

BOOKS FOR EVERY CHILD

250 MILLION CHILDREN WORLDWIDE CAN'T READ.

In many countries, children are struggling to read and do basic math. If you can't read, you can't succeed in school. If you don't succeed in school, that impacts all other parts of your life. This basic skill—learning to read—can provide children and youth with a pathway out of extreme poverty. The Global Book Fund will address this challenge by transforming the development, procurement and distribution of books to ensure they get into the hands of children who need them.



01 LET'S READ

TODAY
Many countries do not have enough books in the languages children know.

TOMORROW
Software that allows authors to write books for children more easily and to create versions of books to use across different languages and contexts.



03 PROCUREMENT

TODAY
Book availability is limited, quality varies and costs are high.

TOMORROW
Working through the Global Book Alliance mechanisms, procurement is streamlined. Costs come down, quality goes up, and millions more books can be produced.



05 USE

TODAY
Even if books reach their destination, they are not always used effectively by teachers and students.

TOMORROW
Teachers receive the support they need to ensure children learn to read and read to learn.

02 ACCESS

TODAY
Even when books exist, they are difficult to find in a format that allows for reprinting and use across languages and cultures.

TOMORROW
The Global Reading Repository will be a library/bookstore in the cloud, allowing everyone to upload, download and print the books they need, whether one copy for a family or millions of copies for an education system.



04 DISTRIBUTION

TODAY
A lack of supply chain management systems makes it difficult for countries to ensure a steady, predictable supply of books.

TOMORROW
Improved planning, "track and trace" technology and strengthened distribution systems ensure all children have the right books at the right time, year after year.

