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Literacy

INTERNATIONAL DAY



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LITERACY AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

PEACE



“The surest way towards
FREEDOM is
EDUCATION”

FORMER PRISONER AND LEARNER FROM THE
UNESCO INTERNATIONAL LITERACY PRIZE
WINNING PROGRAMME (2015) 'LITERACY FOR
PEOPLE DEPRIVED OF LIBERTY'

ENVIRONMENT



RURAL FARMERS' INABILITY
TO PROCESS AGRICULTURAL
INFORMATION LEADS TO
INAPPROPRIATE USE OF
PESTICIDES, WHICH CAN HARM
THEM AND THE ENVIRONMENT

HEALTH



Dangerous health practices constitute one of the high-risk behaviours most closely associated with illiteracy. Such behaviours directly affect mortality, disease and accident rates among illiterates, as well as their fecundity, in the case of women. They also indirectly affect their children, increasing their vulnerability.

GENDER



A LITERATE MOTHER IS,
ON AVERAGE,

23%

MORE LIKELY TO HAVE
A SKILLED ATTENDANT
AT BIRTH.

ECONOMY



171 MILLION

PEOPLE WOULD BE OUT OF POVERTY
IF ALL STUDENTS IN LOW INCOME
COUNTRIES LEFT SCHOOL WITH
BASIC READING SKILLS