SUMMARY

As Unlock Literacy prepares to conclude in September 2023, we celebrate the 108,355 parents, teachers, and youth reached by the project since its launch in 2019. At the heart of this progress are the 51,451 children who have received quality literacy instruction, family support, and engaging books. Today, these children are better equipped to continue their education and build brighter futures.

Empowering parents
This period, the project trained 9,495 parents to support their children by incorporating reading practice into everyday family life and reading together. As the project winds down, parents will be able to participate in refresher courses to reinforce what they learned and ensure sustainability.

Equipping teachers
Building on earlier trainings, a final session attended by 470 teachers (including 288 women) emphasized improving students’ vocabulary so that they know enough words to read at grade level.

Additionally, 118 classrooms have been assessed using MEQA (Measuring Evidence of Quality Achieved), a tool that identifies instruction strengths, weaknesses, and recommendations for improvement in real time.

Establishing reading camps
Over the course of this project, 1,806 facilitators have established 602 reading camps to offer creative literacy-building activities for children. One facilitator shared, “I use the reading buddy system. I pair a stronger reader with a weaker reader, and then they help each other to improve their reading skills.” Children can also borrow from the 134,512 storybooks in reading camp book banks to practice reading at home.

Bertin, 8, says that before attending reading camp, he didn’t know how to read in English. Today, he’s grown into a more fluent reader and learned the English alphabet—a crucial skill, since English is the language of instruction for all subjects in Rwandan schools.

PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES

9,495 parents empowered to support their children’s literacy

470 teachers provided with refresher training on the five core reading skills

1,503 reading camp facilitators meeting with partner teachers for collaboration
KEY LEARNINGS

More than 1,800 people have generously volunteered as reading club facilitators. Now their decision to help children read is paying off in an unexpected way: To date, facilitators have come together to form 48 savings groups and have saved $25,000, opening doors to economic empowerment for themselves and their families.

With 15 to 25 members, savings groups meet weekly to contribute to a joint savings account. Members then take turns borrowing from the savings for purposes like starting businesses, making home improvements, and weathering emergencies. Along with economic benefits, the groups will encourage facilitators to continue organizing reading camps as Unlock Literacy phases out.

LIFE-OF-PROGRAM UPDATE

Goal
81,175 people accessing literacy activities from January 2020 through September 2023

Actual
108,355 people accessing literacy activities from January 2020 through March 2023, achieving 133% of the target

PLANS FOR THE NEXT SIX MONTHS

By forging strong partnerships with churches, Unlock Literacy is helping to ensure the longevity of its 602 reading camps. Churches will continue hosting reading clubs even after the project concludes. Additionally, volunteers from partner churches will continue serving as reading camp facilitators.

Though full trainings for teachers and parents have concluded, the project will offer refresher courses and opportunities for reflection to reinforce learnings.

Finally, World Vision staff are preparing to administer a final evaluation to assess the impact of the project and inform future initiatives.

THANK YOU

Thank you for coming alongside Rwandan families as they access the tools they need to improve literacy in the next generation. By God’s grace and with your support, children are unlocking new possibilities and hope for their futures!

―Luke 18:16 (NIV)
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