportunities: it improves health, increases income, offers safer and more stable democracies and enables more community involvement.



HEALTH

A child born to a mother who can read is 50% more likely to survive past age 5.



FINANCIAL SECURITY

171 million people could be lifted out of poverty if all students in low-income countries left school with basic reading skills — that is equivalent to a 12% drop in the number of people living on less than \$1.25 a day.



ECONOMY

Countries that have experienced surges in literacy rates by 20-30% have seen simultaneous increases in GDP of 8-16%.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

You can make a difference in the lives of millions. Through All Children Reading: a Grand Challenge for Development, USAID and partners seek and share innovations and solutions for:

- Widespread access to improved teaching and learning materials
- Better education data to support decision-making, transparency, incentives and accountability

Visit www.AllChildrenReading.org to learn more, offer and share ideas, and be part of the solution. Together, let's get All Children Reading.

Please find all facts and their references at www.allchildrenreading.org/sources.

