Using Student Assessment Results for Education Quality and Systems Strengthening





READ ANGOLA

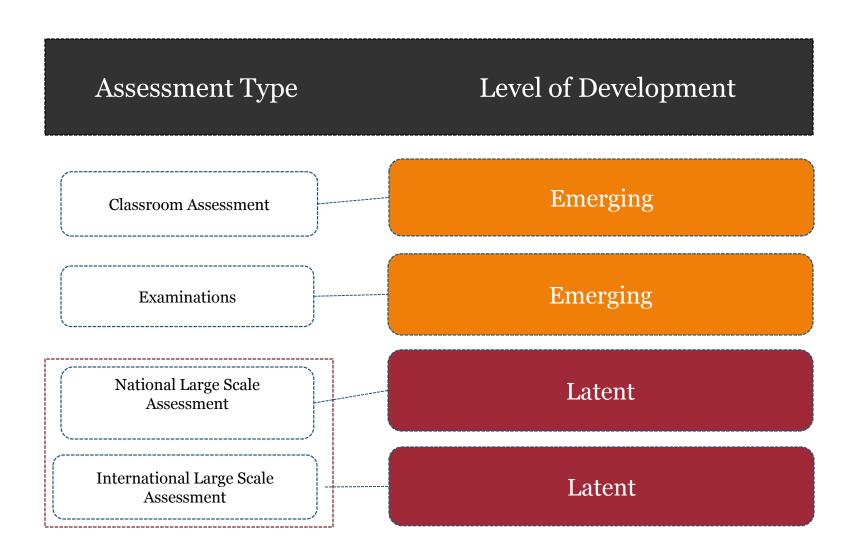


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SABER Student Assessment System Benchmarking Results – ANGOLA

(Baseline 2009, Pre-READ)



What assessment type(s) is your country working on with READ Funds?

- National Large-Scale Assessment
 - o 2011 Early Grade Reading Assessment (grade 3)
 - **▼ Why**: Children are expected to read in grade 3 the MOE would like to assess the extent to which this is happening
 - **▼ How**: Data collection is carried out in house (MOE)
 - ➤ When: Piloted in 2010, field work for EGRA has just been completed (October 2011). Data collection protocol was greatly improved after the pilot
 - **▼ Where**: More than 5,000 students were tested in 144 schools across all 18 provinces
 - ➤ **Feedback loop**: Results will immediately be used to inform the design of an in-service teacher training program

READ Results Framework:

Priority Areas for ANGOLA

Enabling Context

EC1 – Setting clear policies

EC2 – Having strong leadership

EC3 – Having regular budget/funds for assessment

EC4 – Having strong organizational structures

EC5 – Having effective human resources

System Alignment

SA1 – Aligning the assessment with learning goals

SA2 – Providing opportunities to learn about assessment activities

Assessment Quality

AQ1 – Ensuring quality

AQ2 – Ensuring effective use of assessment results

(October 2010 until Present)

Indicat or	Activity Description/date	Output/Outcome
EC5	National assessment team received training on -analysis of EGRA data -sampling, field operations -data entry software	National assessment team with greater technical capacity to conduct assessments, particularly EGRA
EC5	Study trip to Brazil to deepen the team's knowledge about assessment and its uses	21 staff of the Ministry of Education with greater capacity to design and lead assessments and a better understanding of how to use results to improve student learning
AQ1	Analysis of 2010 pilot EGRA	Valuable lessons learned that have improved design of national EGRA
AQ1	Data collection for 2011 national EGRA (recently completed)	Data file ready for analysis

Training of National Assessment Team

Training in analysis of EGRA data (pilot), December 2010



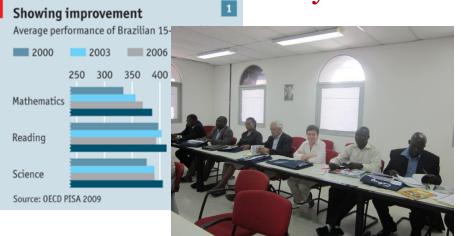
Training in sampling techniques and field work protocol, May 2011





Training in EGRA data entry, August 2011

Study Tour to Brazil March 2011



With the Municipality of Rio de Janeiro - a champion of education reform - where students are assessed every 2 months



Learning about SAEPE - the assessment system of the State of Pernambuco



On our way to visit the federal Ministry of Education in Brasilia



Data Collection for 2011 National EGRA



Testing student



Interview of parent

Interview of teacher

Testing can happen in many settings...



..on a branch - hope it doesn't break..





Expected Achievements for READ ANGOLA

(October 2011 thru 2014)

Indic ator	Activity Description	Output/Outcome
EC5	Training on - Data analysis - Dissemination of results	Increased capacity of national assessment team to perform or supervise the analysis of assessment data and to understand, interpret and disseminate results
EC5	Conference on how to improve national examinations to be held in December 2011	Increased awareness on how to improve assessments and exams. Will include staff from MOE and 18 provincial governments, and teacher training institutes
AQ1	2011 national EGRA analyzed	Analysis report and activity to disseminate results

Implementation Challenges/Issues for ANGOLA

- The MOE had no recent <u>list of schools</u> for selecting a sample for the assessment...
 - o Mitigation measure:
 - ➤ National assessment team went to the field to collect the names of schools from the local authorities
 - **▼** This was merged with an older MOE list of schools
 - ➤ In the course of 2 months, the team had put together a complete list of more than 10,000 primary schools











Implementation Challenges/Issues for ANGOLA





- Delays in data collection because of:

 ...local authorities not allowing the assessment
 schools not at their GPS coordinates one province could only be reached through neighboring Namibia no people present in the school on interview day no internet connection in the field to email back survey data...
 - o Mitigation measures:
 - ➤ Planning most of the field work for the dry season
 - ➤ Planning for additional interview teams and anticipating a longer data collection period

Other implementation challenges ANGOLA

- High costs in Angola
- Consultants not getting visas in time
- Other activities on-going needing the attention of the national assessment team
- Limited data and information available about the sector – no national EMIS, no population census
- Difficulties in implementing the education reform in all parts of the country

Children eager to learn.. read ANGOLA read!

