Summary of recommendations

Track 1

Address the learning crisis through sustained support for quality public sector foundational literacy and numeracy (FLN) in partner countries

Track 2

Sustainably strengthen public systems by investing in local FLN capacity-building

Track 3

Strengthen partnerships, increase coordination, and leverage multilateral engagement to create greater FLN policy alignment

- Build on progress made by USAID by prioritizing public sector FLN in global development work
- Increase investment in locally-led research institutions to build the evidence base for FLN in partner countries
- Partner with local education authorities to increase coordination and alignment within national systems across key areas

- Engage government and local leaders in-depth from the beginning of project design through implementation and evaluation
- Significantly increase proportion of funding for local organizations and implementing agencies
- Increase inclusion of country-level stakeholders in FLN policy development, implementation, and evaluation

- Prioritize countries with higher learning poverty in the selection of official development assistance (ODA) to FLN investments
- Increase support and resources for teachers' professional development, school leadership, and local accountability systems
- Strengthen U.S. leadership within multilateral organizations to increase political will and capability for FLN

- Explore and commit to program investments that go beyond five-year cycles for greater sustainability
- 9 Assist partner countries in building capacity for formative assessment to strengthen instruction and enhance learning
- Intensify efforts to improve coding and increase allocation of ODA to FLN

- Balance investments in literacy and numeracy programs so that skills in each area progress on pace
- Aid in the development of national assessment systems to effectively track progress on FLN skills across primary grades
- Strengthen partnerships with national governments and devote most ODA to locally-led public system efforts that can be scaled

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