

# MLE Bridge



Many local language communities are multilingual. In addition, some want to communicate in the national language and possibly also in an international language. Multilingual education programs (MLE) promote first-language literacy skills, providing the means to meet broader multilingual goals.

Successful MLE enables mother-tongue speakers of non-dominant languages to build a culturally and linguistically appropriate educational foundation in their home language first. Then they can successfully use that foundation as a bridge to one or more additional languages. MLE provides the opportunities for lifelong learning in the local as well as national and international languages.

