

Nal'ibali's Response to PIRLS

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Key Insights from PIRLS?

- Assessed comprehension, **READING ABILITY, ATTITUDES and MATERIAL ACCESS** towards reading

| KEY LEVERS | SA SCORES |
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| Attitudes towards Reading | 47% very much like reading 42% somewhat like reading 11% Do not like reading Gender: More girls who love to read, more boys who do not like to read |
| Reading Access | Reading at school: 27% read for more than 30 min at school, 39% have no time to read at all at school, 34% read less than 30 min |
| Reading comprehension | 19% of our children can read with comprehension |
| Socio-economic backgrounds | 5% of children assessed come from higher socio-economic status 61% from lower socio-economic status 34% from middle socio-economic status |

What are the Key Levers of Reading Culture?

ACCESS to reading content and reading opportunities: Regular exposure to language and literacy content in a fun, enticing manner

- ✓ **Storytelling:** Every word a child hears (including conversations) –children learn the sequencing & order of words, predict simple action (what happens next), categorize items and pick odd ones out, problem solve
- ✓ **Read Aloud:** Every word a child sees and reads. Let children handle books, bring characters to life
- ✓ **Reading Materials (low cost or free):** 26 million smartphones in country- free downloads of multi-lingual digital stories on Nal'ibali website, SAIDE, Bookdash, Wordworks, Qualibooks, etc. Nal'ibali Story Newspaper (300 000 copies each month), Anthology for under-resourced communities: 272 paged Anthology for ECD & schools
- ✓ **Ability and Confidence to Read in both children and adults:** audio stories, new project Nal'ibali developing videos with language and story content

What is Nal'ibali Doing-Where can we collaborate?

▪ Digital Reading Communities

- ✓ Through the World Read Aloud Day (held first week of Feb each year) we reached 2 million children, where schools, families, NGOs, reading clubs, ECD centres pledged to read aloud for that day.
- ✓ Clustered these adults into language and institutions and supported (receive story content in their language) to read aloud EVERY day
- ✓ Kick-starts on the 2nd week of June. We have 1,2 million children verified
- ✓ Whatsapp bot –costs incurred by Nal'ibali no cost to beneficiaries



What is Na'ibali Doing-Where can we collaborate?

- **National Reading Barometer**
 - ✓ National Representative Survey into reading habits of adult population was commissioned in 2022 and findings are launched on the 13th June 2023 –can join virtually
 - ✓ Findings will inform our plans, interventions, resource allocations to where the need is and leverage on existing practices and target identified gaps
- **Behaviour Modification Tools:**
 - ✓ **Book Ownership:** Consistent supply of variety of reading materials (for children without digital access Anthologies, storybooks)
 - ✓ **Reader Identity** (behaviour modification items)

