

YOUR IMPACT

Your gifts make all the difference and we simply couldn't do this work without your support! With this update, we'd like to share with you some stories of the big impact that you're helping to make possible.

OUR 2022-23 RESULTS

Reached 506,157
children through literacy programs

Provided 10,285
teachers with professional
development opportunities

Distributed 550,960
copies of books to schools

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Our Largest Children's Book Distribution Yet

Your support is helping put books in the hands of girls and boys in Sierra Leone - and what joy they will bring for years to come!

In partnership with UNICEF, we coordinated our largest book distribution ever in July, delivering 310,103 books to children at 1,384 schools throughout this small West African country.

It wasn't an easy feat to accomplish during the rainy season. Reaching the most remote schools meant traversing difficult ferry crossings, as well as navigating washed-out roads and knee-high mud puddles. With the help of many hands, trucks and motorbikes, we successfully completed distribution in time for the new school year.

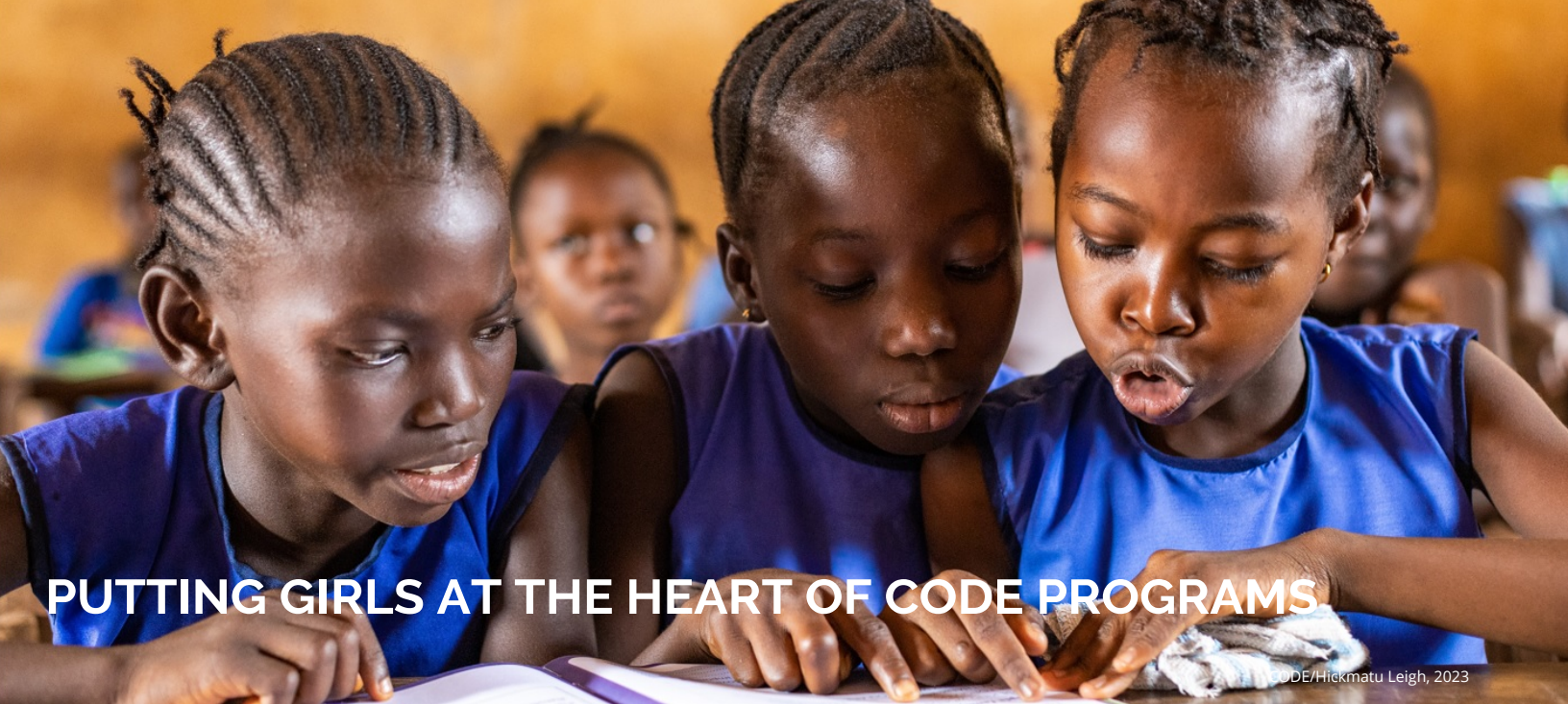
In a country where a staggering 4 out of 5 children don't acquire foundational reading skills, these books are treasured resources and critical teaching aids!

The *Sia and Friends* Anthologies for Grades 1, 2 and 3 include numerous pages of colourful illustrations alongside stories and poems penned by local authors. These are books purposefully designed to help children learn the basics and continue on the path to becoming confident and capable readers.

Thank you for helping deliver great books to children in countries like Sierra Leone. When a child can read, they can truly do or be anything!

"To learn to read is to light a fire;
every syllable that is spelled out is
a spark."

-Victor Hugo



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PUTTING GIRLS AT THE HEART OF CODE PROGRAMS

There is no question - girls and boys alike, no matter where they happen to live, have a right to an education. And the most basic first step in realizing that right is to learn foundational reading skills!

Unfortunately, in countries where CODE operates, girls continue to be greatly disadvantaged when it comes to education. Deeply held gender biases and norms within families, communities and schools can hold girls back.

That's why the teacher training enabled by CODE donors and partners helps to build teacher awareness and skills in creating inclusive classrooms that challenge harmful gender stereotypes and norms. We call this "gender responsive pedagogy" but it's really all about girls' empowerment!

We love seeing girls gain confidence and find their voices when they are well-supported in their classrooms.

We are delighted to share with you a poem written by a young woman participating in the iHeard program in Malawi.

The Call of Education

When the sun sets,
Next day it rises.
We all stumble and fall,
But we rise and go.
When we fall foul,
It is not for all.

"Young women and mothers!"
Education calls;
You have had enough,
You should not be this vulnerable.
The sin you committed
is now washed clean.
If you were water
which its way was blocked,
You are now free to flow.

Come and test how sweet I am -
Come and drink from my golden cup -
At my beautiful table.

- Lides Goliath Mazitu



GIVING WITH IMPACT

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