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Mr. Dhir Jhingran is the Asia Regional Director of Room to Read, an international NGO that establishes schools, libraries and other educational infrastructure. With over 15 years of professional experience in primary education in India, he has held key policy level positions in state and national ministries of education. He served most recently as Director of Elementary Education for the Ministry of Human Resource Development and guided and supervised the implementation of the national Education For All program.

Mr. Jhingran's work focuses on education for children belonging to vulnerable and marginalized groups. He has advocated for and supported pilot programs for multilingual education in several states of India. He wrote the book *Language Disadvantage: the Learning Challenge in Primary* and co-authored *Elementary Education for the Poorest and Other Deprived Groups: The Real Challenge of Universalisation*.