

Learning from 2011-2015, USAID's experience

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USAID early grade reading programming 2011-2015

Perspective on three dimensions of challenge in achieving global early grade literacy:

- Scale
- Effectiveness
- Equity



Scale:

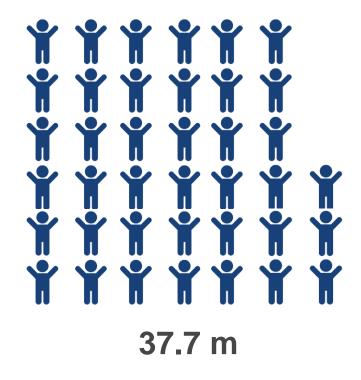


USAID early grade reading programming 2011-2015

- 91 reading programs in 40 countries
- 46,000 administrators & officials trained annually
- 450,000 teachers trained annually
- 450 million textbooks and reading materials produced
- 300 + reading assessments implemented

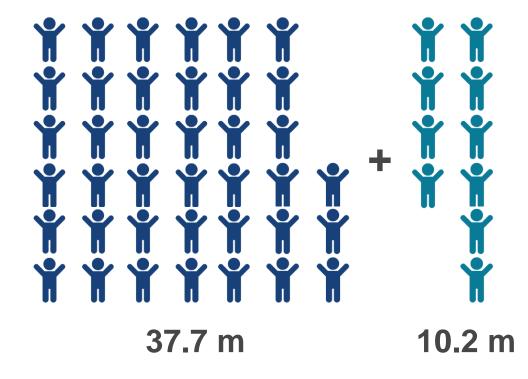


Improved literacy *instruction* for 37.7 million students through USAID-supported programming...



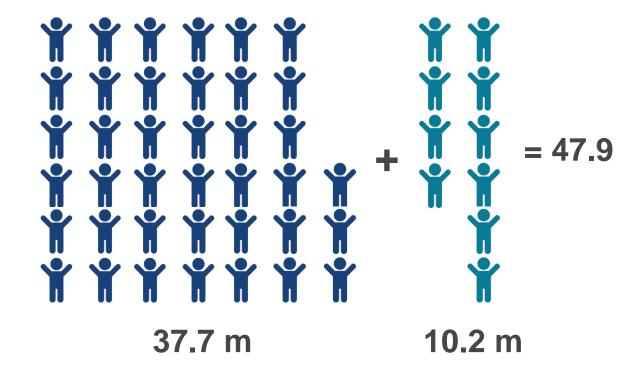


... plus a further 10.2 million reached through partners who have adapted USAID models & technical materials



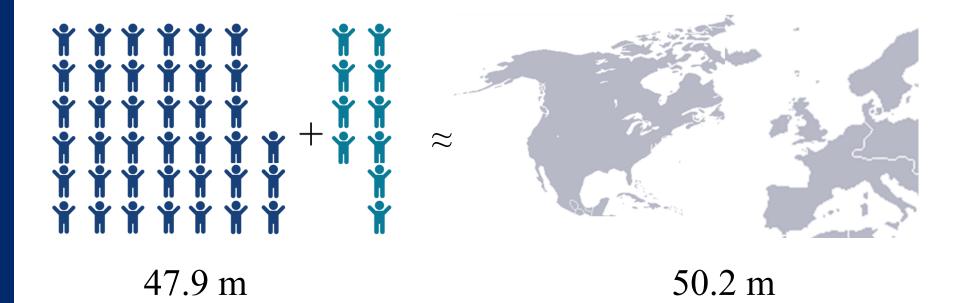


The overall reach and influence of USAID reading programming is 47.9 million students



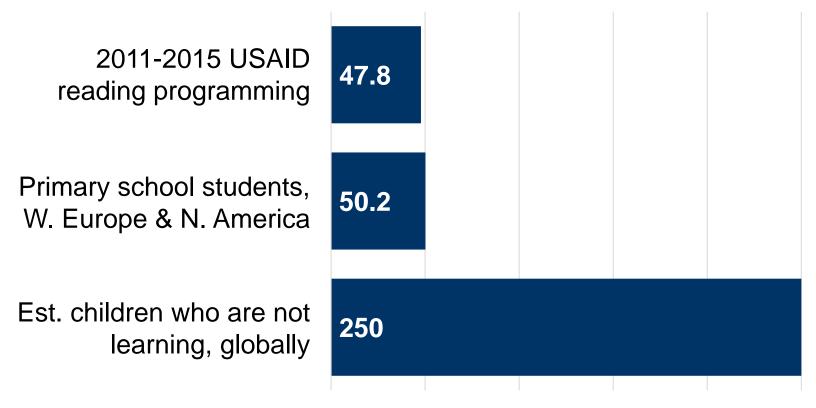


This is roughly equivalent to the 50.2m primary school students in North America & Western Europe...





... but still far short of the estimated 250 million children who are not learning globally





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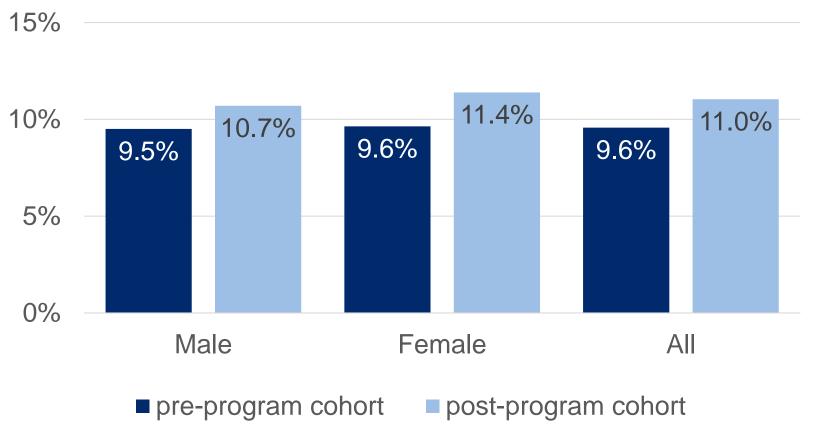
What models of partnership and coordinated action are needed to effect change at scale?



Effectiveness:



% early grade students reading with "moderate fluency" Aggregate: 17 projects, 19 countries, 11.4m children





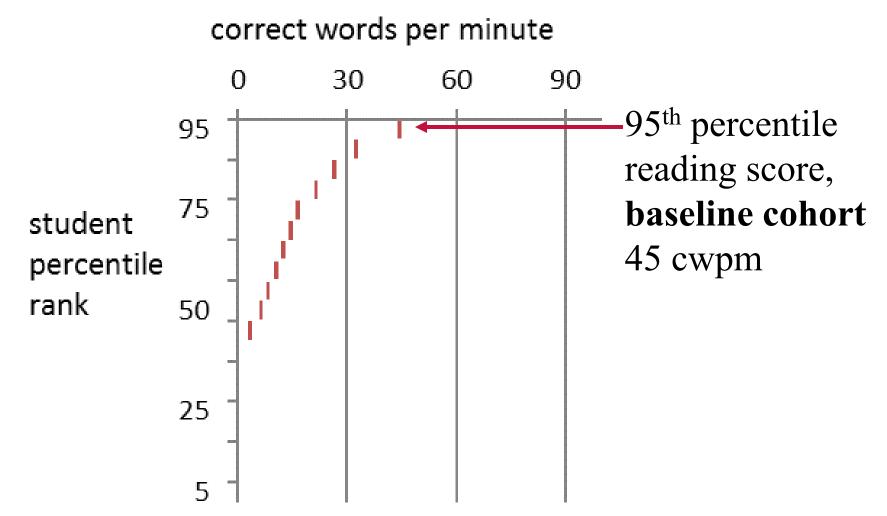
Effectiveness:

How do we *both* maximize the number of children achieving fluency *and* avoid increasing inequities

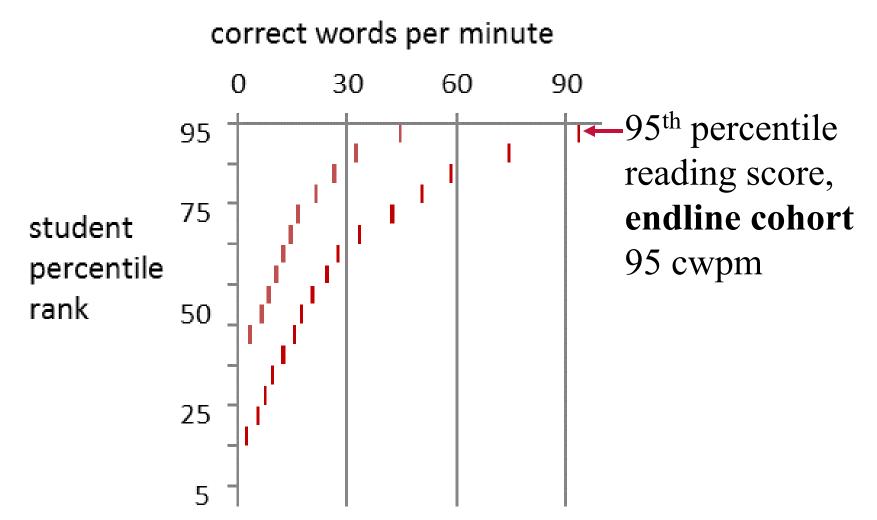


Equity:

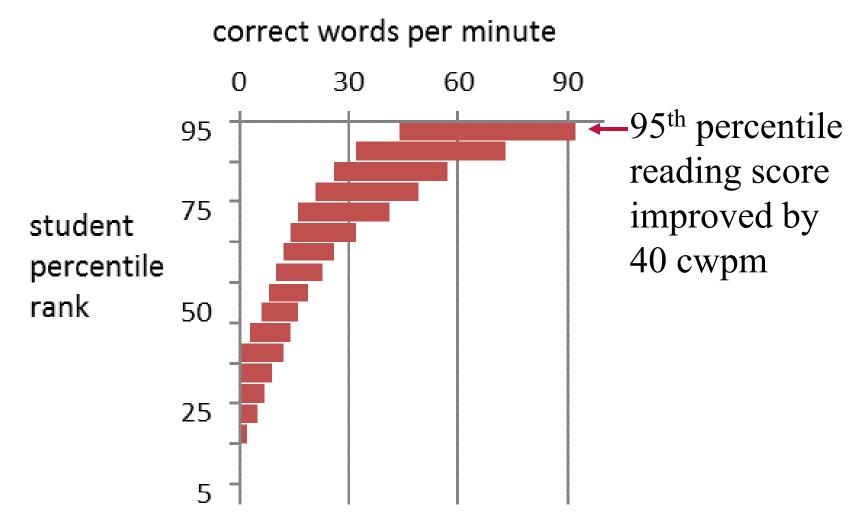




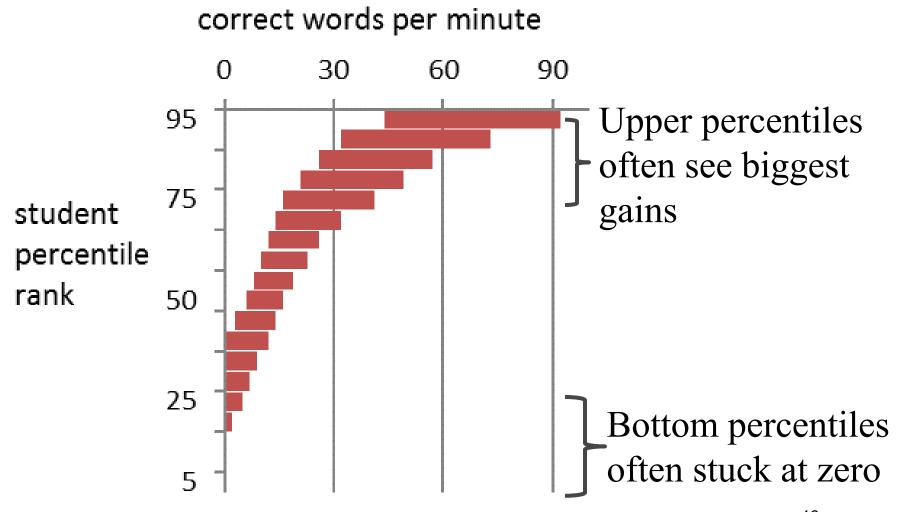




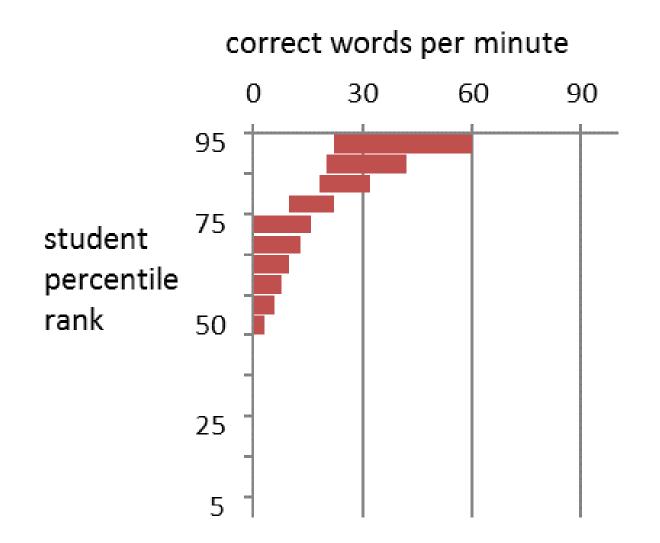




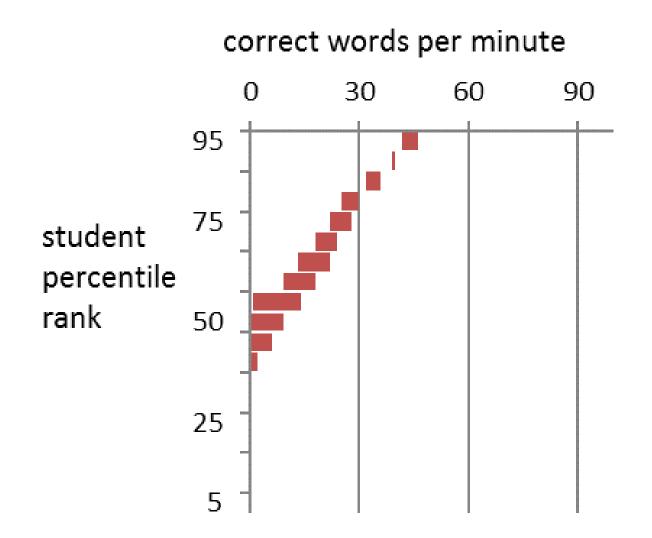




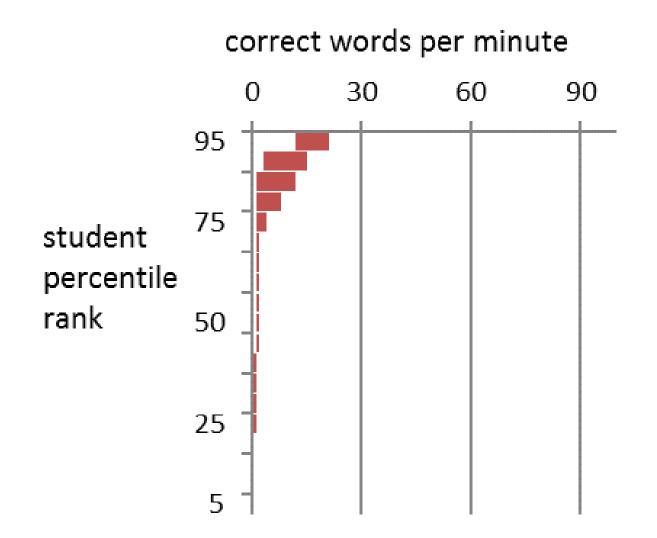




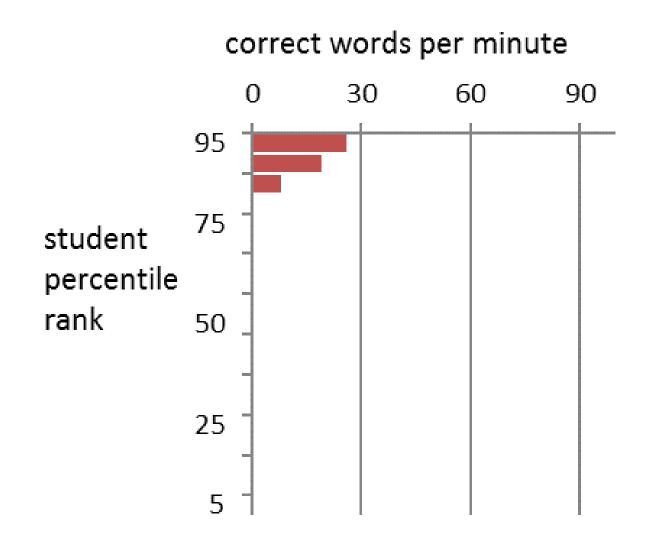




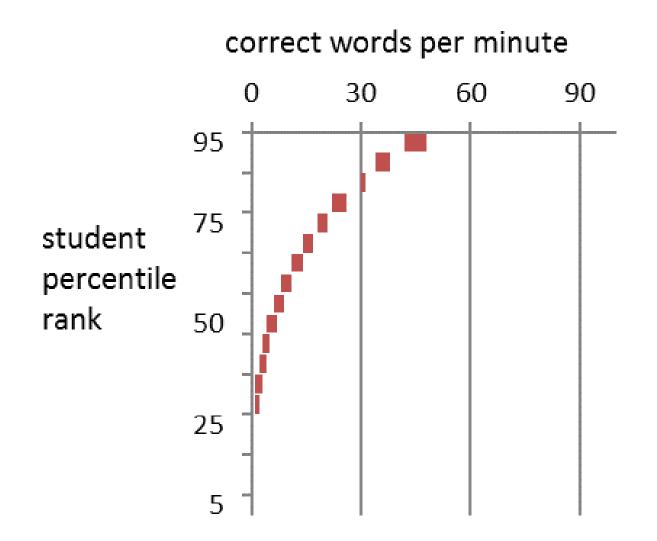




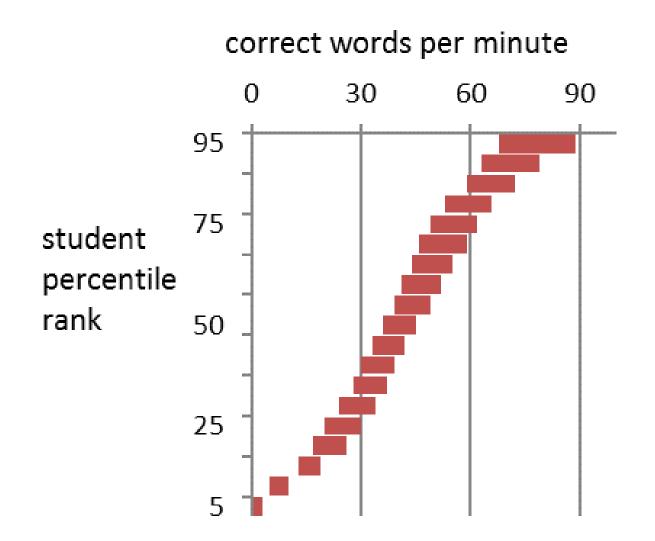








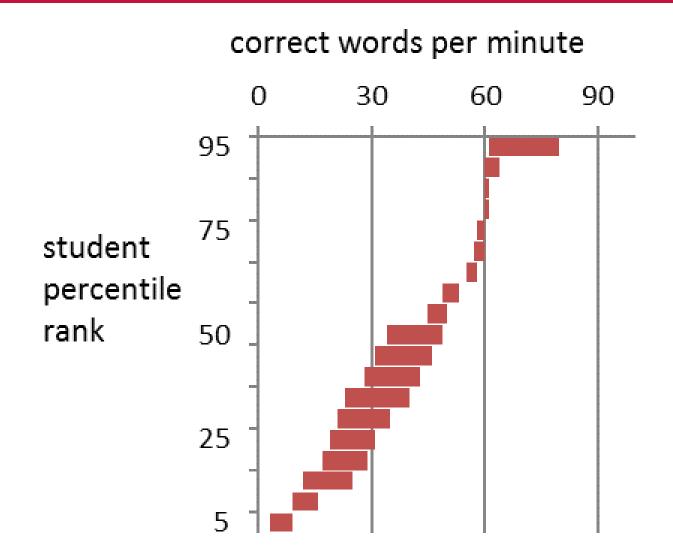






correct words per minute student percentile rank







Equity:

How do we support pro-equity growth in reading ability?

How do we overcome barriers to learning for 'stuck' non-readers?