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# International Literacy Day

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According to new data from the UNESCO Institute for Statistics, there are still 750 million illiterate adults, twho-thirds of whom are women. There is thus work ahead to meet Sustainable Development Goal 4 (SDG 4) and the education 2030 targets.

Remarkable progress is shown in youth literacy. Gender disparity in youth literacy remains persistent.

[The event and background documents](http://en.unesco.org/themes/literacy-all/literacy-day)