

SUMMARY

Through your support, Unlock Literacy in Rwanda is equipping parents and children with the tools and resources to support learning.

The project team trained 1,526 reading camp facilitators (85% of the annual target), who provide students additional reading instruction after school, and formed 533 reading camps (89% of the annual target) for students.

Teachers and reading camp facilitators met to discuss the challenges for students who attend reading camps. This helped reading camp facilitators choose more appropriate books for students as well as understand how to support teachers with improving reading content.

“[These meetings] helped us to know how we can facilitate reading camp sessions step by step,” says Niyomugabo Bonaventure, reading camp facilitator from Byiringiro area

program. “It even helped me know how to teach children using games.”

To promote reading and increase literacy levels with students, 51,632 books were purchased and distributed.

To help the project pursue its goal of reaching 50,000 students, the team trained 989 teachers from 92 schools and increased the program areas from five to seven. Teachers also learned English language teaching and core reading skills techniques.

Since the average reading comprehension level for students served by the project is at 22%, the team continues to implement strategies to raise this score by the project’s end.

Together, we are empowering more children and families to educate themselves and change their communities for the better.

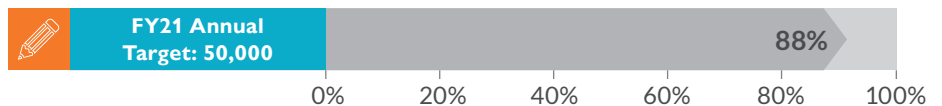


“I have acquired very effective story reading techniques. I have known the five core reading skills. For a child to know a language, the five core reading skills are of paramount importance. Also, the scorecard we studied helps in knowing how a child is performing in a language.”

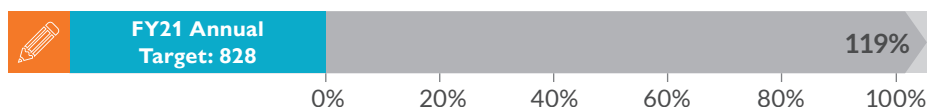
—Ntirandekura Philbert, teacher from Umucyo area program (not pictured)

PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES

44,230 students improved their literacy through school and reading camps



989 teachers equipped with Unlock Literacy methodology and training



18,100 parents empowered to support their children’s literacy acquisition



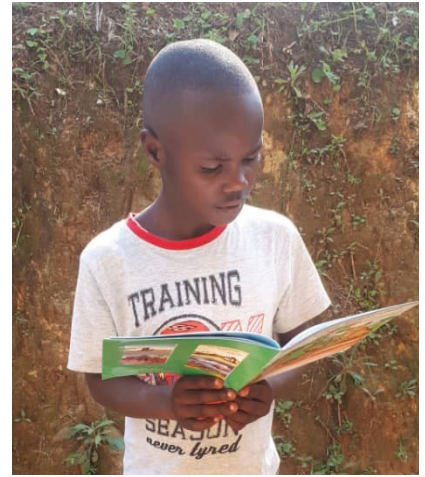
51,632 storybooks distributed to children to borrow and read



CHALLENGES AND ADAPTATIONS

Although Unlock Literacy had significant achievements in FY21, the pandemic made it difficult for the team to execute all activities. However, they adapted Parental Awareness Workshops from large-group trainings into shorter, individualized messages. Going house-to-house, the team trained parents on how they can play an active role in their children's education. For example, parents who send their children to Reading Camps can then create reading corners at home.

At the beginning of FY21, the project team introduced house-to-house book lending to avoid large group gatherings, but after some restrictions were lifted, children gathered safely in limited numbers.



"I regularly attend a reading camp because of its enjoyable songs and games that help me improve English language."

*—Abera, 9, Grade 2 student,
Umucyo area program*

LIFE-OF-PROGRAM UPDATE



PLANS FOR THE NEXT SIX MONTHS

While strong measures have been put in place to prevent the spread of COVID-19, the project team will work toward completing the following activities:

- Reach the remaining 6,900 parents with messages encouraging them to support their children's literacy development, in addition to maintaining contact with parents previously reached
- Provide refresher training for teachers on literacy strategies
- Establish the remaining 67 reading camps with 274 facilitators to effectively lead and conduct meetings with teachers and facilitators to discuss reading camp challenges

THANK YOU

Thank you for your generous gift towards Unlock Literacy in Rwanda. Together, we can empower vulnerable children to live into a future of their choosing by supporting their education today.

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FINANCIALS

Program spending October 2020 through September 2021

Program Description	FY21 Budget	FY21 Spending	Project-to- Date Spending	Project-to- Date Funding
Established reading camps in targeted area programs	\$ 140,906	\$ 293,999	\$ 575,876	\$ 406,257
Trained primary school teachers in Unlock Literacy methodologies	73,317	36,677	36,676	73,317
Raised awareness among parents and other caregivers on the importance of supporting their children's literacy development	95,588	28,206	28,206	95,588
Established strong monitoring and evaluation system	34,183	8,560	8,560	34,183
Project management costs	68,602	43,779	80,654	106,512
Office operating costs	60,839	38,840	61,455	98,947
Subtotal	473,435	450,061	791,427	814,804
Management and fundraising	157,812	150,020	263,809	271,602
Total	\$ 631,247	\$ 600,081	\$ 1,055,236	\$ 1,086,406