The Asia Foundation
Experiences Providing Digital Learning to Marginalized Children in SEA

Connect

Read
Cultivating meaningful reading opportunities through reading role models and local language books.

Create
Overcoming book scarcity by creating new books through BookLabs and building libraries through translation.

Thrive
Catalyzing reading skills and habits to help children, families, and communities thrive.
COVID-19 Response

• Repackaged library
• Created stories re: COVID-19 concerns
• Created reading activities
• Translated more books
• Printed books
• Shared via media, stakeholders
LET'S READ AT HOME
keep the fun and the learning going

Start Reading at LetsReadAsia.org

Let's Read
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Now more than ever, children need books.

Here is a collection of great books, reading activities, conversation starters, and coloring pages to help children keep learning, growing, and thriving while out of school.
New Books and Activities Every 2 Weeks

www.LetsReadatHome.org

Health
These are some of our favorite books and reading activities about staying healthy!

Critical Thinking
Our favorite books and reading activities to help children develop the creativity, imagination, and problem-solving skills they will need for 21st century jobs.

STEM
A collection of books with diverse characters learning about science, technology, engineering, and math.

Resilience
Books and reading activities for your children to learn about being resilient through difficult times.
Special effort to provide COVID-19 related books

- **My Hero Is You: How Kids Can Fight COVID-19!**
  Helen Patuck
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- **In the Town of Kamayanan and the Legend of the Dancing Hands**
  Elbert Or
  Armand Sazon

- **The Inside Book**
  Matthew Griffiths
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- **COVIBOOK**
  Manuela Molina

- **Who Will Be My Teacher When School Opens?**
  Salvacion C. Montenegro
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- **Misha**
  Anwar Ibrahim
  Jeevaraj Kannoth

- **Clingy the Virus**
  Daniel Maverick Angelo Borbon
  Jelena Angela M. Fagutao
  Yoj Dominic Borbon
Make connections to real life
It's important to get young children ready to read by connecting the book to their life.

1) Have you heard adults talking about the coronavirus?
2) What have you heard adults saying?
3) How do those conversations make you feel?

Find more books and activities: www.LetsReadAtHome.org
LEVEL 3

Phoe Tar Lay is Smiling Now

Aye Nyein Moe & Si Thu Swe

EXPLORE EMOTIONS

Ask your child about a time they felt sad. Tell them about a time when you felt sad. What made you happy again?

Reading helps us understand our own emotions and the emotions of other people.
Collaborations to Translate Content into Ethnic Languages

Padang Translation Event in Indonesia

S’gaw Karen Translation Event in Northern Thailand
Lessons Learned
What are the constraints and barriers?

• Who is making the decisions about resources to be used?
• What motivates and concerns the decision makers?
• What do they need that others aren’t providing?
• When do they need it?
• What are their own constraints?
Lessons Learned
How can we reach people during COVID-19?

• Social media
• Partnerships and networks
• Adjust
• Meet families’ urgent needs first and/then layer resources for learning
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How can we reach people during COVID-19?
Moving Forward to Overcome Constraints

• Collaborate
  • With ethnolinguistic writers, artists
  • With communities
  • With MOEs and ethnic education committees
• Technology features
• Print books - Sign agreements w/local publishers
• Partnerships with you?!
Collaborations to Create Ethnic Language Content
Let’s Partner!

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