

EXAMPLES OF IRA PROJECTS WORLDWIDE

■ MACEDONIA (2003–2008)

Secondary Education Activity (SEA)/USAID (in cooperation with American Institutes of Research) promotes engaged, relevant classroom instruction, activities to prepare students for careers, and better managed/flexible school administration.

■ PAKISTAN (January 2003–2006)

Education Sector Reform Action (ESRA) partners IRA with the Research Triangle Institute of North Carolina to work with international leaders in policy, decentralization, teacher training, literacy, and public-private partnership development.

■ BANGLADESH (2005–Present)

Professional Development Training on Effective Strategies for Teaching English as a Foreign Language workshop was held at the Dhaka Ahsania Mission in Bangladesh from June 9 through June 20, 2005. Continuation of this project is contingent on finding international or local sponsors.

■ NIGERIA (April 2004–January 2005)

Professional Development and Active Learning in Multicultural Classrooms Project, a World Bank-funded project with Nigeria's Federal Ministry of Education, implemented professional development emphasizing critical thinking, cultural diversity, multicultural literature, and building a sense of community and shared responsibility.

■ CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE (1997–2004)

Reading and Writing for Critical Thinking (a research-based professional development program) operated in 28 countries of Central and Eastern Europe, Central Asia, and more recently Latin America and Southeast Asia. This Open Society Institute-funded project taught research-based instructional practices to teachers and teacher educators.

The International Reading Association and Rotary International

ADVANCING LITERACY WORLDWIDE

INTERNATIONAL READING ASSOCIATION is a community of reading professionals with over 350,000 members and affiliates in nearly 100 countries. IRA is committed to promoting higher achievement levels in literacy, reading, and communication by continually advancing the quality of instruction worldwide. www.reading.org

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL is a worldwide organization of business and professional leaders that provides humanitarian service, encourages high ethical standards in all vocations, and helps build goodwill and peace in the world. Approximately 1.2 million Rotarians belong to more than 32,000 clubs in 168 countries. www.rotary.org



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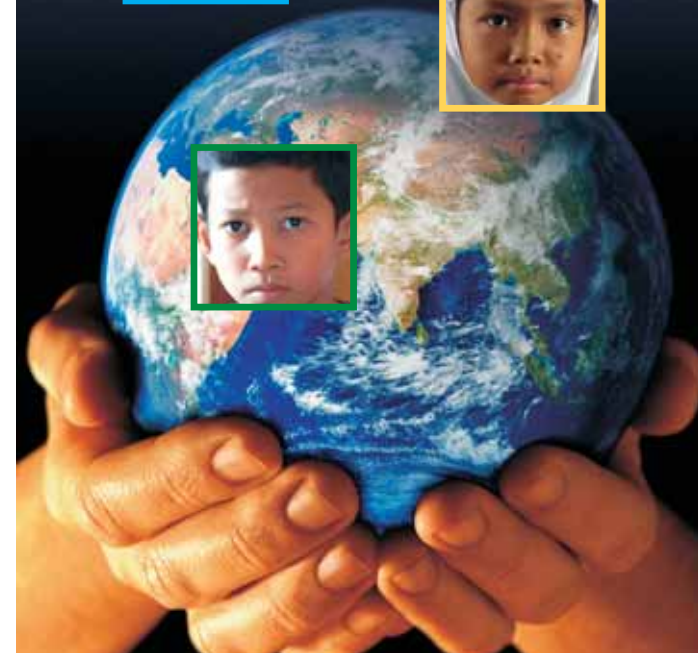
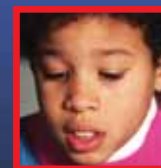
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THE INTERNATIONAL READING ASSOCIATION AND ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

Advancing Literacy Worldwide





SHARING A COMMON GOAL: LITERACY FOR ALL

Working together, the International Reading Association (IRA) and Rotary International (RI) are leading the way in advancing literacy around the world.

Joined with a common purpose, IRA and RI will share resources to develop cooperative literacy projects that will make a difference in the lives of millions.



TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

While progress has been made to increase worldwide literacy, there is still much work to be done. The opportunity for our members, networks, and communities to collaborate on literacy projects is immense and immediate.

By promoting a comprehensive “literacy continuum,” IRA works diligently to provide communities with:

- Speakers and informational events.
- Relevant books and materials reflecting the best in reading research.
- Training for local educators to teach reading to children and adults.
- Know-how for parents to support their children’s literacy.
- Volunteer programs to work one-on-one with community members to increase literacy.



Together, we can help build nations, reduce poverty, and open opportunities. IRA and Rotary clubs will:

- Participate in International Literacy Day (September 8) as the signature event of this cooperation. Both organizations will disseminate our message of literacy for all.
- Promote alliances between local Rotary clubs and IRA councils and affiliates.
- Create regional literacy research centers in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, and other areas of mutual interest.
- Work with local educators to develop and implement sustainable programs.
- Supply books and materials in both English and native languages as appropriate.
- Train and supply teachers and volunteers.

***Together, We Can Succeed
Teaching the World to Read***