



# ARAL

Advancement in Reading And Learning

## IMPROVING READING, ENHANCING LEARNING.

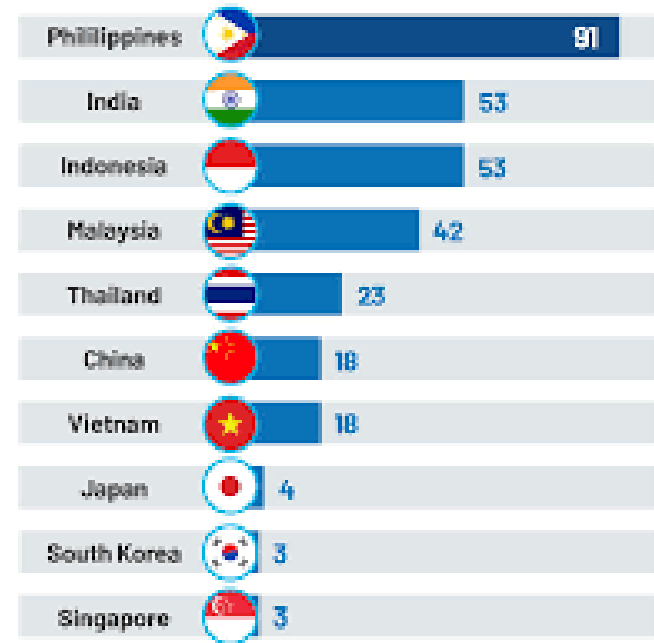
### ONE COMMUNITY AT A TIME.



# WHAT IS LEARNING POVERTY?

Learning poverty is the inability to read and understand age-appropriate text. The Philippines has the highest level of learning poverty rates in Asia, at 91%, which means that 9 out of 10 children in our country below 10 years old have low proficiency in reading and comprehension.

## LEARNING POVERTY RATES PERCENTAGE



INQ | SOURCE: WORLD BANK, SINGAPORE (2019 TO 2018)

# 91% of Filipino children suffer from learning poverty

Data Source: World Bank Report  
Image: Inquirer.net  
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# ADVANCEMENT IN READING AND LEARNING

ARAL is Gawad Kalinga's response to the pressing problem of learning poverty. GK uses this program to bring together local stakeholders such as public school administrators, teachers, volunteers, and parents to focus on poor readers in their community. Adopting the "Marungko" method of teaching, children are given intensive reading sessions outside of school for a minimum period of 3 months. After this period, they are given the standard DepED (Department of Education) assessment test to measure the improvement in their reading and comprehension levels.

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## ARAL PROGRAM

- Enlistment of learners done in collaboration with public schools
- After-school intensive reading sessions by volunteer teachers
- Groups of 30-50 children per school community
- 3-month learning sessions
- Learning improvement measured through DepEd assessment tool

Based on the pilot implementation sites in Mindanao, out of 100+ learners, almost all have progressed from their current level of reading to the next. This is proof that if we work together, we can improve literacy rates and enhance learning skills of children in need. Reading is the foundation of learning, help us equip our children with skills that they need to have a brighter future!

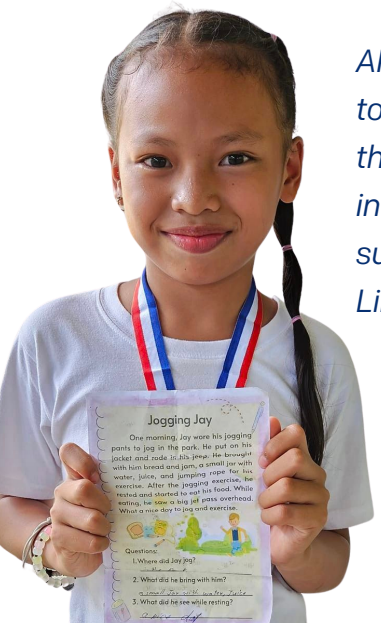
### SCHOOL ADMIN



PARENTS

DONORS

VOLUNTEER TEACHERS



*ARAL is one of GK's strategic programs to capacitate the youth and prepare them for a poverty-free future. It works in conjunction with other programs such as Kusina ng Kalinga, Maleta Library, SIPAG and SEED.*



## ♥ SUPPORT AN ARAL LEARNING SITE

### LUZON

- NCR
- Quezon Province
- Bicol
- Pampanga
- Nueva Ecija
- Nueva Vizcaya

### VISAYAS

- Cebu
- Bohol
- Samar
- Leyte
- Negros Occidental
- Capiz

### MINDANAO

- Lanao del Norte
- Misamis Occidental
- Surigao del Norte
- Sulu
- Zamboanga del Norte

## HOW TO HELP

**\$1200 to sponsor a community's ARAL Program which will cover 24-36 hours of reading and comprehension tutorials for 20-30 students in the community. This includes teacher allowances , learning materials and meals.**

**If you would like to support GK USA Programs or any specific learning site for ARAL, please email [contact@gk-usa.org](mailto:contact@gk-usa.org)**

**TOGETHER, WE CAN END LEARNING POVERTY!**

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