

1c. Evident link between illiteracy and under-development/poverty

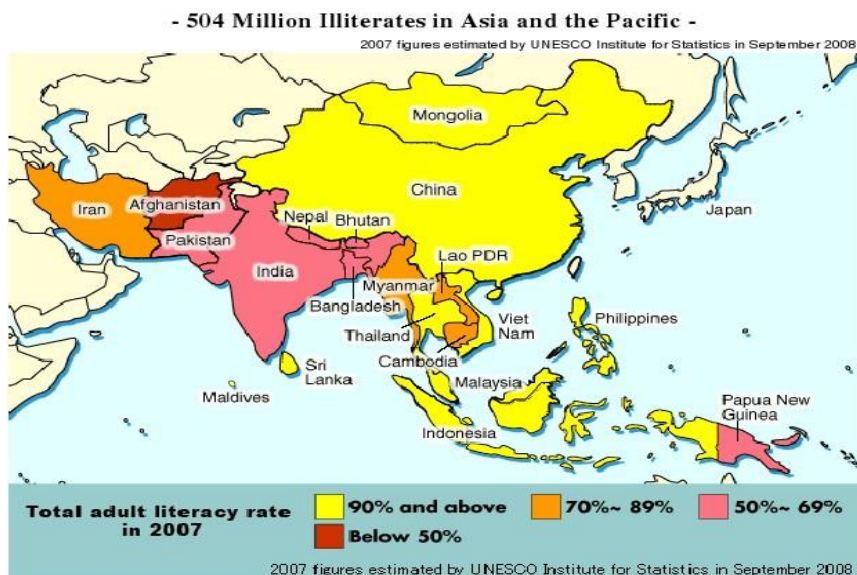
A key meeting of world leaders took place in September 2000: the Millennium Summit, sponsored by the United Nations with the purpose of discussing and agreeing on strategic measures and goals to reduce poverty and improving the living standard of the people around the globe. Undoubtedly, literacy is a key component in achieving what was then designated as the Millennium Development Goals:

- Eradicate Extreme Poverty and Hunger
- Achieve Universal Primary Education
- Promote Gender Equality and Empower Women

- Reduce Child Mortality
- Improve Maternal Health
- Combat HIV/AIDS, Malaria and Other Diseases
- Ensure Environmental Sustainability

- 504 Million Illiterates in Asia and the Pacific -
2007 figures estimated by UNESCO Institute for Statistics in September 2008

Literacy Facts and Figures in Asia and the Pacific



Consult [⇒ Map with figures for 1995](#)
[⇒ Map with figures for 2000](#)
[⇒ Map with figures for 2004](#)

Per capita income in countries with a literacy rate—

Less than	Income
55%	\$ 600
55-84%	\$ 2400
85-95%	\$ 3700
Above 96%	\$ 12600