World Vision

FUTURE › EDUCATION
Every child deserves to read.

🧍 Goal
Deliver educational programs, books, and **training** for 1 million children, young adults, parents, and teachers

📈 Progress
861,465 people reached from October 2015 through September 2021
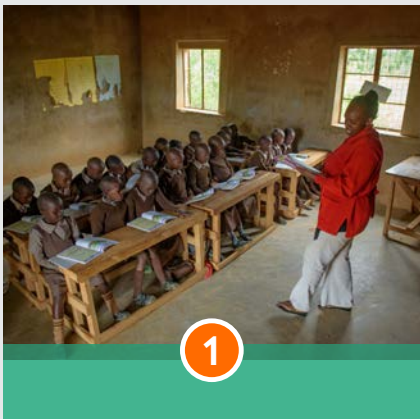
💲 Investment
$20 million (fiscal years 2016–2023)

Equipping every last child to flourish through quality education

Nelson Mandela once said, "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." Yet in 2018, 100 million youths worldwide were illiterate. Development professionals agree that without education, it's almost impossible to break the cycle of poverty. Education is at the very heart of sustainable development.

World Vision's award-winning Unlock Literacy program empowers parents and children to value education and its life-changing potential. We immerse students in words while enhancing community structures that foster learning. Together, we can empower vulnerable children to live into a future of their choosing by supporting their education today.

What is our approach?

Unlock Literacy has three primary components:

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Equip primary school teachers with quality training and resources to end the cycle of illiteracy

Empower parents to learn along with their children and understand the value of education, so they prioritize school

Establish afterschool reading camps with trained volunteers and age-appropriate books for children to take home, so they can get excited about reading

From the beginning of the pandemic through early 2022, **we distributed 2.1 million educational materials worldwide** to enable and support remote learning for students affected by school closures.

Over 3,000 children in Cusco, Peru, who lack access to technological equipment were empowered to continue their education through self-learning notebooks called "Magicaventuras."

Solving the literacy challenge

Even when children are in school, gaining literacy skills isn't assured. Students' commitment to study must be met with the right tools and instruction.

Although literacy has improved in Rwanda, in the Akageru and Kivu regions where World Vision works, 40% of people still don't have literacy skills. Rwanda's national strategy is helping children get into, and stay in, school: 97% of elementary-aged children enroll in classes, and over the past five years the country's dropout rate has decreased from 14% to only 5.6%. Our plan to support this momentum builds on Rwanda's own assistance for students using World Vision's Unlock Literacy method.

In Nepal, the difference created by the Unlock Literacy program is clear: While only 7% of students could read and comprehend a written passage before the program, 51% could do so after.

"Readers access a wide range of opportunities that simply aren't possible for the illiterate. Meaning and possibility are everywhere for kids who can read."

—*Jen Wolford, donor partner, California*

In just five years, **together we impacted the lives of over 200 million vulnerable children** by tackling the root causes of poverty.

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Join us in following Jesus into the toughest places, where He's already at work. Together, let's equip more children and families to create change for themselves. **Help break the cycle of poverty through quality education.**