

EARLY GRADE READING PROGRAM

The Early Grade Reading Program (EGRP) is a five-year project (2015 – 2020) funded by the United States Agency for International Development/Nepal (USAID/Nepal) to assist the government of Nepal's Ministry of Education (MoE) to improve the reading skills of all Nepali school students in grades one through three. It will primarily support the government's National Early Grade Reading Program (NEGRP) that began in July 2014 that is part of the School Sector Reform Plan (SSRP).

GOAL

One of the core goals of the National Early Grade Reading Program is for children in grades one through three to be reading fluently and comprehend what they read by grade three. To reach this goal the Early Grade Reading Program is being conducted in 16 target districts among public primary students in grades one through three.

ACTIVITIES

The Early Grade Reading Program is focusing on three major components: 1) improve early grade reading instruction by improving instruction by making appropriate instructional materials more available to teachers of grades one through three as well as providing teachers with training and mentoring; 2) improve education service delivery by using analytical systems related to early grade reading, effecting policy, setting standards and benchmarks for early grade reading, and improving planning, financial, and human resource management for educators; and 3) increase family and community support for early grade reading through advocacy and public awareness at the national and community-levels and strengthen community support through libraries, after school activities, such as reading clubs.



DISTRICTS

During the life of the Early Grade Reading Program it will work in 16 districts. The program is beginning in six districts including Bhakatapur, Banke, Kanchanpur, Manang, Kaski, Saptari and will expand to 10 districts including Bardiya, Kailali, Dang, Dadedhura, Dhankuta, Dolpa, Mustang, Parsa, Rupandehi, Surkhet.

