



Read to Grow, Read to Know (RGRK)

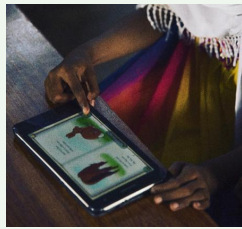
Strong reading comprehension is vital to a quality education. Children living in rural communities have little or no access to library books that would help them strengthen critical reading skills. DIL's Reading Program is designed to help **children cultivate a love and habit of reading**, providing a variety of books to meet their reading abilities and interests.

In addition to our traditional book collections, students profit from our e-library, which is specially curated for our growing tablet-based reading program, **Read to Grow, Read to Know (RGRK)**. Sponsored by Starfall.com, RGRK **enhances reading development and comprehension in English**, a skill necessary to academic success in Pakistan. Reading stories on android tablets demonstrably improves familiar word recognition, oral fluency, and comprehension.

How Does RGRK Work?



Train on tablets for reading



Furnish leveled e-stories for recreational reading



Give students time to enjoy hearing and reading e-books at their level



Enhanced reading fluency and comprehension

RGRK's Impact

RGRK significantly improved key reading skills in a pilot study conducted in 2017. In an 8-month period, over 1,000 DIL students in Grades 3 through 5 saw their average performance on familiar word reading skills increase by 117%, their oral reading fluency by 138%, and their reading comprehension by 217%. Above all, the **proportion of children able to learn from what they read increased by 336.4%** over this period.

Attiya loves books, but came from a family that undervalued education. One day, her father declared that Grade 4 would be her last year at school, tearing the storybook she was reading from her hands. Not one to accept defeat, Attiya convinced her mother to attend a read-aloud session the school librarian had organized for parents. Her mother was so moved by the joy in the room that she went home to demand that Attiya's father allow his daughter to stay in school. Seeing Attiya blossom through a love of learning persuaded him to support her education. Today Attiya reads stories to her family at home.

