

# Padippum Inikkum

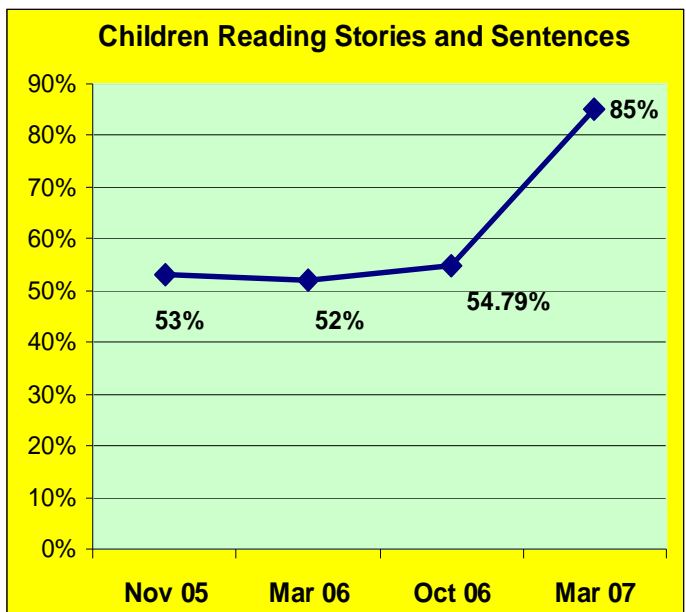
## **Tamil Reading Campaign in 5 districts** **Implemented by AID INDIA and Govt of Tamilnadu** **October 2006 – March 2007**



**4,50,000 children covered in 7300 schools.**

**Major Improvements within 5 months!**

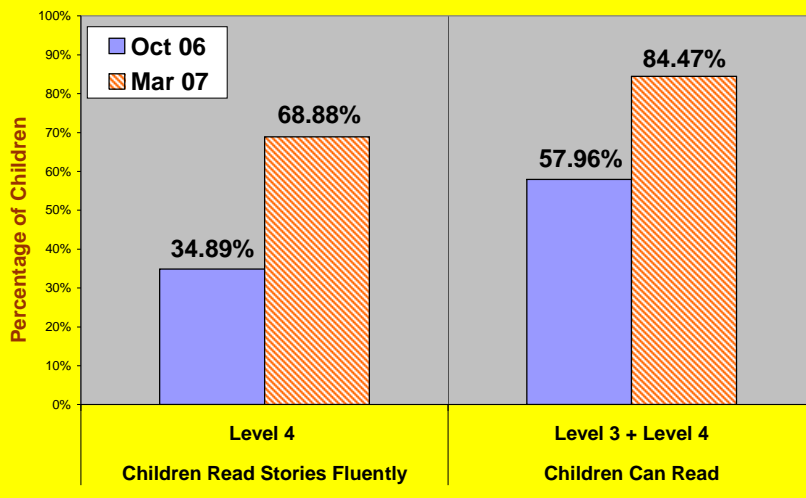
- The number of 5<sup>th</sup> standard **children who can read fluently has doubled - from 35% to 70%!**
- 5<sup>th</sup> standard **children who can read at least sentences has increased from 58% to 85%!**
- The number of 5<sup>th</sup> standard **children who could not even identify letters has dropped from 13.4% to 1.8% - coming down 7 times!**



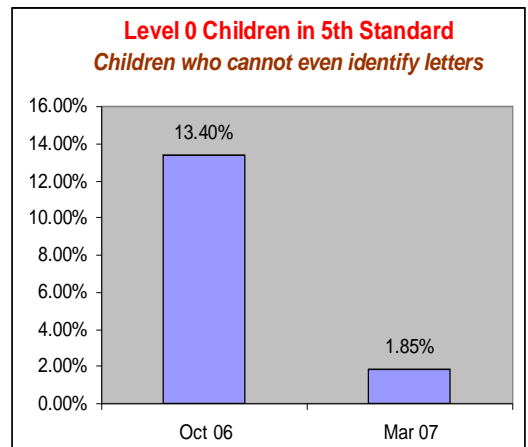
- Taking 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> std together, Children Reading Fluently has increased from 25% to 59%
- **92% of the children have improved their reading skills by at least one level within 5 months.**
- **Number of schools where more than 70% children can read went up from 78 to 2107!**

## Reading Level Improvements in 5<sup>th</sup> Std Children

### Increase in Children who are Reading

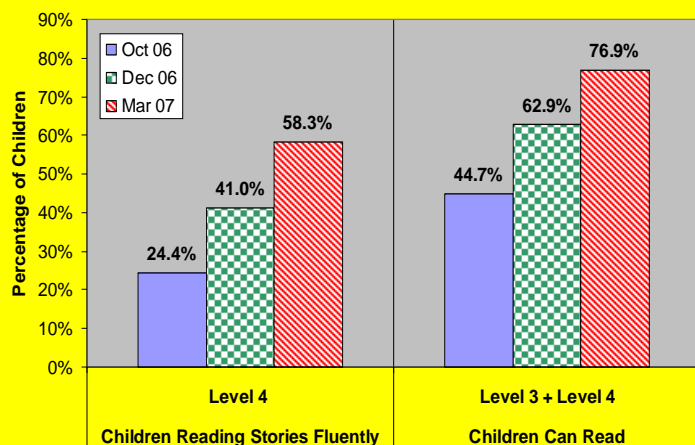


### Decrease in children who cannot read

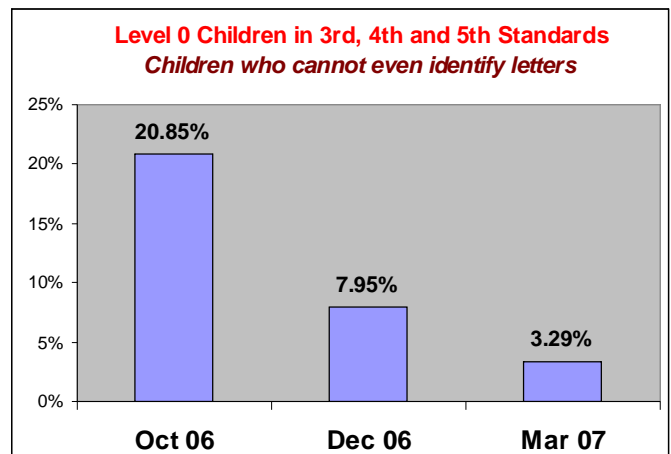


## Reading Level Improvements in 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Std Children

### Increase in Children Who Can Read



### Decrease in Children who Cannot Read



### Padippum Inikkum Reading Levels

- Level 4:** Child Reads stories fluently
- Level 3:** Child Reads sentences but not stories
- Level 2:** Child Reads words but not sentences
- Level 1:** Child Reads letters but not words
- Level 0:** Child Cannot even identify letters

### Padippum Inikkum Methodology

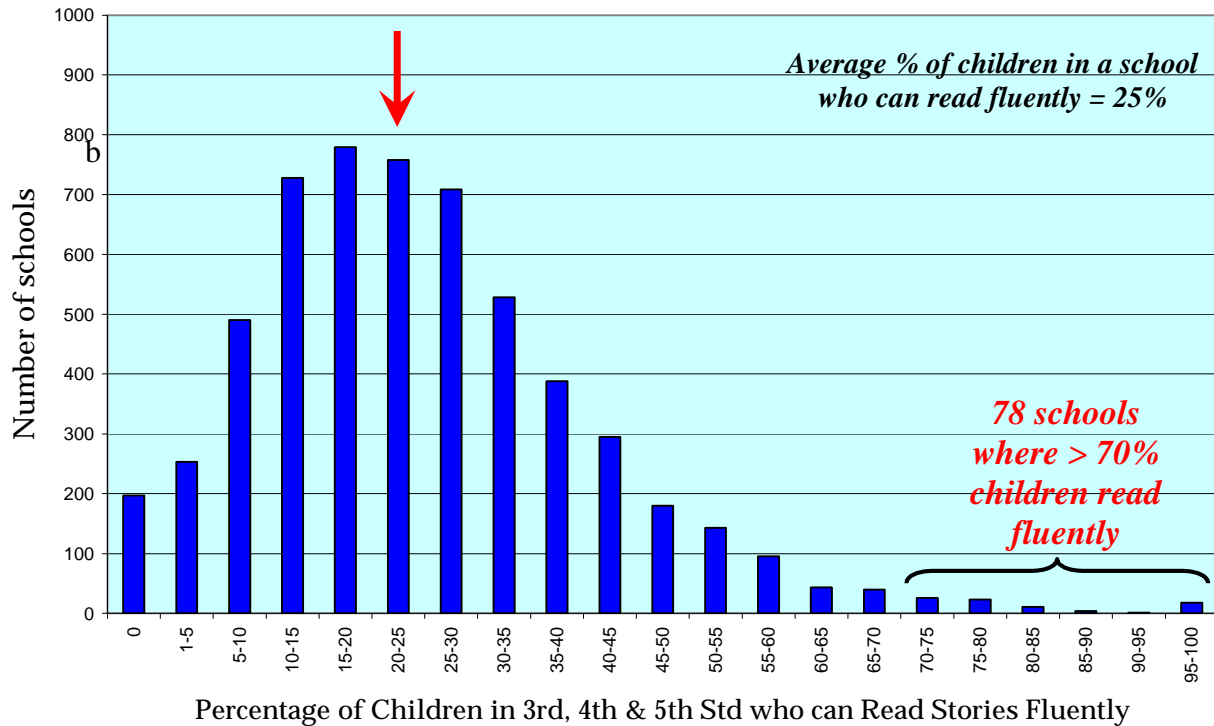
- **Accelerated Remedial Reading Program** for quick improvement.
- **Reading Evaluation** to identify the reading level of each child.
- **Exclusive Focus on Children who Cannot Read** for 1 hour daily.
- **Group Activities** to move children from one level to the next.
- **Attractive Reading Materials** – posters, story cards, puzzles, kit.
- **Child to Child Learning** for *individual attention* to each child.



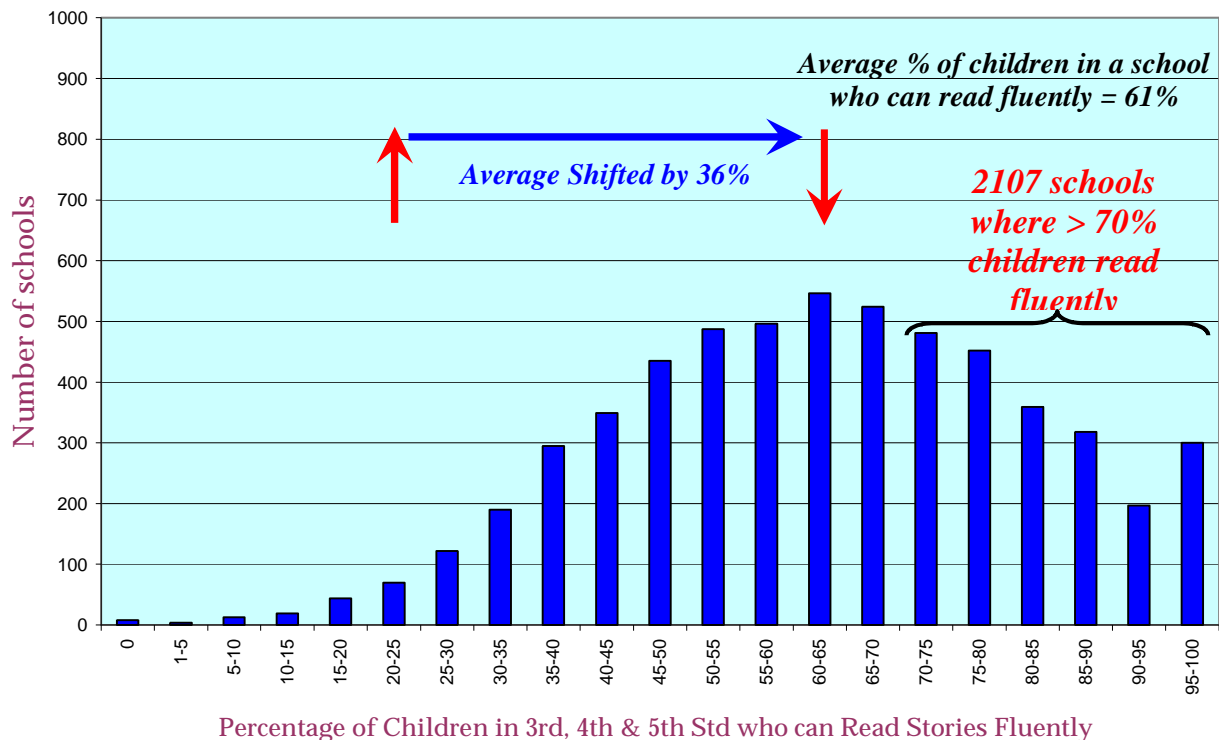
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## Distribution of Schools Based on the Percentage of Children who Can Read Fluently

*October 2006 (At the Start of Padippum Inikkum)*



*March 2007 (5 Months of Padippum Inikkum)*

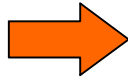




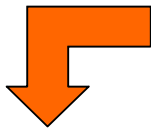
# Padippum Inikkum: What Actually Happened ?



**Jul 06:** Education Minister  
**Launched** Padippum Inikkum



**Sept 06:** 8000 teachers in 5 districts trained.  
Focus on **Practical Training** on Activities and Evaluation.



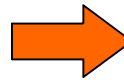
**Oct 06:** Teachers **evaluated reading skills** of all children in 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> std. in all the 7300 schools. Reading levels were displayed on charts in the class.

## Reading Skill Evaluation

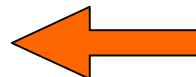
- Level 4: Reads stories fluently
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- The aim is to get all children to Level 4



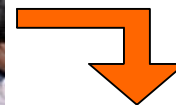
**Oct 06:** Teachers gave **certificates to children who could read** well. Pledged that all children will read fluently soon.



**Oct 06 – Mar 07:** Teachers conducted **group activities** for improving reading skills. **Exclusive focus on children who could not read for 1 hour every day.**



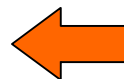
**Oct 06:** **Colorful story posters** stuck on walls in every school to motivate children to read.



**Jan 07:** **Graded story cards** given to children to further improve and sustain reading skills.



**Mar 07:** **Huge improvements in reading skills of children.**



**This focus on reading skills will be kept up until every child in the state is able to read Tamil Fluently.**