



Un villaggio per crescere

Project approved within the Fund for the fight to educational poverty (0-6 years)



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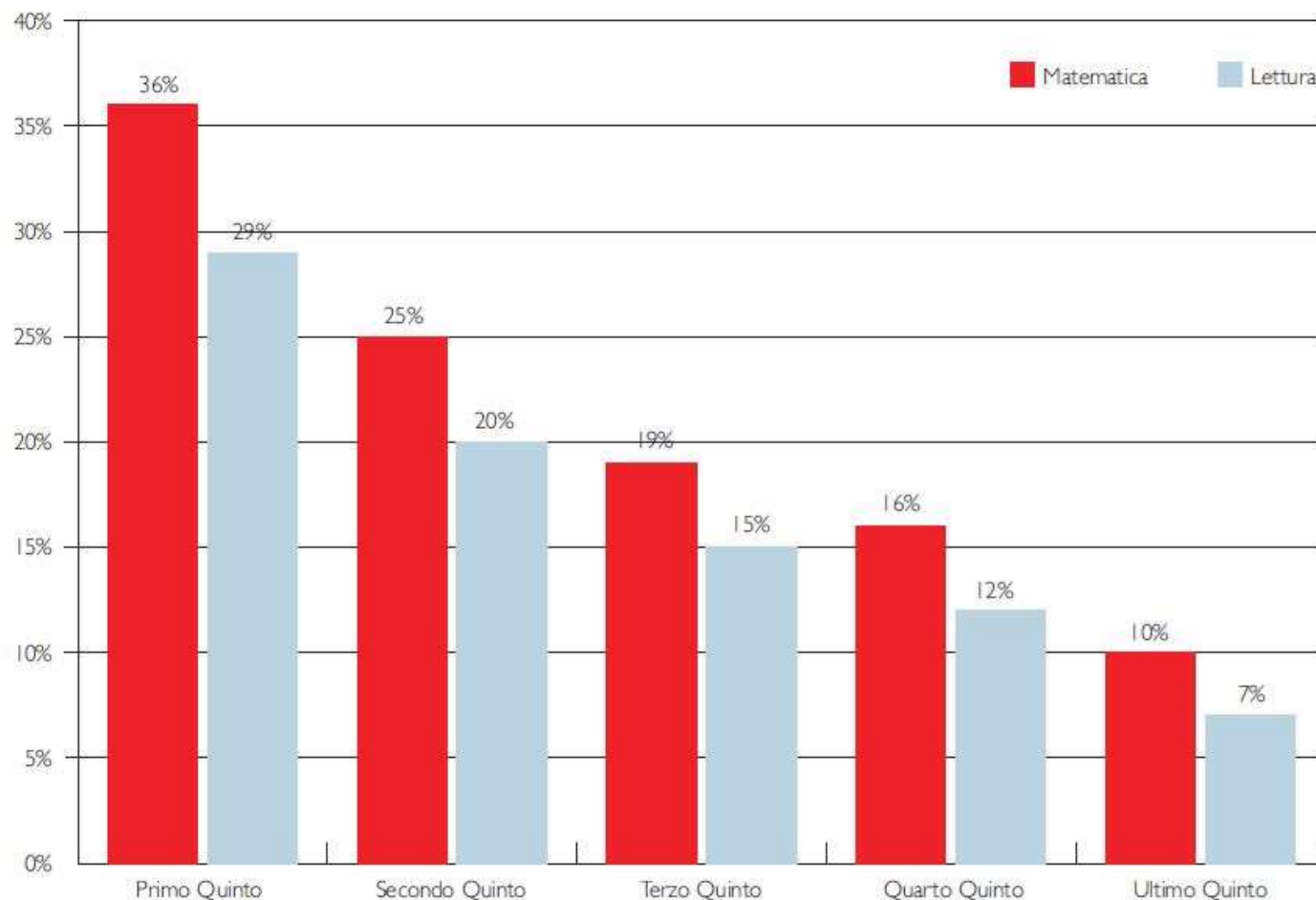


Background and rationale

Educational poverty (EP) is a worrying phenomenon In Italy, being one of the strongest determinants of the early onset of social inequity.

Proportion of children who do not reach the minimum competence in mathematics and literacy by SES quintiles

(Italy, data from PISA survey)





- “Un Villaggio per crescere” is a country-wide project supported by the Fund to fight educational poverty established in 2015 by the Italian Government with the Support of Bank Foundations.
- The Fund is aimed at improving accessibility and quality of early child education (ECE) services in economically and socially disadvantaged communities, where ECE services are difficult to access or not available.



Informing principles and strategy

- children's rights approach,
 - early interventions (nurturing care) concept
 - ecological theory applied to child development
 - evidence of long lasting benefits of quality parental time and development-focused practices.
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- The key strategy is to provide parents and their young children with places and opportunities for engaging in activities, such as reading, play, music, gardening, art and incorporating them in home-based activities.



Main features

- Sets up multi-service centres for children and their parents/caregivers in 10 disadvantaged communities in 10 Italian cities (7 regions): Trieste; Torino; Genova; Foligno; Napoli and Campania (3); Policoro; Cosenza; Siracusa.
- focused on best practices which have been shown to be effective in promoting responsive parenting self-su
- supposed to be self-sustained after the first 3 years
- strong M&E design

Un Villaggio per crescere: activities proposed to parents and children together



Reading
storytelling



Musical experience



Artistic expression



Play with
homemade toys



Massage



Gardening



Environmental
awareness



Appropriate use of DTs



Common events



large partnership

- The project is based on large public – private local partnerships (incl. Municipalities, Educational and research institutions, Health Authorities, professional associations, private non profit entities, etc...) with Companies (Corporate Social Responsibility) contribution (e.g. The Human Safety Net)