International Literacy Day Writing Competition
August - September 2014
INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY WRITING COMPETITION

In celebration of International Literacy Day, UNESCO is organizing a national literacy writing and drawing competition. This competition is expected to contribute to the broader goals of literacy and sustainable development in South Sudan by encouraging students to write and reflect on why literacy is important.

We invite you, our partners working on education, to facilitate the participation of the children and youth in your program to answer the question below. All organizations that submit responses will be prioritized for receiving the UNESCO Mobile Little Libraries. In addition, submissions could be referred to in the upcoming Education Cluster “Hear it from the Children” report.

What does literacy mean to you, your community, and South Sudan?

Additional question for Young People 15 - 18 years old and teachers: How did literacy change your life?

During programming, set aside time for the children and young people to respond to the question. Have a discussion on the meaning of literacy before they begin writing. Give the children at least 20 minutes to write a response to the following question. Children in the youngest age category (6-10 years old) are allowed to respond by drawing instead of writing. After they are finished, encourage a discussion on the responses after they have responded.

Ask the children and young people to write no more than one page. Responses are accepted in all languages: South Sudanese local languages, Arabic, and English. Please do not translate the original submissions, they will be translated in partnership with SIL.

Please select one male and one female winner from each of the following categories:

- 6-10 years old
- 11-14 years old
- 15-18 years old
- Teachers

Eight winners will be selected nationally from all submissions, two in each of these categories (one male and one female). All eight winners will have their submissions published in the newspaper and/or broadcast on the radio.

Please scan your organization’s submissions and submit by: Thursday, 4 September to Ms Rena Deitz at UNESCO at r.deitz@unesco.org. Each submission should include: first name of the author, age, gender, location, organization, and photograph of the participant writing or learning if possible.