Key messages

1) The 2030 Agenda is about leaving no one behind. Integrated approaches to literacy learning and skills development can help address the skills needs of the most vulnerable populations and prevent the 750 million people who still lack basic literacy skills from being further marginalised.

2) Rapidly changing labour markets require people to develop new skills continuously. Integrated approaches to literacy learning and skills development is a solution that offers lifelong learning opportunities for low-skilled youth and adults to access those necessary skills so that they can improve their lives and livelihoods.

3) The transition from education to the world of work is a challenge for young people everywhere. Globally, 192 million people are jobless, of which 13% are young people. By combining literacy and skills development, their employability increases and enhances the chance for decent work opportunities.

4) Combining literacy and skills development implies effective governance and partnerships with multiple stakeholders such as government, civil society and private sector.

5) The lack of foundational skills is a global challenge that affects developing and developed economies alike. By combining literacy and skills development is a response to help people achieve literacy and numeracy, eliminate gender disparities and increase the number of youth and adults who have the skills needed for life and work.