

## THE CHALLENGE

**750 MILLION**  
PEOPLE IN THE WORLD ARE  
ILLITERATE

**2/3**  
ARE WOMEN AND GIRLS

**262 MILLION**  
CHILDREN ARE NOT  
LEARNING IN PRIMARY  
SCHOOL



## OUR RESULTS



**16.8M+ CHILDREN**  
**BENEFITED**  
by Room to Read's work  
since 2000.



**26M+ CHILDREN'S**  
**BOOKS DISTRIBUTED**  
including more than 1,500  
Room to Read-published titles,  
donated English titles and  
donated local-language titles.



**130,000+ TEACHERS**  
**AND LIBRARIANS**  
**TRAINED**  
cumulatively in literacy  
and library best practices.



**81,800+ GIRLS**  
**SUPPORTED**  
by Room to Read's Girls'  
Education Program. Our  
participants have a 95%  
advancement rate.



**6,900+ GRADUATES**  
from Room to Read's Girls'  
Education Program, with  
79% going on to tertiary  
education or employment.

Room to Read believes that **World Change Starts with Educated Children.®** We envision a world in which all children can pursue a quality education that prepares them to be fulfilled and make positive change — in their families, communities and the world.

Room to Read is transforming the lives of millions of children in low-income communities by developing their literacy skills and habit of reading, and by supporting girls to build skills to succeed in secondary school and negotiate key life decisions. Because our programs can be replicated, localized and sustained by governments, we are able to create change at a systems level.

## OUR PROGRAMS

**Our Literacy Program** creates independent readers and lifelong learners.

Our Literacy Program trains and coaches teachers, creates quality books and curricular materials, and establishes libraries filled with diverse children's books in local languages that can be enjoyed at school or home. We partner with local communities, governments and the publishing industry to test and implement innovative models that help children succeed in school and develop a love of reading.

**Our Girls' Education Program** ensures that girls build the skills to succeed in school and make key life decisions.

We prepare girls to make positive change by providing life skills curriculum, opportunities for mentorship and peer support, and family and community engagement. Our program goes further by supporting young people of all genders to build knowledge and skills with which they can create a gender-equal world. We help governments deliver similar programs through their own education systems.

## RECOGNITION

### FISCAL EXCELLENCE

Room to Read has achieved 12 4-star ratings from Charity Navigator since 2007, an achievement that less than 1% of charities can claim.

### LEADER IN LITERACY

Won 2014 Library of Congress Literacy Award's David Rubenstein Prize for our outstanding commitment to literacy, and the UNESCO 2011 Confucius Prize for Literacy recognizing excellence and inspiration in the literacy field.

### SOCIAL INNOVATOR

Chosen as Twitter's first Corporate Social Innovation partner and won the Skoll Foundation's Award for Social Entrepreneurship ten times.

### HIGH-IMPACT GIVING

Recognized in Barron's magazine 25 Best Givers list, 2009, 2010; The Global Journal's Top 100 NGOs in the World, 2012, 2013; and Great Nonprofits Top Rated list, 2013, 2014.

## PRESS

Room to Read has received significant global media coverage including:

- ABC • BBC • Bloomberg • CBS • CNN •
- Financial Times • The New York Times •
- Newsweek • People • Radio National •
- Vogue • The Wall Street Journal •

## PARTNERS

Room to Read receives support from leading global organizations including:

- Artha Capital • Atlassian Foundation •
- Bank of America — BA Continuum India •
- Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation • Caerus Foundation • Citi • Credit Suisse • Dubai Cares • Echidna Giving • Goldman Sachs •
- Google.org • IKEA Foundation • IMC •
- Myriad Asset Management • The Stone Family Foundation • Tatcha • Townsend Press • UBS Optimus Foundation • USAID •

## WHAT DIFFERENTIATES US



**We combine the science of learning to read with the magic of loving to read.**

We sustain students' reading skills development by providing child-friendly libraries and quality children's books. We are developing a generation of independent readers and learners who are breaking the cycle of illiteracy within their own families.

**Through our Girls' Education Program, we equip girls with the tools to self-advocate** and chart a path that they choose for themselves. We involve diverse stakeholders to support the creation of a gender-equal world.

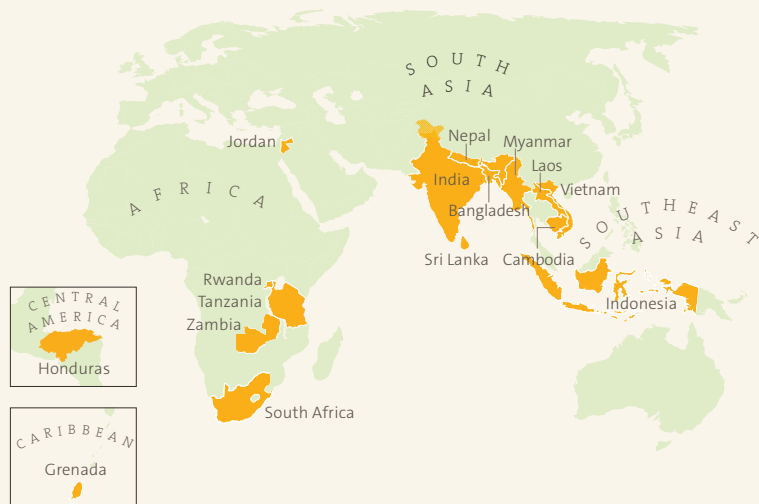
**By investing in research, monitoring and evaluation, we improve learning outcomes for direct beneficiaries** and generate evidence on what works to share with governments, investors and the broader development community.

**We design, implement and institutionalize effective and efficient models for achieving quality learning outcomes** related to literacy and gender equality. We operate at the nexus of long-term school-level implementation and positive, trusted relationships with government. This experience positions us as a thought leader in literacy and gender equality, capable of galvanizing support and action of government partners for system-level change.

**We work across the private and public sectors around the world to build a network** of influencers, literacy and gender-equality advocates, investors, staff and volunteers. This network of individuals and organizations is committed to our mission and to expanding our impact. They are our greatest asset.

## OUR REACH

Room to Read has benefited more than 16.8 million children in 16 countries around the world.



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