

Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all



#### Preface

#### QUALITY EDUCATION -Nursery Rhymes of Our Times, by Suvasri De

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and
Dance For Life" at the Jose de la Cruz Mena school,
Granada, Nicaragua



Dear Teachers and Parents,

NURSERY RHYMES OF OUR TIMES is a series of new-age nursery rhymes that can be used to teach young children about climate change, the importance of taking care of the environment, and the role they can play in making the world a better place.

Hope you will enjoy sharing this book with your students and children. Do let us know at www.globalsocialindia.org how you feel about it and your suggestions will be of great value to us.

Thoughts shared by students of

#### Pestalozzischule Saalfeld

- In der Schule sollten Schüler rechnen und denken, sonst werden sich ihre Noten senken.
- 2 Du startest deinen Schultag und der Lehrer lenkt deinen Lernpfad.
- Jinsere Schule werde zur Stube Vater Saat drück' auf die Tube.
- 4 Auf diesen Spruch die Nase richt' lieber Schüler schlafe nicht!

#### THIS BOOK BELONGS TO

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#### QUALITY EDUCATION



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This book is part of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) initiative, supported by the Global Social Network. It uses fun, easy rhymes and powerful student illustrations to raise awareness about Goal 4: Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.

Through poetry and pictures, young readers are encouraged to speak up, dream big, and help build a world where girls and boys have equal rights, opportunities, and futures.

Let these rhymes inspire inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all

# School for All

School is fun, come join the ride,
Books and pencils side by side.
Girls and boys, come one, come all,
Education's here to stand tall!



#### 2. Learn and Play

We sing, we dance, we read and write, Learning makes our future bright. Early years are full of Cheer, School is where we start our year!



# 3. Big Dreams

Doctors, painters, builders too,
Teachers, chefs, and farmers who
Learned in class, and gave their best—
Education builds success!



#### 4. Every Child

Tall or small, fast or slow,

Every Child deserves to grow.

Books are doors, let's step inside,

Learning's where our dreams reside!



# 5. Come to School

Pack your bag and tie your shoes,
Off to school—we've lots to choose!
Read a book and learn to share,
Every day, with love and care.



# 6. Tiny Steps

Tiny feet in tiny shoes,
Learning letters, singing blues.
Early start, a happy day,
Learning helps us find our way!



#### 7. Girls Can Learn

Girls can code and girls can fly,

Reach the moon or touch the sky.

No more limits, no more fear,

Girls in school are strong and clear!



# 8. Skill Builder

Hammer, keyboard, thread, or tool,
Learning skills is super cool!
Jobs and trades for every hand,
Education helps us stand!



### 9. Open the Gate

Open books and open gates,
No one's ever late for mates.
Kids with needs or from afar,
Shine their light like every star.



#### 10. Read and Count

One, two, three and A, B, C, Learning sets our spirits free. Young or old, let's take a part, With open mind and open heart.



## 11. Kind World

Learn of people, far and near,
Culture, kindness, dreams so clear.
Peace and love, let's learn today,
And make the world a better way.



## 12. Safe in School

Classrooms bright and windows wide, Safe and happy kids inside. No more fear and no more fight, Every child deserves this right.



# 13. Scholarship Song

A ticket to learn, a path so wide,

Scholarships help kids take pride.

Dreams can bloom from just one chance,

Education gives us the dance!



#### 14. Train the Teachers

Teachers teach and guide our way,
They learn more every day.
Help them grow and help them teach,
So many minds they will reach!



## 15. Read a Little

Read a book, and read it loud,
Make your family feel so proud.
Story time or learning rhyme,
Reading's magic every time!



## 16. No Child Left Out

All the Children, black or white, Every voice and every right.

Let us learn with joy and glee,

A better world for you and me!



### 17. Bag of Hope

In my school bag, books and dreams, Plans and poems and shiny themes. Classroom walls are where I grow, I'll shine bright, just watch me go!



#### 18. Learning for Life

Learning doesn't stop at school,
It follows every work and rule.
Young or old, you still can learn,
With every page, your ideas burn!



#### 19. Learn to Live Green

Let's learn how to plant a tree,

Save the birds and clean the sea.

Learning how to care each day,

Keeps the Earth from fading away.



## 20. Mind and Heart

Learning helps us understand,
Every heart and every land.
Let's be kind, and let us grow,
Peace and love are what we sow.



# 21. Skills for Life

Fix a pipe or bake a pie,

Learn to sew or fix a tie.

Skills Can shape the work we do,

Education pulls us through!



## 22. All Are Welcome

Big or small, quiet or loud,

Let us make our teachers proud.

No one left behind, we cheer,

All belong and all are here!



# 23. The Learning Never Ends

From the Cradle to old age,
Every Chapter, every page.
Let us learn from dusk till dawn,
Wisdom keeps our hearts warm!



#### 24. Learn to Travel

Books can take us far and wide,
To every shore, to every side.
Scholarships help us to go,
Where new things bloom and grow!



# 25. Singing for School

Sing a song, and sing it loud,
Learning makes us feel so proud.
For every child, for every town,
Let's lift the world and write it down!



# 26. A Place Called School

There's a place where dreams begin,
With paper, Chalk, and happy grin.
It's Called a school, it's where we grow,
And learn the things we need to know!



# 27. Ready, Set, Learn!

Pencils ready, books in hand,

Off we go to learning land!

Every day's a brand new start,

With curious mind and open heart.



## 28. Girls and Boys Together

Girls and boys in every class,
Learning science, art, and math.
Side by side they learn and play,
Equal chances every day!



### 29. Tools of Life

Sewing, typing, fixing shoes, Every skill we learn to use. For work, for joy, for every goal, Learning helps us find our role!



# 30. Learn Through Play

Blocks and puzzles, shapes and songs,
Playing helps us grow up strong.
Early learning, bright and new,
Builds a world for me and you!



# 31. Shine with Skills

Learn to count and measure rice,
Cook a meal or give advice.
Skills that help us every day,
Learning leads the way!



### 32. One Big Class

From mountain top to sandy shore,
Children learn and dream for more.
One big class, the world so wide,
Learning brings us all inside.



## 33. Learning for All

If you can't hear, if you can't see, School is still for you and me.

Everyone deserves the same—

To learn, to laugh, to earn a name!



# 34. My Smart Mind

In my brain, a million lights,

Turn on when I read and write.

Letters, numbers, facts, and more—

Open every learning door!



# 35. My Name is Me

I write my name, I feel so proud,
I say it strong, I say it loud!
Reading helps me find my way,
To lead, to work, to speak, to play!



# Education in Nicaragua

Even though education is compulsory in Nicaragua, many parents do not send their children to school but to the city to work. They often need the money to buy essentials - rice, beans and gas to boil water from the river.

Many of these children go to school despite their difficult situation. Because they know that education is their only way to a different life.

Great importance of the dance project for SDG goal 4 "Quality education" in a country where leisure activities are not part of the everyday life of the average student.



So that the Children feel the music in their hearts, the rhythm in their feet and a passion for their lives.

AXEL BRÜMMER.

#### Dance for a Better Future – Escuela Jose de la Cruz Mena, Granada, Nicaragua

"You have to dance life." - Friedrich Nietzsche

In El Pantanal, one of the poorest neighborhoods in Granada, Nicaragua, many children live in tough conditions—without electricity, clean water, or basic needs. Although school is mandatory, many are sent to work instead of class. Yet, some children choose education, knowing it's their path to a better life.



Mabel, a dedicated teacher and a native of El Pantanal, returned to her community after graduating top of her class in Managua to give back through teaching. In 2018, she founded a traditional dance group at the Jose de la Cruz Mena elementary school to help inspire her students.

The group now has 22 members who perform dances rooted in Nicaraguan culture—like EI Palo de Mayo, EI Güegüense, and Las Inditas. Participation requires good grades, motivating students to study harder. Monthly school performances are celebrated with a shared meal called the Fiesta de la Comida.

Despite their passion, the group lacks resources for costumes, music equipment, and food for the festival. Families Contribute what they Can, but support is limited.





We aim to support Mabel's efforts—by funding costumes, speakers, and meals—and connecting with international dance groups and choreographers. Every step these children take in rhythm brings them closer to pride, joy, and hope.

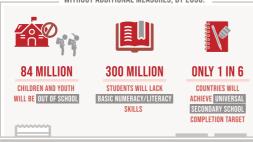


### ENSURE INCLUSIVE AND EQUITABLE QUALITY EDUCATION AND PROMOTE LIFELONG LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL

DESPITE SLOW PROGRESS,

# THE WORLD IS FALLING FAR BEHIND ■ ACHIEVING QUALITY EDUCATION

WITHOUT ADDITIONAL MEASURES, BY 2030:







LOW- AND LOWER-MIDDLE-INCOME COUNTRIES FACE A NEARLY

#### \$100 BILLION Annual Financing gap

TO REACH THEIR EDUCATION TARGETS

# PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL COMPLETION RATES ARE **rising**, but the page is slow and uneven



