

# Focus to Flourish: Five Actions to Accelerate Progress in Learning



Most countries around the world have made historic progress in expanding access to schooling. However, most of the developing world is experiencing a severe learning crisis in which many youth are leaving school with shockingly low learning levels. Why? Because many children who are enrolled in school and progress from grade to grade learn little during their time there.

There is wisdom in the saying, “we will cross that bridge when we come to it.” The global education sector has come to the bridge: now that most children are in school, the world’s focus must shift to learning.

Crossing this bridge will require fundamental changes in approaches to education. Research on Improving Systems of Education (RISE) Programme, an eight-year global research endeavour, has pulled together existing knowledge and its own research to identify five actions that education systems can take to chart a path out of the learning crisis and toward a future that offers learning for all.

**Commit** to universal, early foundational learning.

**Measure** learning regularly, reliably, and relevantly.

**Align** systems around learning commitments.

**Support** teaching.

**Adapt** what you adopt as you implement.



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