

## 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

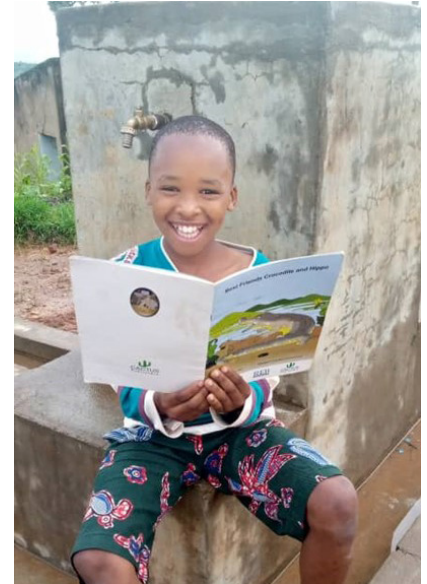
Building on earlier trainings, a final session attended by 470 teachers

(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

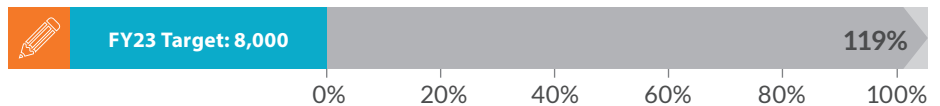
Over the course of this project, 1,806 facilitators have established 602 reading camps to offer creative literacy-building activities for children. One facilitator shared, "I use the reading buddy system. I pair a stronger reader with a weaker reader, and then they help each other to improve their reading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



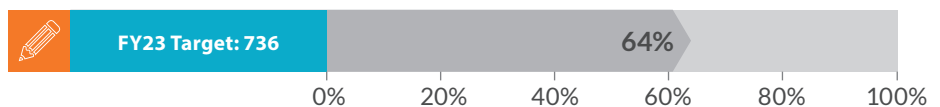
*Bertin, 8, says that before attending reading camp, he didn't know how to read in English. Today, he's grown into a more fluent reader and learned the English alphabet—a crucial skill, since English is the language of instruction for all subjects in Rwandan schools.*

## PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES

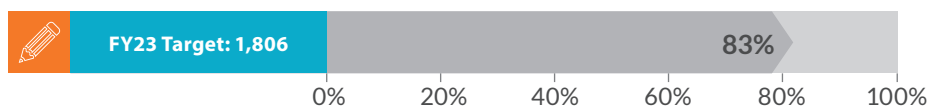
9,495 parents empowered to support their children's literacy



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



## PLANS FOR THE NEXT SIX MONTHS

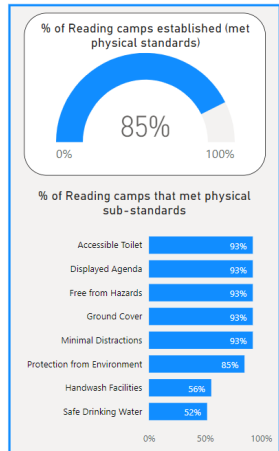
By forging strong partnerships with churches, Unlock Literacy is helping to ensure the longevity of its 602 reading camps. Churches will continue hosting reading clubs even after the project concludes. Additionally, volunteers from partner churches will continue serving as reading camp facilitators.

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!



Note: Reading camps that met physical standards fulfilled 6 out of the 8 above conditions.

MEQA is a digital app that measures the quality of implementation and recommends improvements for education project models including Unlock Literacy.

Above, a MEQA dashboard shows that 85% of reading camps in the Mubuga area program meet the criteria for physical standards. Access to handwashing facilities and to safe drinking water poses a challenge for about half of the clubs, revealing an opportunity to address those issues through partnership with other World Vision programs.

*"But Jesus called the children to him and said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.'"*

—Luke 18:16 (NIV)

## FINANCIALS

Program spending October 2022 through March 2023

<b>Program Description</b>	<b>FY23 Spending</b>	<b>FY23 Funding</b>	<b>Project-to-Date Spending</b>	<b>Project-to-Date Funding</b>
Establish reading camps in targeted area programs	\$ 87,402	\$ 218,613	\$ 701,965	\$ 742,315
Train primary school teachers in Unlock Literacy methodologies	14,840	5,350	80,886	93,158
Raise awareness among parents and other caregivers on the importance of supporting their children's literacy development	14,038	5,350	86,208	109,617
Establish strong monitoring and evaluating system	(28)	10,700	47,890	78,551
Project management costs	24,739	21,400	149,653	183,122
Office operating costs	19,628	21,400	104,321	130,737
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>160,619</b>	<b>282,813</b>	<b>1,170,923</b>	<b>1,337,500</b>
Management and fundraising	53,540	94,271	390,308	445,833
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 214,159</b>	<b>\$ 377,084</b>	<b>\$ 1,561,231</b>	<b>\$ 1,783,333</b>