

# EARLY CHILDHOOD INTERVENTION FOR LEARNING POVERTY



**LEARNING THROUGH REFLECTIONS** 

## **WHAT IS LEARNING POVERTY?**

Learning poverty refers to the inability of children to read and understand a simple text by the age of 10. It highlights the lack of basic literacy skills despite attending school and underscores the need for quality education to ensure meaningful learning outcomes.

It signifies a critical gap between schooling and actual learning outcomes. Addressing learning poverty requires interventions that focus on improving teaching quality, curriculum relevance, learning materials, and other factors that contribute to effective learning.

### **CURRENT SITUATION OVERVIEW**

- 260 million children are not in school, which is exacerbating the learning crisis.
- Over 70% of children in low and middle-income countries struggle to read
- in Pakistan 77% of children by age 10 cannot read and understand a simple text.
- By age 12, just over half of Pakistani children can read a basic paragraph. By 16, nearly 80% can.
- Pakistan's learning poverty is significantly higher than the South Asia region and lower-middleincome countries

# CHANGE THE CHANGE AS A POLICY INTERVENTION TOOL

The book serves as a solution to **learning poverty** by targeting **early childhood intervention**. Its utilization in **school curriculum** is crucial for Pakistan to meet sustainable development goal 4.

#### • Conceptual Learning

Introducing knowledge of key ideas in a cohesive manner that unpacks thematic issues aligned with policy agendas.

#### Continuing Discussion

Engage in experiential learning by connecting through hands- on activities, reflection, and analysis to acquire knowledge, develop skills, and apply solutions to problems.

#### Visual Narration

Facilitating learning for young leaders by associating words with images strengthens connections and aids in creating mental images, enhancing information retention.

#### • Academic Resource

Glossary and review questions aid in understanding and reinforcing concepts providing definitions by and opportunities for practice and recall.

