

### Letting Go, To Come Together



## **Pratham Books**

- Pratham Books (set up in 2004) is a children's book publisher that produces low cost, high quality storybooks in multiple Indian languages to support reading acquisition among children
- Created a new paradigm in children's publishing to democratize access to books
- Mission driven organization with a goal to see 'a book in every child's hand'
- 7000 books \* 32 languages \* Distributed 50M books

How could we catalyze the creation of reading materials for 240 M children in an efficient manner without compromising on quality?



English Hindi Marathi Urdu Gujarati Kannada

**English** हिन्दी मराठी أردُو ગુજરાતી ಕನ್ನಡ

Telugu Tamil Bengali Punjabi Oriya Assamese

తెలుగు தமிழ் বাংলা ਪੰਜਾਬੀ ଓଡିଆ অসমীয়া

22 Constitutional Languages 152 Local Languages



Focused on the **problem** of lack of equitable access to stories, not the **Solution** of being a leading source of quality children's storybooks

#### **From Publisher to Platform**





### What happens when we go From building **alone** to being an **enabler** (Letting go of custodianship)



#### The ecosystem begins to solve



From NO storybooks in Lumasaaba, Kumam, Ateso, Runyoro, Acholi and Rufumbira to 350+ books - leveraging offline translate

#### UGANDA University Collaboration



From pasting strips on printed books to creating a child's very first book digitally in an Indigenous language (Tarahumara)

#### **MEXICO**

Literacy organizations & Language revitalization groups

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YT live training session held for teachers in Chhattisgarh with SSA. Teachers translated stories in Chhattisgarhi and Surgujia, leveraging mobile translate

#### INDIA

5000 teachers translated 900 stories in 45 days

#### Your impact grows exponentially





Level 1

Rani's First Day at School

Illustrator: Mayur Mistry



**Co-Creation** 



Open content







What happens when we go

From 'our mission' to ecosystem thinking and a shared vision

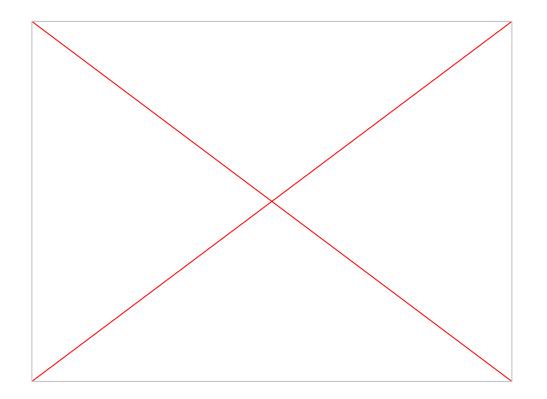
#### Teachers start a reading movement on their own





- 37K Urdu book copies printed for 880 schools reaching 1.8 Lakh children
- 160K Urdu reads over the last two years

#### Children take ownership of unlocking the joy of reading



### We reach 6.2M children by unlocking MoE Funding



### Communities take ownership

## 2000 stories. 26 languages. ~500 translators



## StoryWeaver : Impact

Sept 2015 800 Books 24 Languages

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May 2025 66,000 Books 378 Languages











**150** Countries Not a **fixed identity** but an amoeba that **flows** into many shapes





# **THANK YOU**

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