Improving Reading and Numeracy: The Power of Communities of Practice

Objectives:

In this session, the presenters will:

- Increase awareness of the importance of communities of practice in promoting increased learning outcomes related to literacy and numeracy in the early grades;
- Present the Numeracy for Development Community of Practice and the Global Reading Network as fora for knowledge sharing and collaboration;
- Share highlights of the activities of the CoP and the Network and present a virtual tour of the Numeracy CoP; and
- Generate discussion on ways attendees can engage with and benefit from the CoP and the Network at the global and country levels.

Expected Outcomes:

- Increased visibility of the Numeracy for Development Community of Practice and the Global Reading Network;
- Increased membership in the Community of Practice and the Network; and
- Strengthened performance of the Community of Practice and the Network, more engaged membership and activities that are more closely aligned with members’ interests.

Format: Open

To join the Communities of Practice

**Global Reading Network**: please contact: reading@urc-chs.com

**Numeracy**: Log on to [https://collaboration.worldbank.org/login.jspa](https://collaboration.worldbank.org/login.jspa) to register and further instructions on how to join the CoP.

Questions? Please contact numeracy@giz.de or slutfeali@savechildren.org
The ‘Numeracy for Development’ Community of Practice (CoP) is facilitated by GIZ and Save the Children. It is open to teachers, educators, practitioners, researchers, academics and others interested in numeracy.

The objectives of the Numeracy CoP are to:

- Create a platform where participants in the numeracy CoP have the opportunity to network with other colleagues working in numeracy, share resources, exchange good practices, and potentially collaborate on projects;
- Share current research, reports and resources related to numeracy, particularly focusing on developing contexts and the early grades;
- Showcases members and their work through monthly webinars highlighting research, innovations, and projects in the field of early numeracy.

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USAID TO SUPPORT A GLOBAL READING NETWORK

Reading is a critical and foundational skill for all future learning. Yet 130 million of the children who stay at least four years in primary school do not meet the minimum benchmarks for learning (Education for All Global Monitoring Report 2013/4). Education leaders around the world are joining forces to respond to this problem. To assist in this effort, USAID will support a reading network. In this five-year, $10 million initiative, the network will bring together governments, practitioners, civil society organizations, academics, funders, UN agencies, and other stakeholders invested in improving reading outcomes. The group will work collaboratively to improve quality and expand the reach of reading interventions.

The Global Reading Network will:

- Foster technical leadership, knowledge sharing, and evidence building
- Fill the knowledge-practice gap through opportunities for dialogue, professional development, and collaborative activities aimed to improve the effectiveness, sustainability, and scaling up of reading interventions
- Offer opportunities to design, pilot, and evaluate innovations to improve the effectiveness and sustainability of reading interventions
- Create space for collective design and development of open source resources, including assessments, practitioner tools, and training materials that can be applied across contexts
- Identify social mobilization and behavior change strategies to gain the support of households, communities, and governments to help children become readers at home and in school
- Advocate for increased attention to the vital role of reading success in school

USAID welcomes participation of the entire community to make the efforts of the network far reaching and sustainable.

“The exciting thing about reading is that it not only changes lives, it changes life-time trajectories.”


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