“By empowering individual women and men, Literacy helps to advance sustainable development across the board – from better healthcare and food security to eradicating poverty and promoting decent work.”

“साधनामा रेखा बिङ्ना र पुरुषहरू क्याँक र यसै रेखा नेपालको समृद्धि सम्बन्धि स्वदेशीय परिवर्तन तथा धारा सशक्तिकरण परिवर्तन निवारण एक वातावरणीय कारको प्रेरणालाई गर्न सम्बन्धित हीता विकासको सहयोग पुनर्जीवित ।”

Irina Bokova
Director General, UNESCO
Globally, at least 781 million adults do not have basic literacy skills.

Nearly 16% of world population is not literate.

84% of global adult literacy.

72% of male adults and 49% of female adults are literate.

In 1998, the Community Learning Centre (CLC) pilot project was launched in Sreekote, Baitadi. Currently, there are 2151 CLCs all over Nepal.

Literate Nepal Mission (LINEM) is the basic literacy programme designed for the adults of 15–60 age groups.


Districts with 95% of its residents having at least basic literacy skills are declared literate under LINEM since 2014.

Government of Nepal has allocated 38.6 billion Nepalese Rupees for education for Fiscal Year 2015/16.

Kayastha are the most literate among ethnic groups (87.3%) while Dom are the least literate (20.4%).