

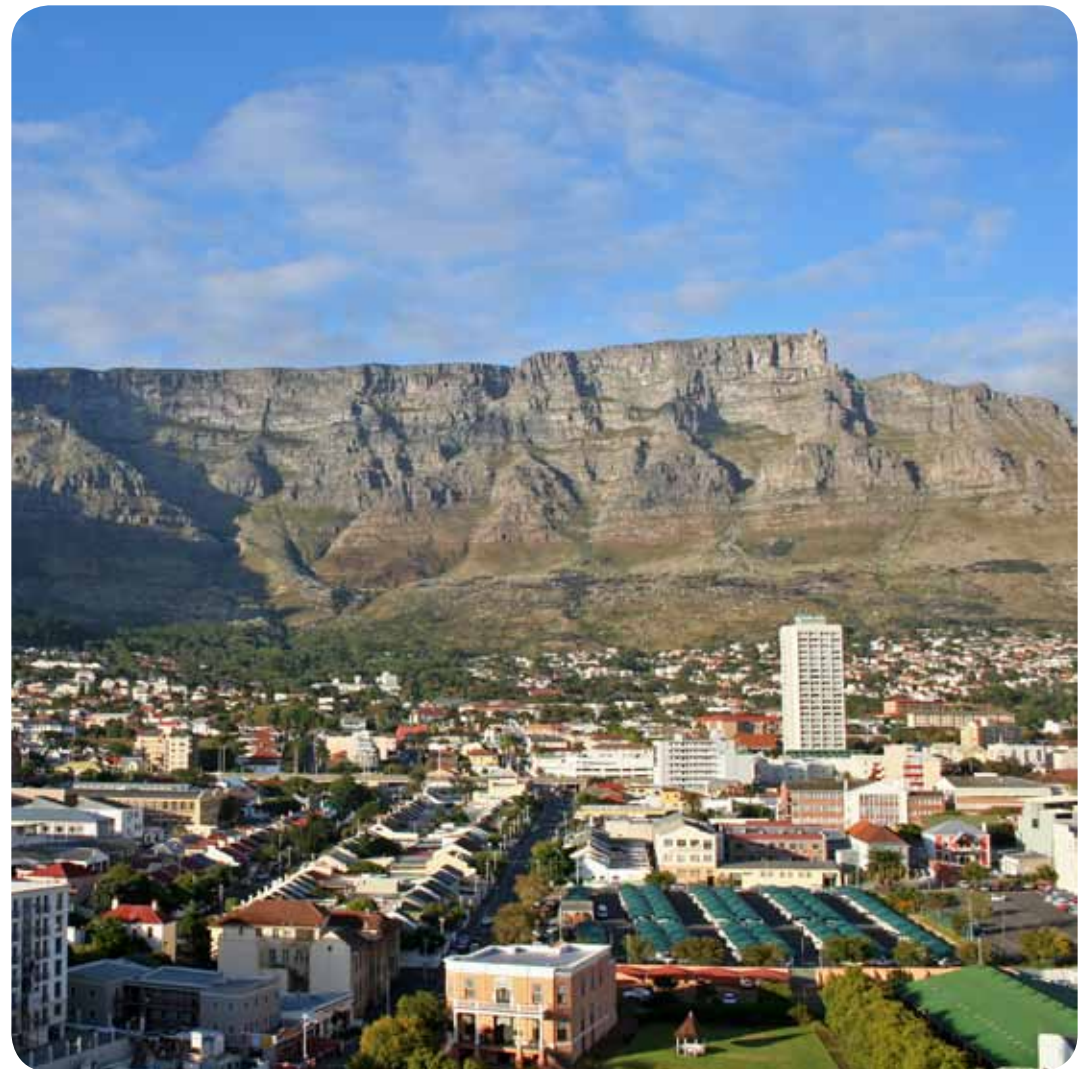
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help2read is a developmental organisation. Our focus is on improving child literacy rates and addressing the high unemployment rate in South Africa.



our vision

An empowered Africa where everyone is literate.



help2read recruits adults from the communities in which we work and trains them in the help2read methodology. They are then placed in schools where they provide one-on-one tutoring twice a week to struggling learners.



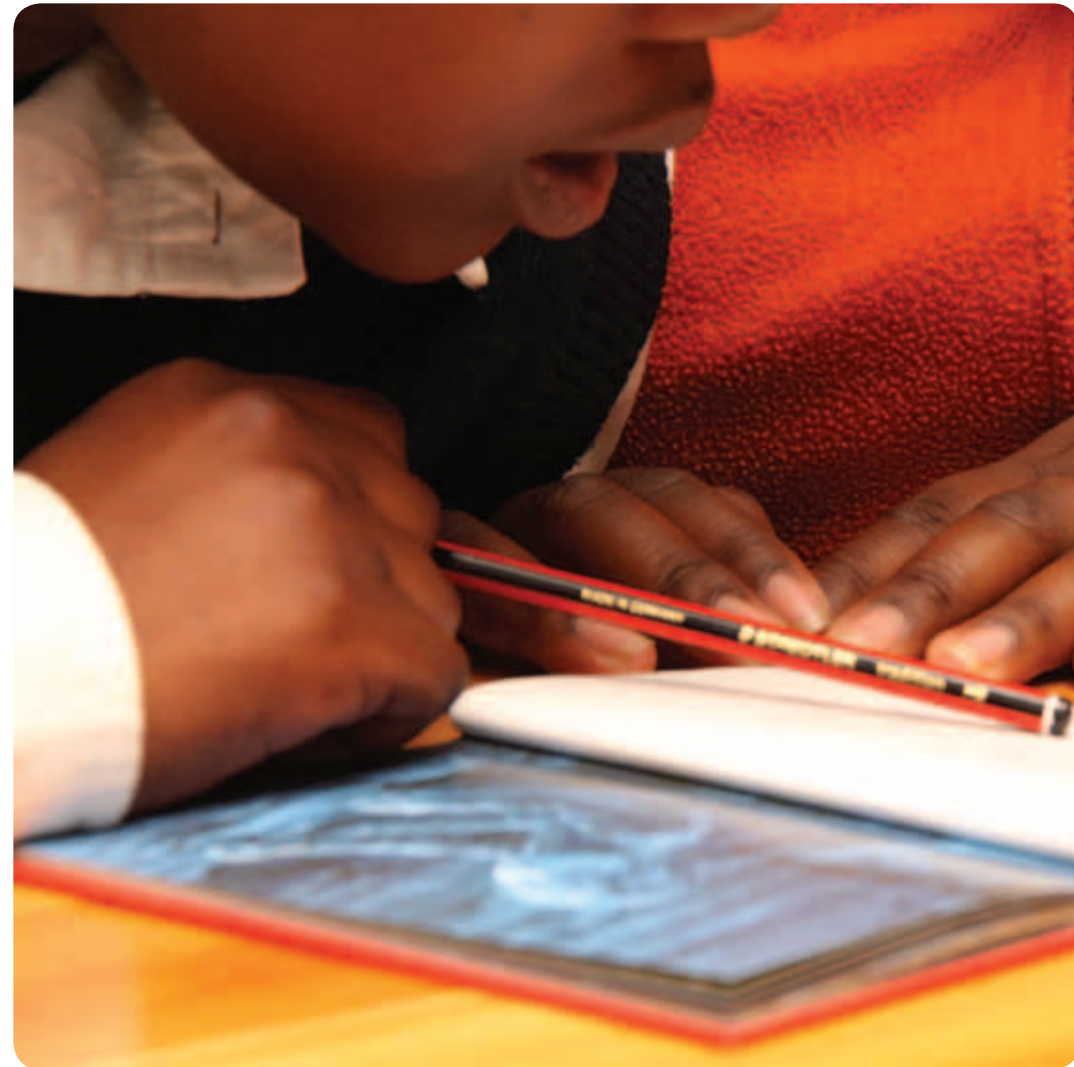
The need for help2read:

South Africa faces some of the biggest challenges with regards to literacy:

- Almost 50% of Grade 5 learners haven't developed the basic reading skills required for reading at an international Grade 4 level.
- 29% of Grade 4 pupils do not have the rudimentary reading skills required for reading at an equivalent international Grade 2 level.
- Fewer children attained the highest international benchmarks than in the same study conducted in 2006.

Furthermore:

- Unemployment in South Africa: 29.8%.
- The official unemployment rate is highest among black Africans: 35.6%
 - 22.3% for the coloured population
 - 11.7% for the Asian population
 - 5.9 % for the white population.
- A lack of skills development is a key factor in the issue.



help2read literacy programme

Learners in the help2read programme receive one-on-one tutoring twice a week for 30 minutes at a time from help2read tutors. The tutors are supplied to help2read book boxes which contain ability-appropriate books, literacy games, stationary, and pens and pencils. These learners will be equipped with vital literacy skills, enabling them to improve their results across their full range of subjects.

Furthermore, studies have shown that in children and in adults, the ability to read directly affects one's confidence, self-worth, and self-esteem. Learners who fall behind in over-crowded, under-resourced schools often never recover from this obstacle and, in fact, tend to trail their peers by larger amounts as the years go by. For children living in high risk environments, a strong sense of self is essential.

In short, help2read is addressing so much more than literacy.



help2read stipend programme

We are now addressing the issue of unemployment. Currently, we are piloting a version of our programme in which the help2read tutors receive monthly stipends and extended skills development trainings throughout the year.

Research* has indicated that a stipend-based programme would be more suitable to deliver impact and sustainable development; we envision this to be a whole new approach to development in South Africa. The idea is to not only positively affect the children in the programme, but to meet the needs and provide a different level of support to the Literacy Tutors as well. In turn, development becomes a cyclical process in which adults gain new skills while tutoring children which then increases the child's chances of further opportunities as an adult.

We are currently piloting this project in a semi-rural town in the Western Cape.



Your support will allow us to maintain and aid our expansion so that thousands of children in need of supplementary education stand a chance at receiving it.



Together we can work towards
creating the best possible
South Africa for our children.

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