



# Together for Early Childhood Evidence

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A group of children are holding hands in a large circle on a sandy ground. In the background, there is a long, low building with a corrugated metal roof and several dark doorways. Behind the building, there are lush green trees, including several tall palm trees. The sky is overcast.

# Workshop Overview

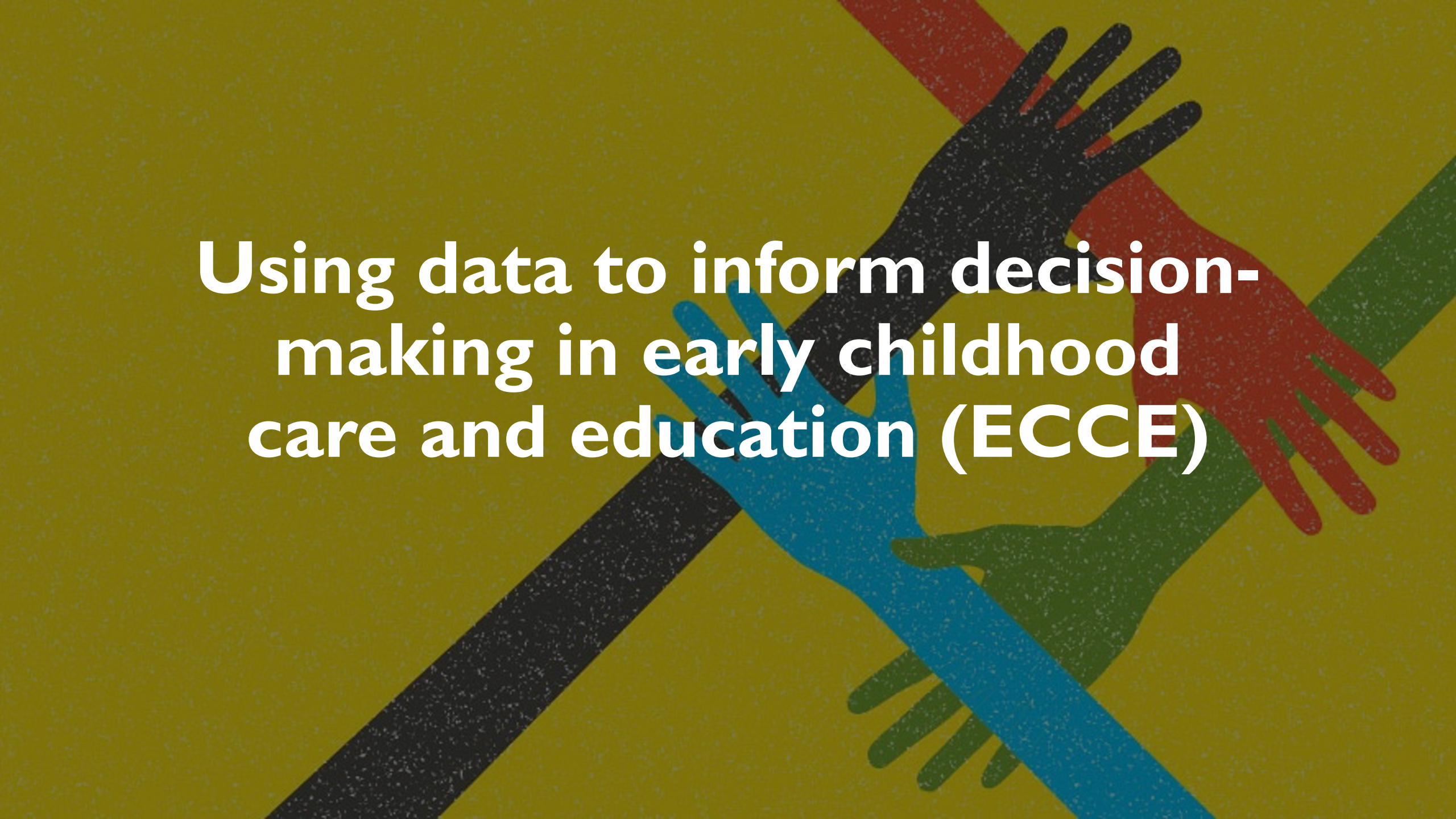
Setting the Stage



# What type of early childhood data do you think is most important?







# Using data to inform decision-making in early childhood care and education (ECCE)

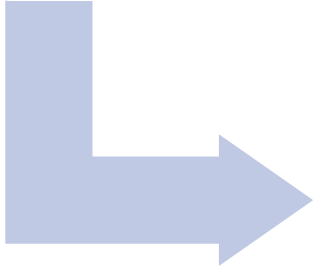


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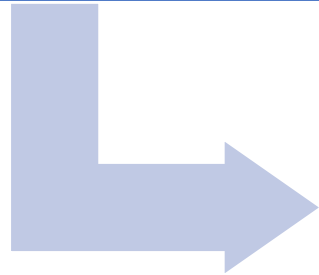
- Each country team will have a "mini-action plan"
  - Where is your country currently in establishing a data-informed ECCE system
  - Where are the bottlenecks in getting to a data-informed early childhood system?
  - How can you address the bottlenecks?



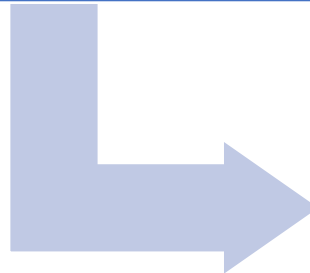
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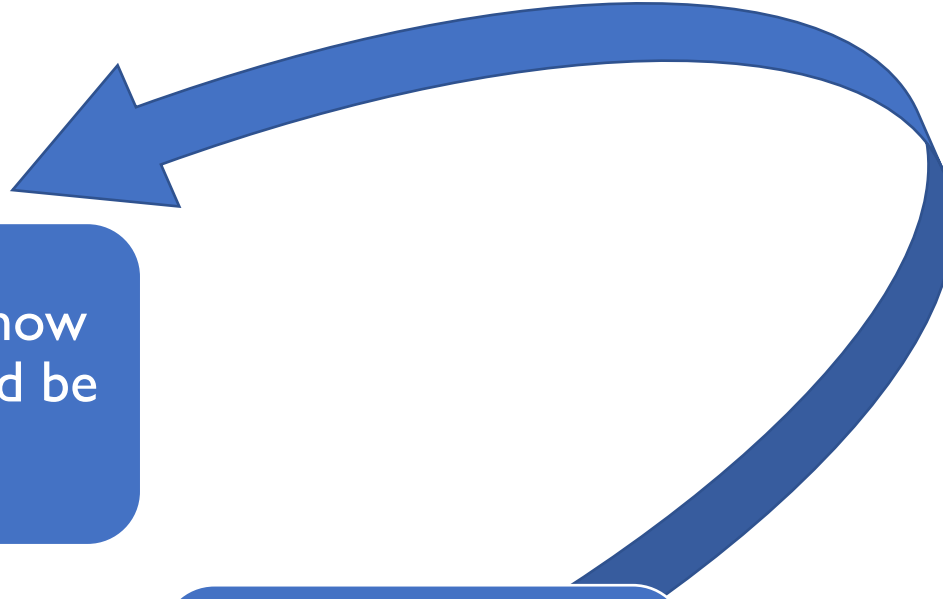
Determining how  
the data should be  
used



Outlining how to  
get those data



Building a  
sustainable system



# Steps To A Data-Informed ECCE System



# Why data-driven decision making for ECCE?

- Strong evidence on importance of early childhood in lifelong learning and well-being
- Countries have increased investments in ECCE
- To ensure effective implementation, we need to track progress toward local, national, and global goals for young children
- We need to use reliable data to document quality of services and children's outcomes



# Data is central to improving an early childhood system

- Data, gathered as part of ongoing monitoring, research, program evaluation, helps address many types of questions for a country

What are some examples of questions you may have in your country that could be answered with ECE data?



**COVID-19  
has negatively  
impacted  
early  
childhood  
systems**

**Global  
inequities  
increased**

# Recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic

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**A Commitment to Action: Ensure Foundational Learning as a key element to Transform Education** (*Transforming Education Summit, September 2022, UNGA*)

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# **I. Low learning levels: the barrier children face**

## **Low learning levels – the barrier children face**

The pre-COVID learning crisis has been made even more severe by the pandemic. Currently it is estimated that, globally, nine out of every ten children suffer from learning poverty in sub-Saharan Africa: they are unable to read and understand a simple text by the age of ten.

# Foundational learning: Why it is important

a. The pre-COVID learning crisis has been made even more severe by the pandemic. Currently it is estimated that, globally, six out of every ten children suffer from learning poverty: they are unable to read and understand a simple text by the age of ten.

b. Foundational learning is critical to enable all children to reach their full potential and participate in society.

c. Ensuring foundational learning for all contributes to productive citizenship, sustainable development, inclusive growth, gender equality, national cohesion, peace and prosperity, and bolsters progress on all other Sustainable Development Goals.



# **Preprimary is essential to foundational learning**

What we know about the impact of pre-primary/ECE on foundational literacy in the primary grades

RAPID approach and implications for ECE/Pre-primary

**ECE/Pre-primary  
can reduce  
disparities in  
reading outcomes  
and increase  
equity in learning**

There is some evidence  
that attending preschool  
seems to counter the  
disparity in reading  
outcomes between low-  
SES and high-SES pupils.

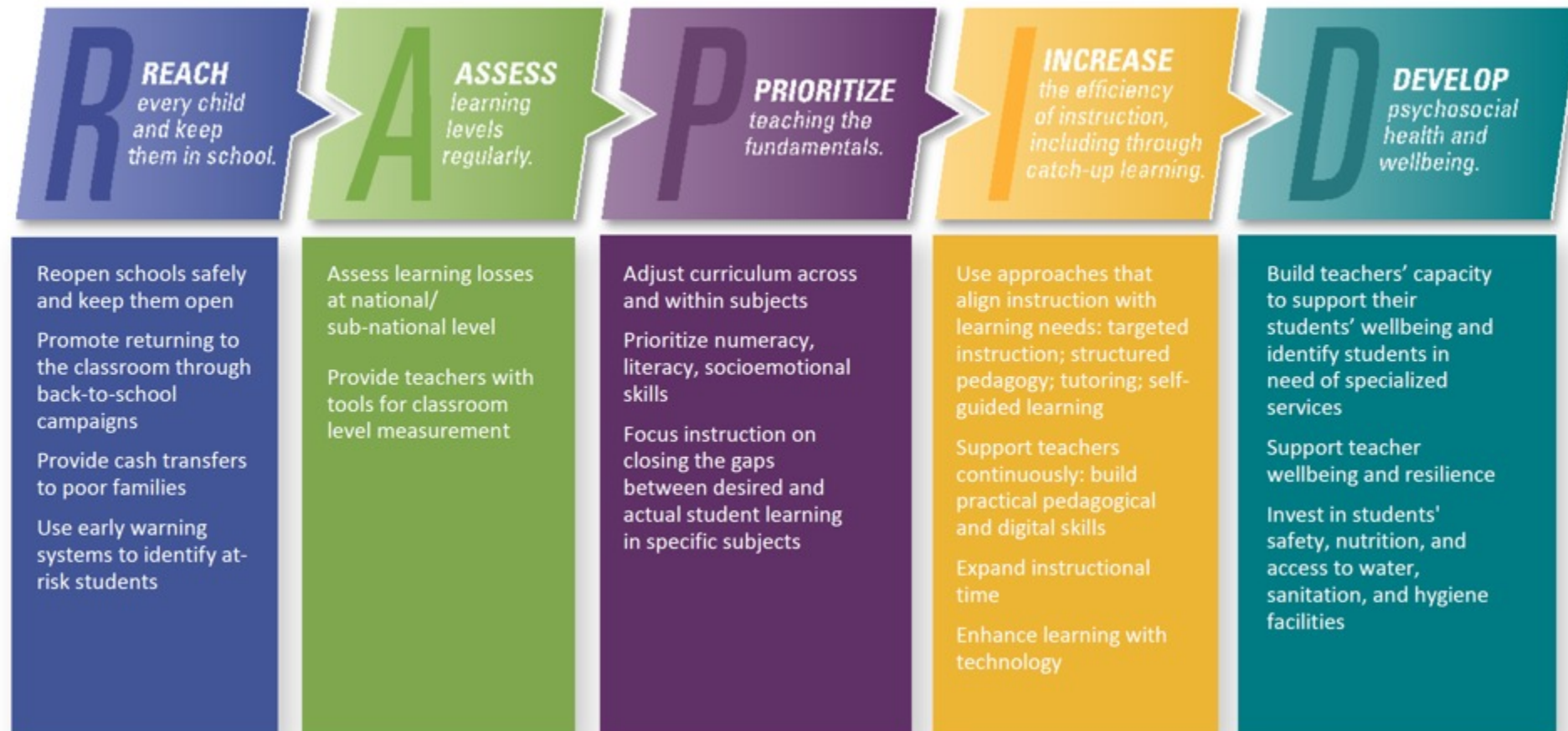
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# Building resilience and success in learning foundational skills: Begin with ECE

Figure 9 RAPID Framework for learning recovery and acceleration



# Together for Early Childhood Evidence (T4ECE)

- An initiative funded by USAID in 2018 to accelerate progress toward data-driven early childhood education systems in sub-Saharan Africa
- T4ECE consortium part of USAID's Research Technical Assistance Center (RTAC)



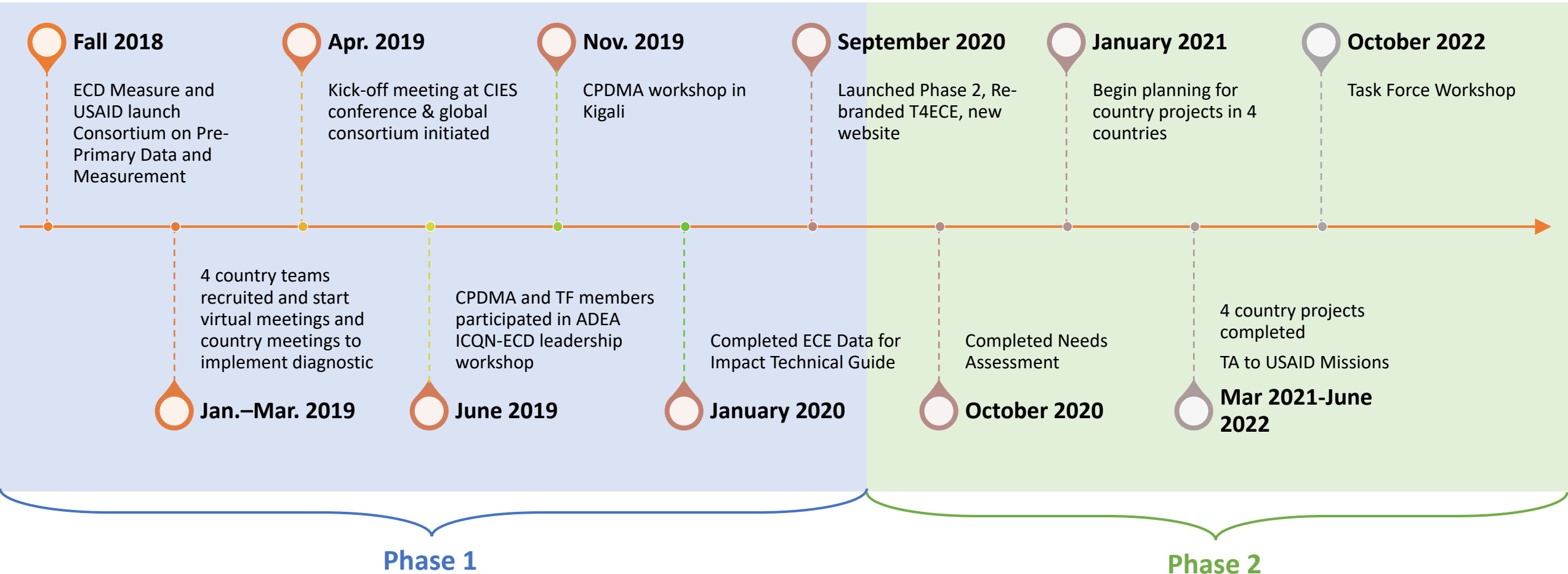


# Project Objectives

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- Convene a Consortium of global early childhood partners, including policymakers, researchers and practitioners actively engaged in measurement and monitoring pre-primary education in sub-Saharan Africa.
- Create a hub for exchange of information and experiences in pre-primary data across sub-Saharan Africa and other geographies.
- Support USAID in its plans to implement early childhood programming and systems improvements in countries.

# Since 2018, Together for Early Childhood Evidence has been working at global and country level







**Who are decisionmakers within an early childhood education system?**

Parents/  
Community



Teachers



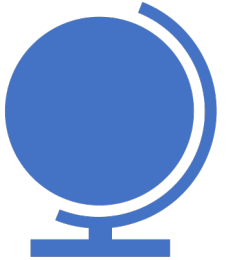
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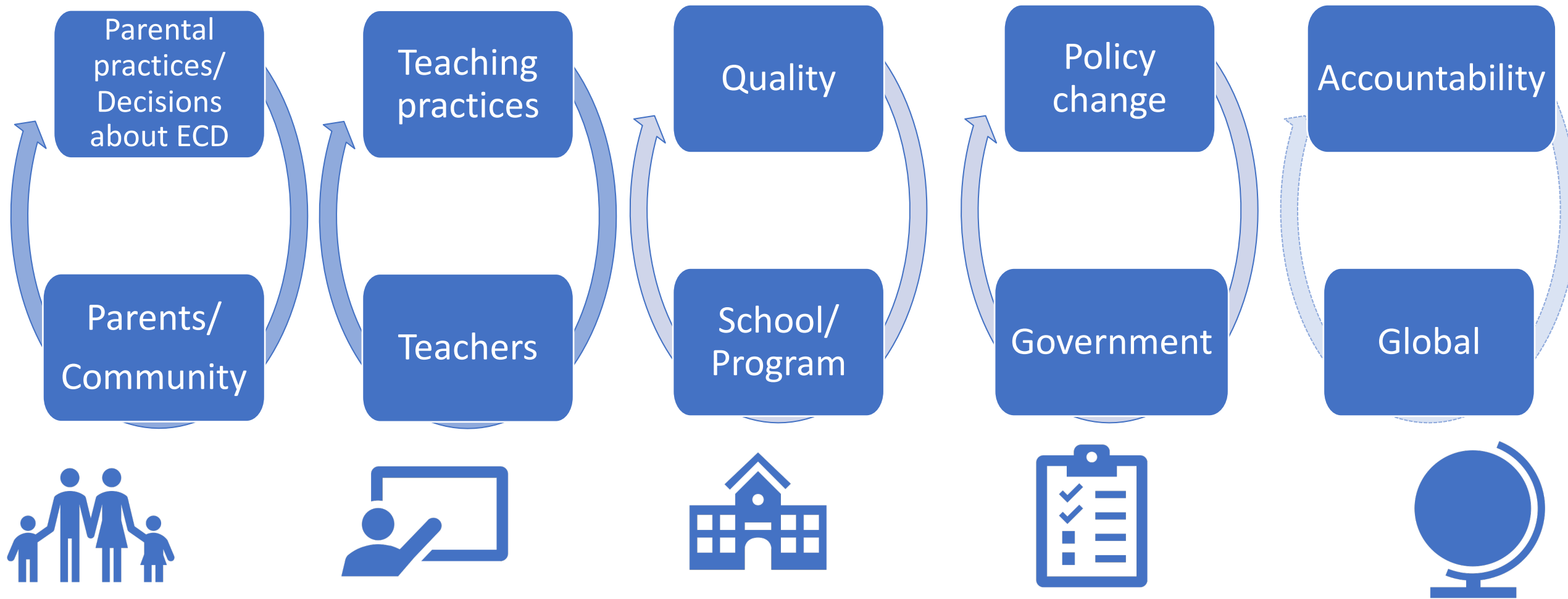
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- What decisions does each group make?
- What behaviors do we want them to change?
- What type of data does each group need to inform their decisions?

# Data feedback loops:

## *How does data lead to change within ECCE systems?*





# Workshop Agenda



## Where are we now?

- *What have we learned to date through T4ECE?*
  - Overview of T4ECE, articulating data feedback loops
  - Overview of country projects



## Where do we go next?

- Framework for data-informed early childhood systems
- Framework for data-informed ECE system
- Country brainstorm on data-informed systems



## Placing data in context

- *Deep dive Mauritius QAS and school visits*
  - QAS in Mauritius
  - School visits



## Outlining next steps

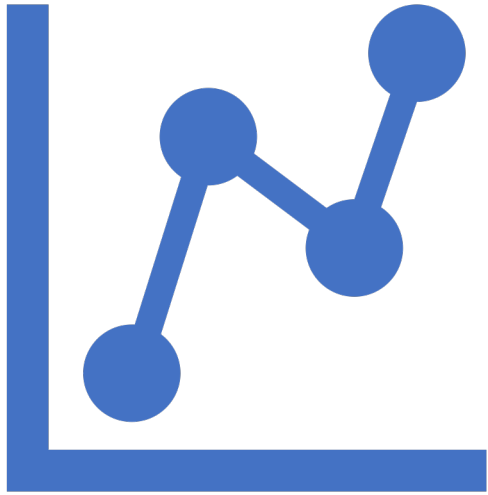
- *Way forward for countries and region, USAID synergies*
  - Synergies with USAID
  - Country action planning on shaping data-informed systems
  - Regional needs and way forward

# Pair Share: Expectation Setting

Introduce yourself to someone who you don't know yet.

***Discuss: What are the three things that would make this meeting successful for you/your country team?***

When you're done, please write your ideas on a post-it and put on the wall!

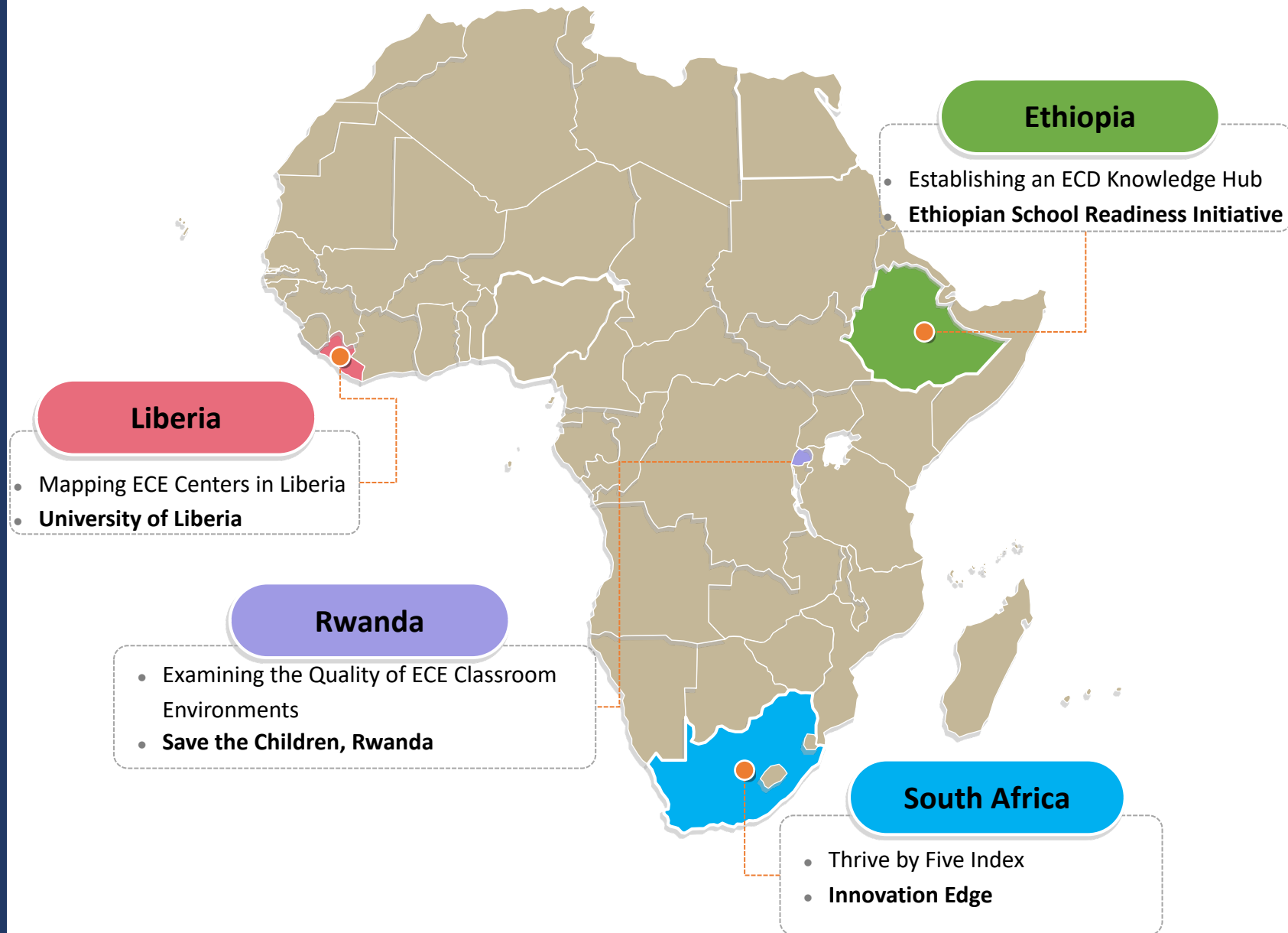


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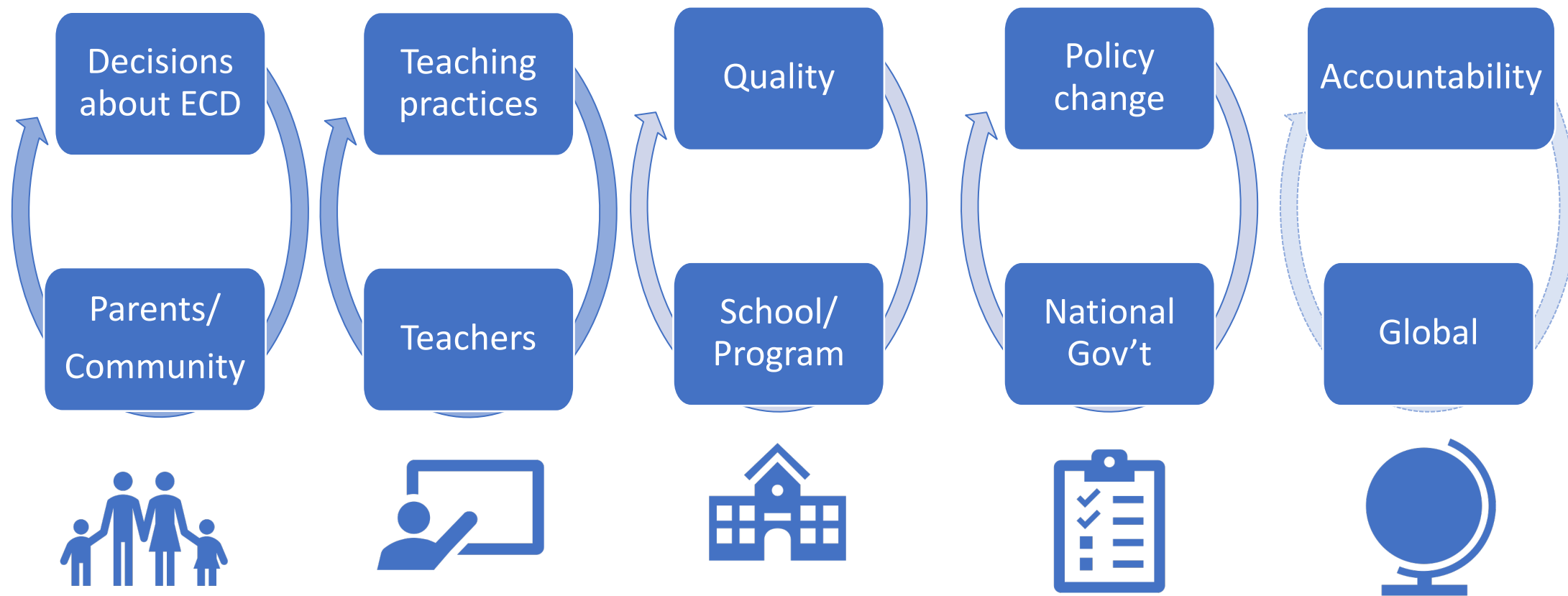
*What have we learned to date through T4ECE?*



T4ECE Task Force  
teams have engaged in  
early childhood data  
generation and data  
use



# As you hear from country teams, think about data feedback loops.





# T4ECE Country Research





# Liberia

Mapping ECED centers

Dr. Cecelia Cassell  
University of Liberia



# Project Objectives

## Identified need

- Limited information about the status (including location and quality) of ECE programs throughout Liberia

## Project Objectives

- Map and create a catalog of ECE centers, including components of structural and process quality, in 3 counties in Liberia
- Produce vital data on schools/centers' capacity to provide the minimum package of ECE services
- Project implemented through University of Liberia and Ministry of Education
  - Gain experience that MoE and partners can use to scale up for nationwide mapping

# Key Results / Take Aways

- Data collected in 59 ECE centers in 3 counties throughout Liberia, with a mix of urban and rural districts
- Complete mapping of ECE centers in pilot districts
- Quality results show:
  - Virtually no play-based activities or practices are being implemented in ECE classrooms
  - Children have little to no choice and few peer interactions
  - Classrooms lack space and key materials
- Teachers often have no ECE-specific trainings and for the majority of ECE teachers, the highest education level completed is high school.



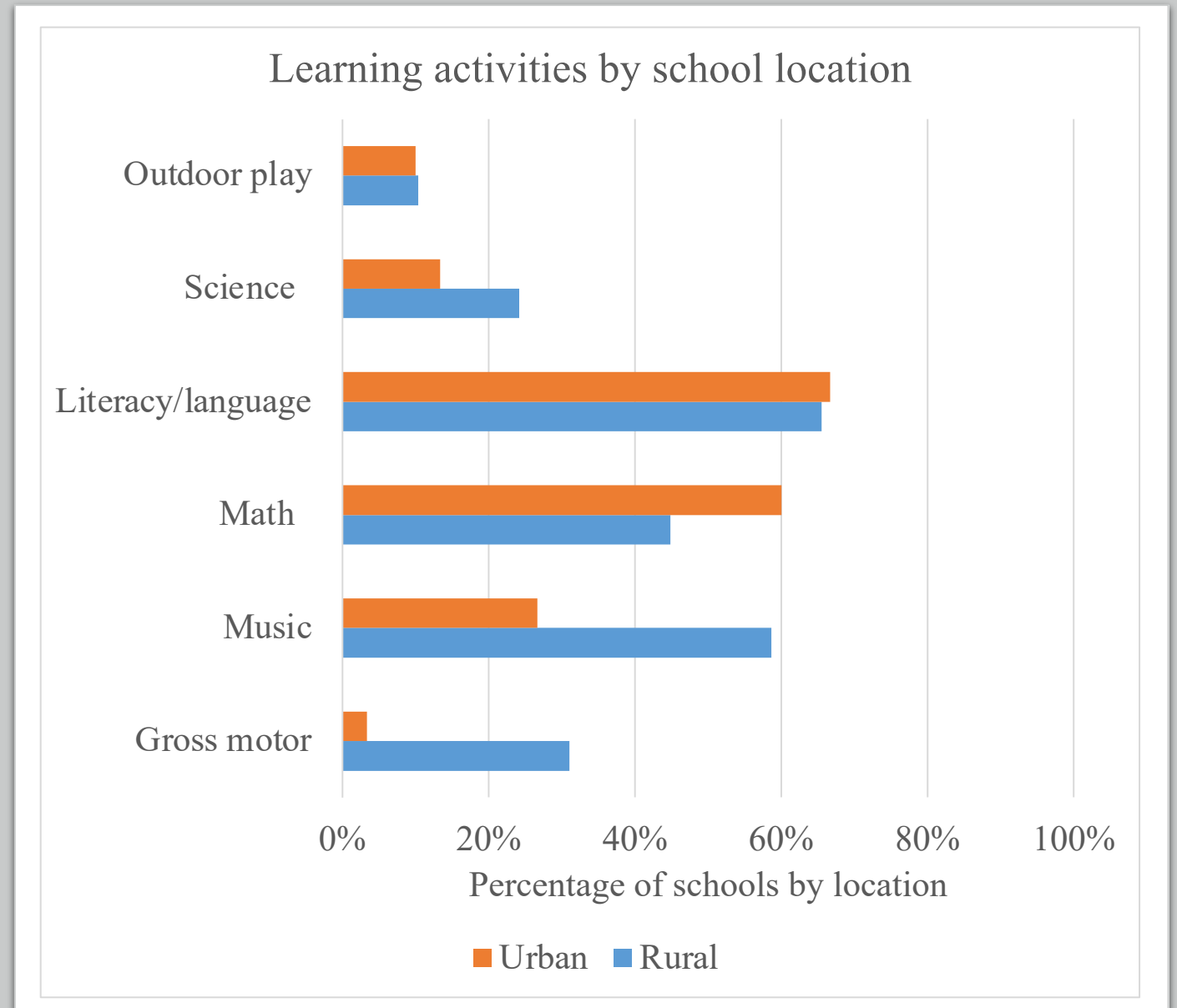
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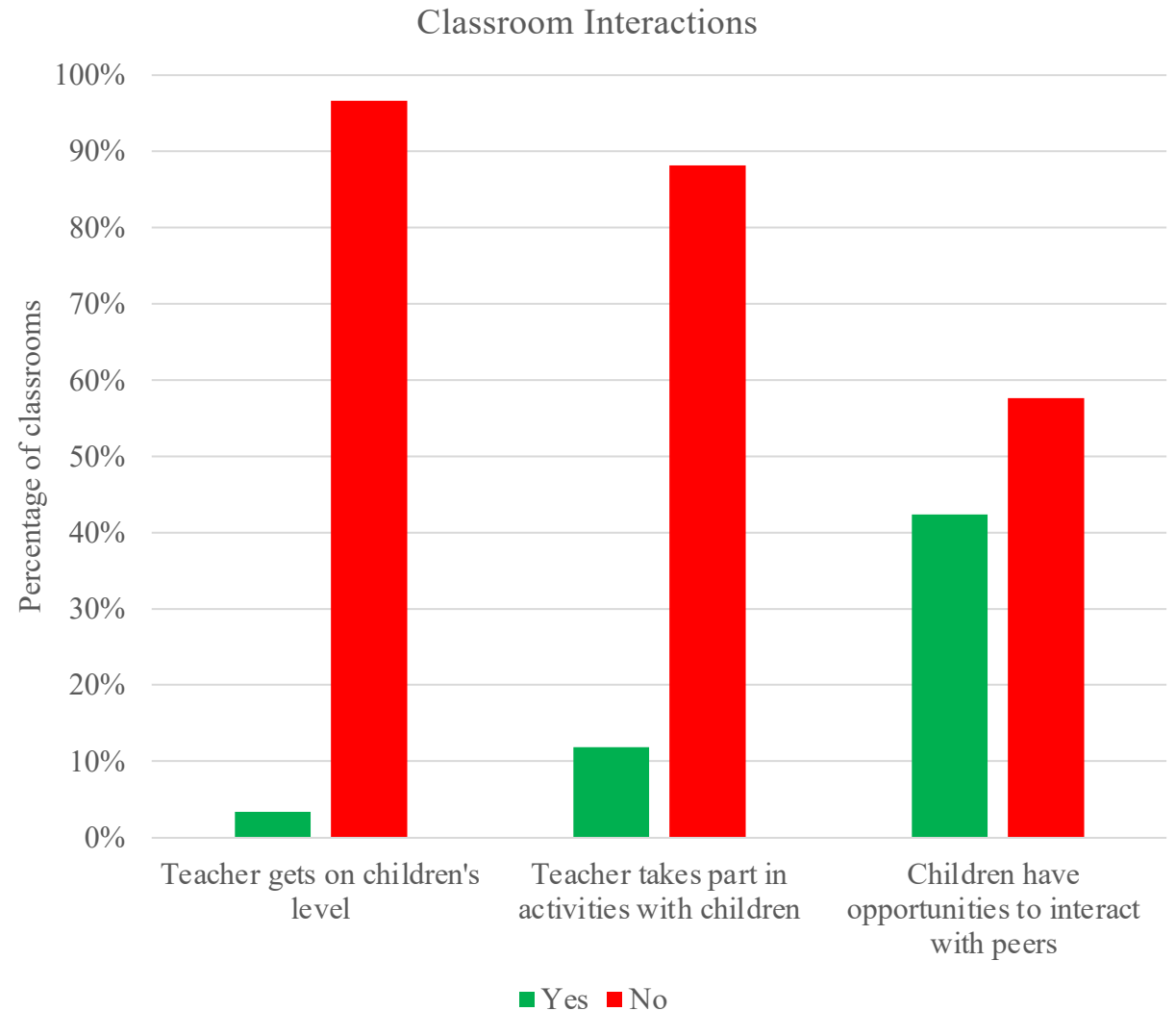
# Learning activities

- In ~2/3 of classrooms, teachers led **literacy/language activities** observed
- In 60% of urban schools and 45% of rural schools, teachers led **math activities**
- Majority of classrooms did not engage in outdoor play, science activities



# Classroom Interactions

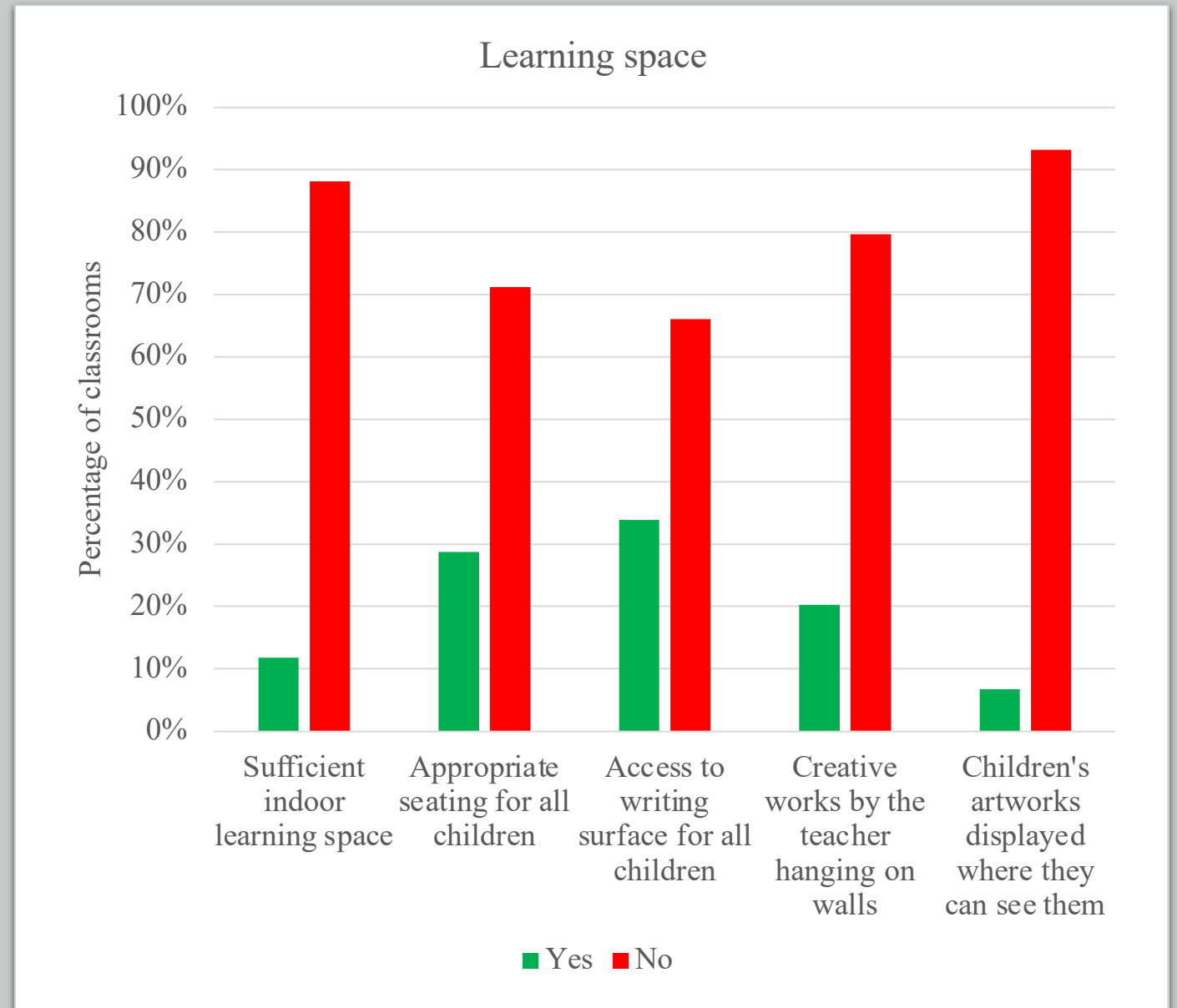
- In very few classrooms, teachers get on children's level or take part in activities with children
- In 40% of classrooms, children observed interacting with peers





# Learning space

- Nearly 90% of classrooms had insufficient space for children
- Many classrooms lack appropriate seating and writing surfaces for children



# Data Feedback Loops

*How have you used data?  
Has this data been shared  
with the government? Have  
there been any public facing  
reports sharing the data?*

- The T4ECE Country Team discussed initial findings with the Ministry of Education Senior Management Team (SMT).
- Data will be presented to ECE technical leads and other stakeholders in a 1-day meeting.
  - Goal to encourage inclusion of key elements of ECE process quality and just structural quality.
- Data to be translated into evidence briefs for parents, the communities and local NGOs.
  - Evidence brief to be placed on MOE website for a broader audience including Education Officers
- Team intends to work with the MOE to use the data to develop policy to improve the quality of ECE programming in Liberia.

# Data Feedback Loops

*What worked well and what didn't?*

*Have you seen the impacts you were expecting (or any impacts at all)?*

Measuring ECE quality requires collaboration between the MOE and key evidence generators

- The University of Liberia and the MOE worked together to map ECE centers in pilot counties

The University of Liberia and USAID/TESTS used data gathered by this project to select schools to benefit from small grants and trainings for teachers and administrators

The instrument is being used by the MOE and World Bank for consolidation in order to produce a national mapping tool for Liberia



# Data Feedback Loops

*What guidance do you have for other countries in sharing data and creating feedback loops?*

While data sharing is essential for learning-dialogues with other countries, it is important to contextualize interpretation and use.

Tools to collect data on ECE structural quality and process quality should be relevant to your country in order to provide useful sources of evidence for decision-making at national and local levels.

# What words come to mind after hearing about Liberia's ECE mapping project?

A word cloud of terms related to Liberia's ECE mapping project, overlaid on a background image of a university campus. The words are arranged in a circular pattern, with some terms appearing more frequently than others. The background shows a large, multi-story building with a central tower, surrounded by lush green trees and a clear sky.

Words included in the cloud:

- quality
- teacher training
- mapping
- access
- monitoring
- training
- quality service
- data feedback
- inadequate data
- ecd policy review
- supervision
- the use of gis
- congratulations
- large scale mapping
- link with primary
- more training
- more play needed
- quality is a challenge
- use the data for policy
- challenged ece system
- early literacy
- standards
- teachers
- strategy
- support
- curriculum
- teacher shortage
- play-based teaching
- learning outcomes
- national standards
- scale up
- good case study
- environment
- materials
- classroom materials
- national policies
- many unqualified teachers
- need for more play-based
- innovative assessment
- funding not adequate
- quality measurement
- play
- too academic
- access is still low
- planning
- equity
- context
- data
- challenging
- teacher capacity





# Rwanda

**Collecting and using data on the quality of pre-primary in  
Rwanda**

Noella Kabarungi & Paulin Ndahayo

Save the Children Rwanda



# Research-based project- Early Learning National Assessment



# Project background



- *All children, boys, and girls, with or without disabilities, have a right to consistent, quality education.*
- *Significant expansion in access to ECE but limited data on the quality of the classroom environment to guide decision making*
- *The quality of the classroom environment moderated by the teacher has a significant impact on children's school readiness and is one of the key building blocks of quality early childhood education.*

# Project Objectives



**Using the International Development Early Learning Assessment Classroom Environment Tool (IDELA CE): train education officials to conduct classroom observations to measure quality of classroom environments in a nationally representative sample of pre-primary classrooms**

- Enhance quantitative data about the quality of pre-primary classroom environments
- Build capacity of government officials to monitor the quality of teaching and learning environments in ECE classrooms and to use that data to support teachers to make improvements

**Part of larger nationally-representative school readiness assessment (IDELA)**

- Parents and pre-primary teachers' skills, knowledge, attitudes and practices on supporting school readiness

# Main activities



1. Capacity building of government and partner staff on quality monitoring, reporting and data use
2. Data collection and classroom observations
3. Data analysis, reporting, and dissemination



# Research questions



- *What is the quality of pre-primary/ECE classroom environments in Rwanda?*
- *Are there disparities among classrooms across Rwanda; if so, what are some explanatory variables?*
- *What does this mean for programming?*

# Methodology



- A quantitative survey
- Tools: IDELA child assessment, IDELA caregiver and IDELA Classroom Environment
- Sample size:

Province	PPE	Primary 1	Total Children	Schools
Kigali city	128	125	253	15
East	330	335	665	35
North	223	224	447	25
South	393	360	753	40
West	303	303	606	35
Total	1377	1347	2724	150

# Key Results / Take Aways

- Trained 57 ECE government officials from all 30 districts in Rwanda to use the IDELA-CE
- Data showed large disparities in quality of classroom environments within the same district and across provinces
- Collected valuable information on ECE teacher experience, background, and payroll
- Built capacity of local officials to collect and utilize classroom-level data to better direct resources to improve quality
  - Capacity building of key stakeholders is crucial for success in promoting assessment of classroom environment and use of data, as part of regular quality education management.



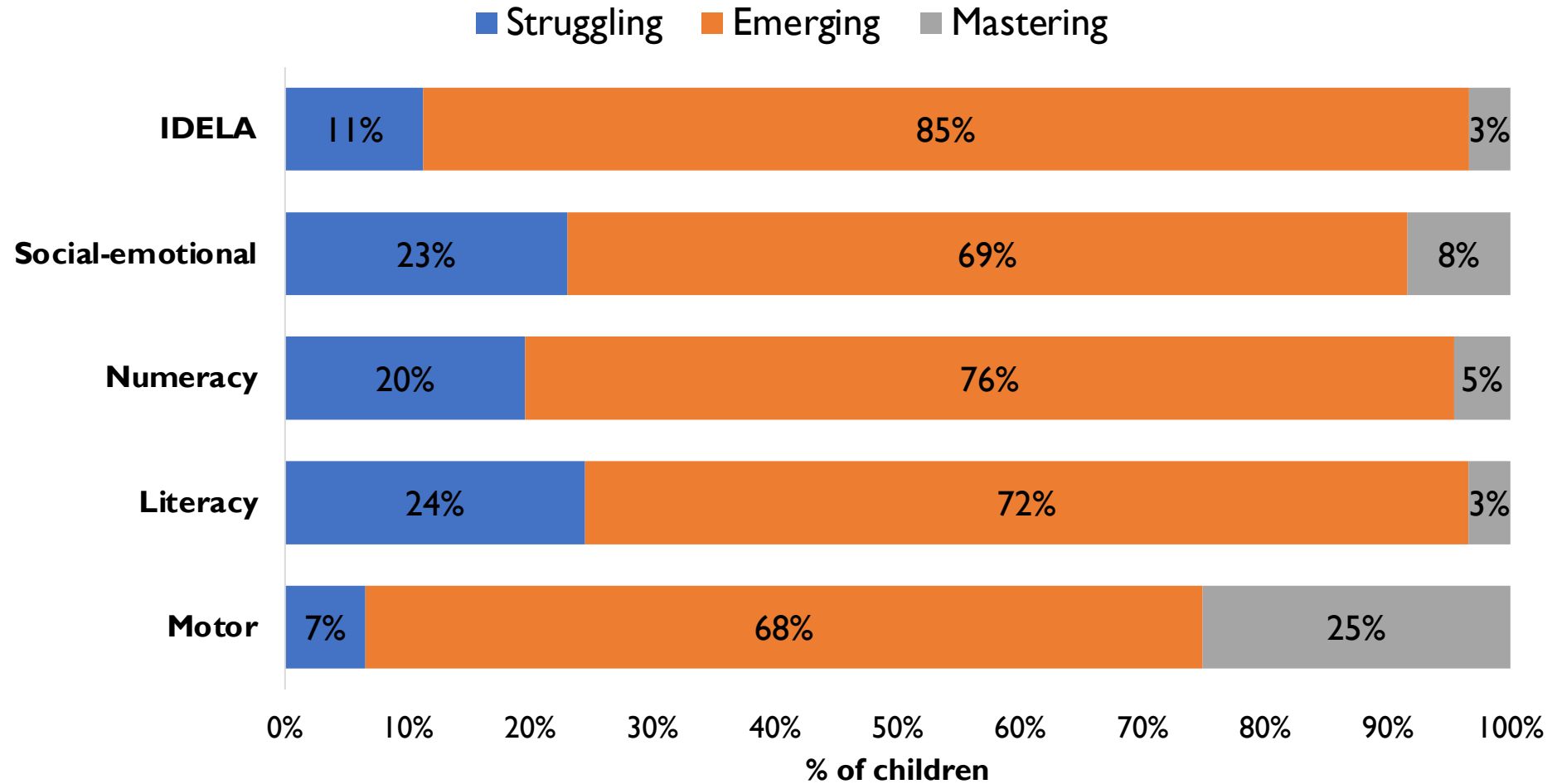
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# Proportion of PPE students mastering IDELA content, by domain



## Pre-Primary vs Primary Teacher Demographic Characteristics

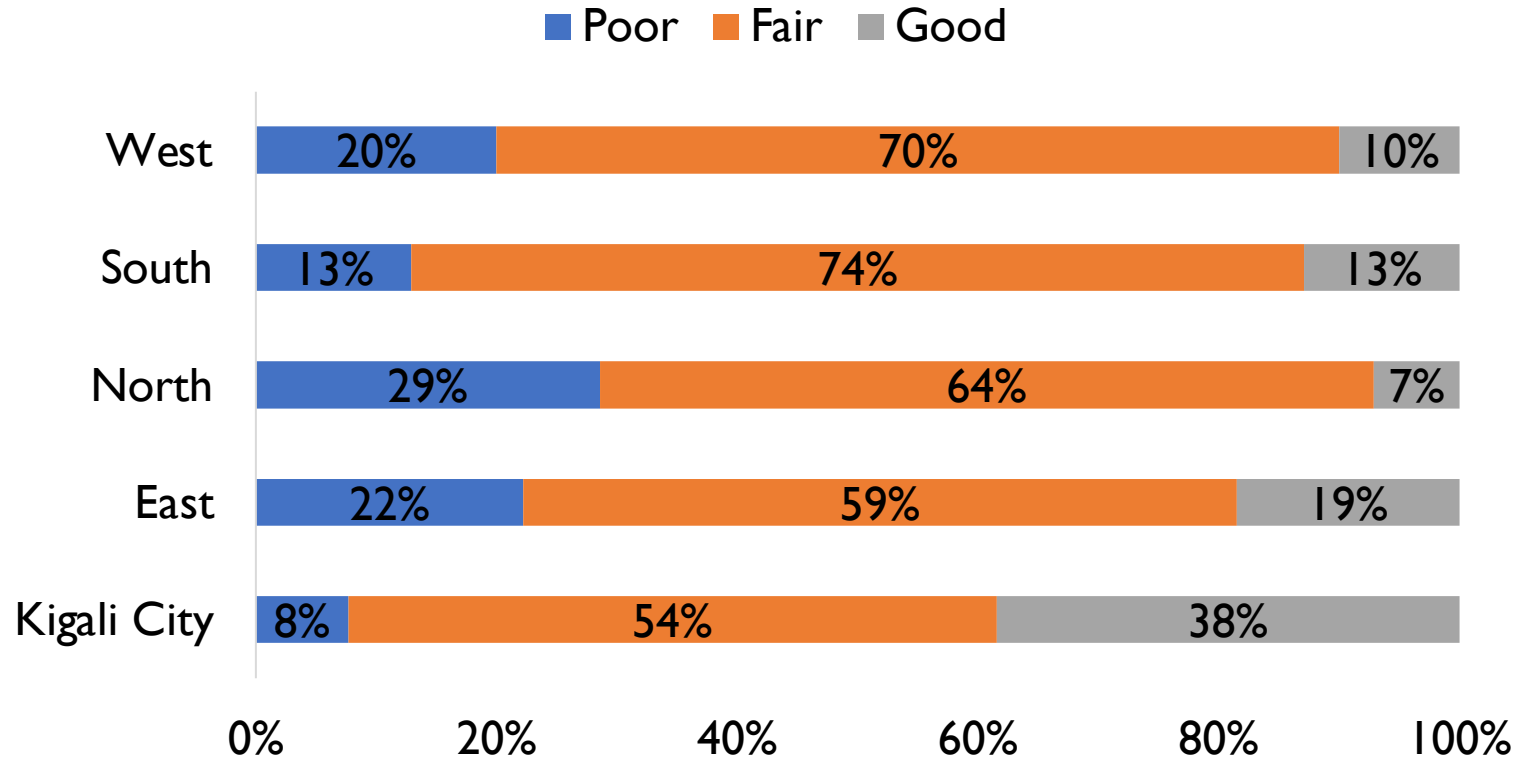
	PPE	Primary	Total
Teacher is male	9.9%	13.7%	11.8%
Teacher age	29.3	39.1	34.3
Years of teacher	4.8	13.8	9.4
Years teaching at this school	4.1	10.3	7.2
Completed secondary education	91.6%	96.6%	98.1%
Educated as a teacher	29.6%	88.4%	59.4%
Educated in another field	70.4%	11.6%	40.6%
Teacher on gov't payroll	23.2%	100.0%	62.2%
Not gov't but paid	98.1%		98.1%
Morning class size	50.3	44.0	47.01
Afternoon class size	48.4	43.8	45.1866



**Average IDELA-CE Domain Score**  
**All PPE observations**

	Mean	Std. Dev.	Min	Max
<b>General Classroom Resources</b>	3.0	0.87	1	4.88
<b>Classroom Organization</b>	3.1	0.93	1	5
<b>Health and Sanitation</b>	3.2	1.06	1	5
<b>Daily Schedule</b>	2.7	1.34	1	5
<b>Daily Routine</b>	2.8	1.30	1	5
<b>Literacy &amp; Numeracy Environment</b>	3.1	1.04	1	5
<b>Interactions</b>	4.1	0.75	1.8	5
<b>IDELA-CE Total</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>0.79</b>	<b>1.66</b>	<b>4.89</b>

## Proportion of classrooms by IDELA-CE Total score categories, by province

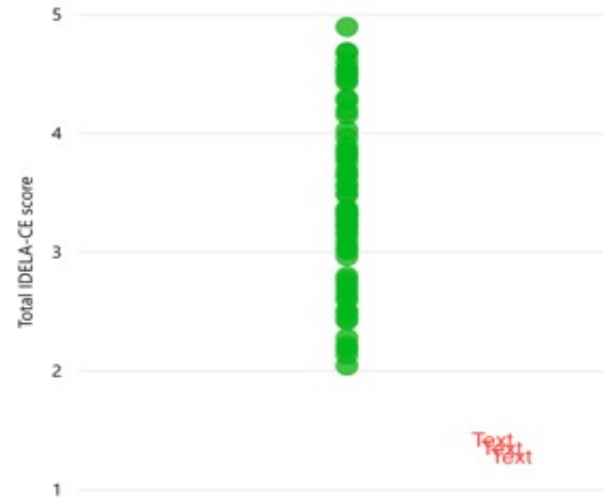


# Quality of the classroom environment

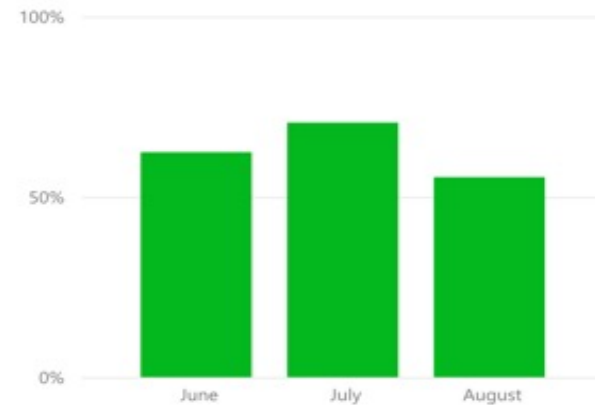
District name, ECCD center

- ☐ Bugesera
- ☐ Burera
- ☐ Gakenke
- ☐ Gasabo
- ☐ Gatsibo
- ☐ GICUMBI
- ☐ GISAGARA
- ☐ HUYE
- ☐ KAMONYI
- ☐ Karongi
- ☐ Kayonza
- ☐ Kicukiro
- ☐ Kirehe
- ☐ MUHANGA
- ☐ MUSANZE
- ☐ NGOMA
- ☐ Ngororero
- ☐ NYABIHU
- ☐ Nyagatare
- ☐ NYAMAGABE
- ☐ NYAMASHEKE
- ☐ NYANZA
- ☐ Nyarugenge
- ☐ NYARUGURU
- ☐ Rubavu
- ☐ RUHANGO
- ☐ Rulindo
- ☐ Rusizi
- ☐ Rutsiro
- ☐ Rwamagana

Total IDELA-CE score



Average attendance by Month



## General Resources, Schedule, and Sanitation

Strength: Size of classroom space  
Weakness: Gross motor play equipment availability and safety

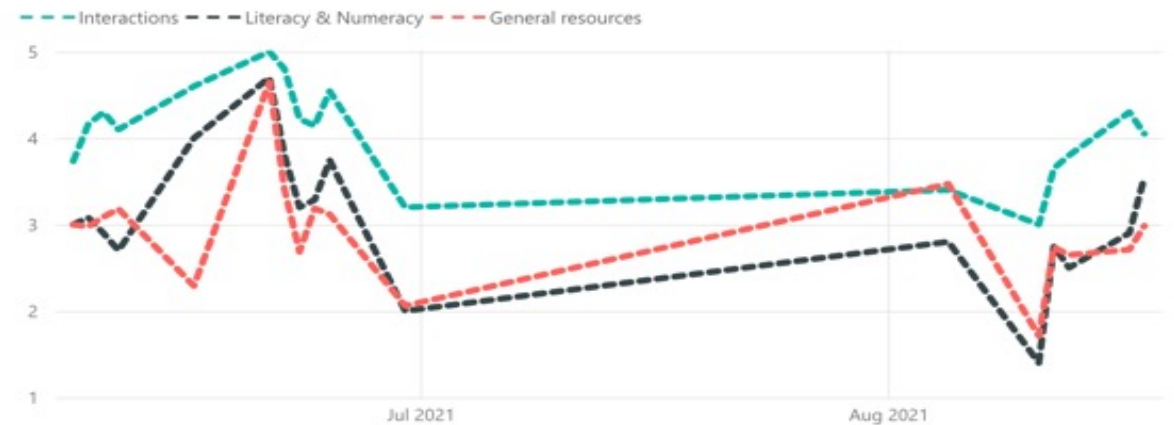
## Literacy and Numeracy Environment and Practices

Strength: Use of language and encouragement of children  
Weakness: Storybook environment

## Interactions in the Classroom

Strength: Promotion of positive child-child relationships  
Weakness: Use of group work

IDELA-CE scores over time



# Data Feedback Loops (Data use)

- The evaluation findings were disseminated to ECE Technical Working groups and the Rwanda Basic Education Board
- Data will be disseminated to government officials and school leaders to guide future efforts and inform decision-makers about ECE system improvement
- Trained officials have committed to promoting the collection and use of credible data to inform education decisions, especially around the quality of the class environment
- Trained officials have already started using the data for making decisions regarding district-led classroom resources procurement and teacher training
- Under the new USAID Tunoze Gusoma project, we are building on the available data for decision-making and IDELA will be institutionalized



# Data Feedback Loops

***What worked well  
and/or what didn't and  
any impact?***

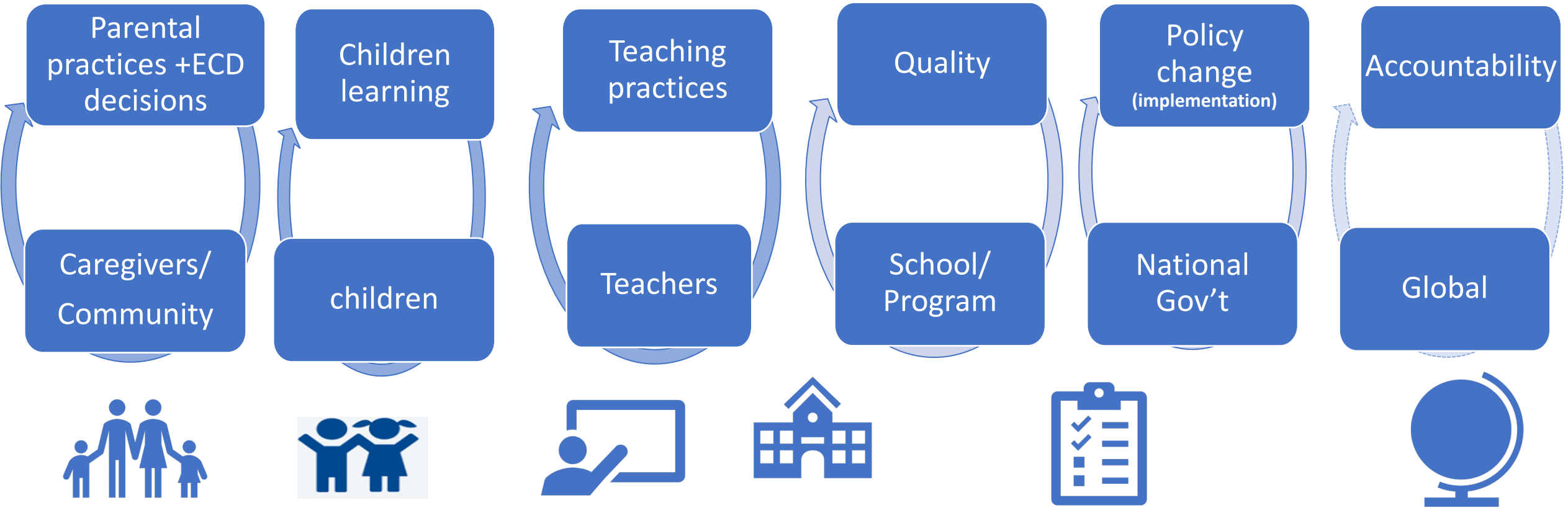
## **Co-design of the study with Government officials**

- Helped the study meet the needs of the pre-primary sector

## **Training government officials and engaging them in data collection**

- Gained skills in promoting the collection and use of data to inform education decisions, especially around the quality of the classroom environment
- Enabled them to better understand gaps in preprimary education to inform their decision-making
- Improved the quality of education officials' school supervision.

# Data feedback loops



*How can data lead to improvements in an early childhood system?*

# Data Feedback Loops

(Creating data loops)

- Ensure data is linked to government priorities
  - E.g., Improving the quality of preprimary education in Rwanda
- Engage government and stakeholders in the design and throughout implementation
- Identify the evidence gaps and engage the state/government to overcome them
  - E.g., Institutionalize the data collection tools and data-use strategies in ECE learning assessment





# What words come to mind after hearing about Rwanda's project to collect quality ECE data?

transforming system  
classroom environments  
evidence decision  
measurements  
quality ecd  
school readiness  
improving  
environment  
quality  
readiness  
measurement  
capacity building  
teacher's experience  
government priorities  
oversized class  
valuable information  
idela  
traininf  
sustainable  
results  
change  
system



An aerial photograph of a South African landscape. In the foreground, a dense green forest covers a hillside. A small town with various houses and buildings is nestled in the middle ground. In the background, a range of mountains stretches across the horizon under a sky with soft, golden light, suggesting sunrise or sunset. The overall scene is peaceful and scenic.

# South Africa

Thrive by Five Index

Sonja Giese



# The South African Thrive by Five Index (and next steps....)

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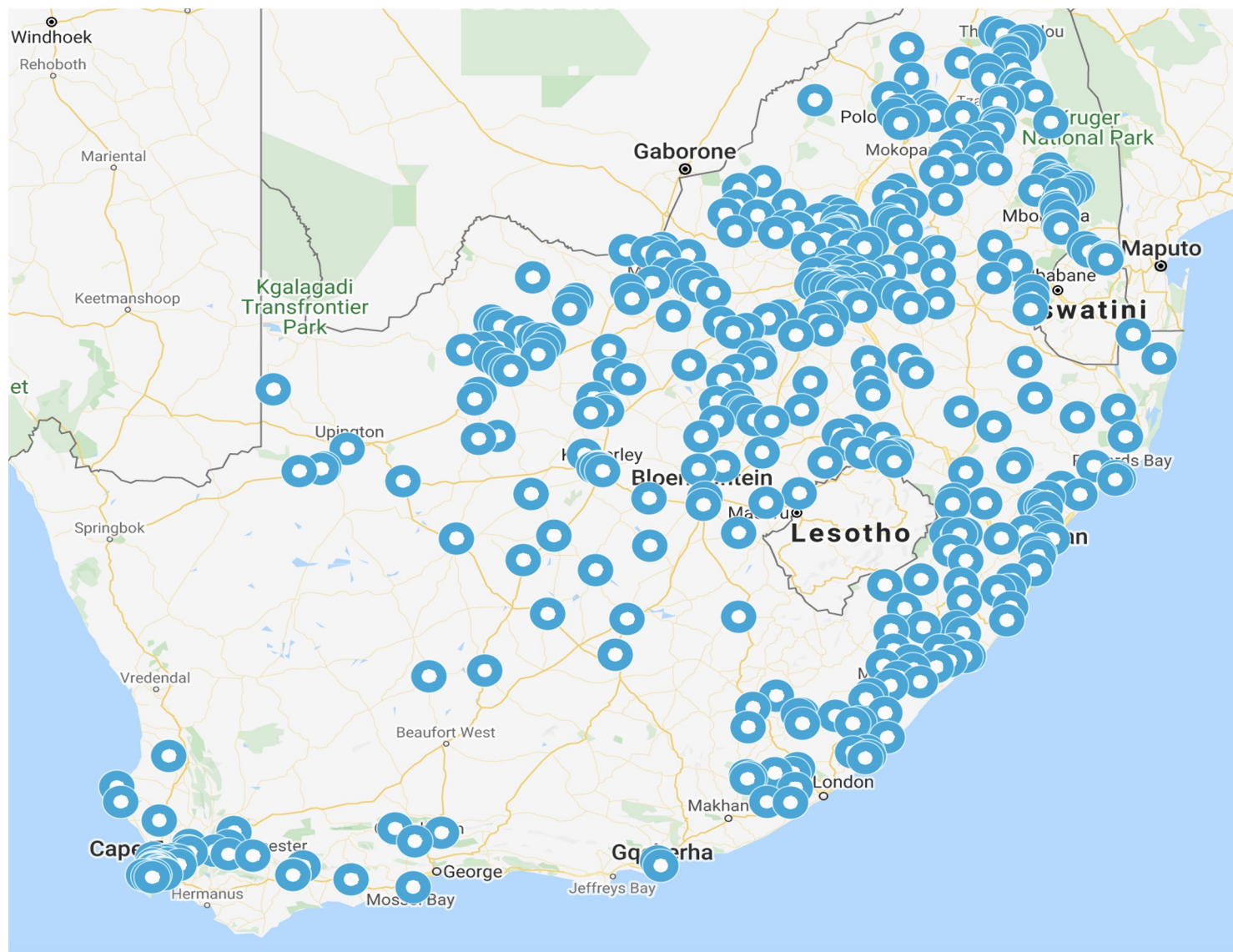






There are 1.2 million children aged 50-59 months in South Africa

±45%-55% of these children attended an Early Learning Programme in 2021.



We randomly sampled >5,000 children enrolled in 1,247 ELPs nationally.

Every child was individually assessed in their mother tongue using locally developed, standardised preschool assessment tools



## Early Learning:

1. Gross Motor Development
2. Fine Motor Coordination & Visual Motor Integration
3. Numeracy & Mathematics
4. Literacy & Language
5. Cognition & Executive Functioning

## Physical Growth:

6. Height for age - Stunting

## Social-Emotional Functioning:

7. Social Relations with Peers & Adults
8. Emotional Readiness for School

Classroom observation and  
interviews ⅓ ELPs



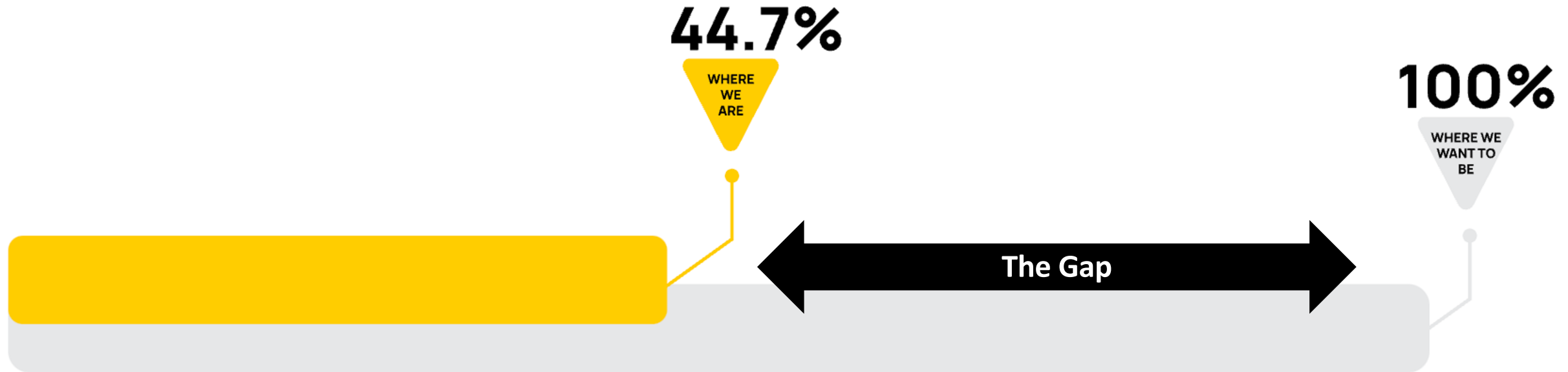


# 5,139 children

The [Thrive by Five Index](#) was launched in April 2022, providing SA with a baseline measure of preschool child outcomes, coinciding with the transfer of responsibility for ECD from DSD to DBE\*



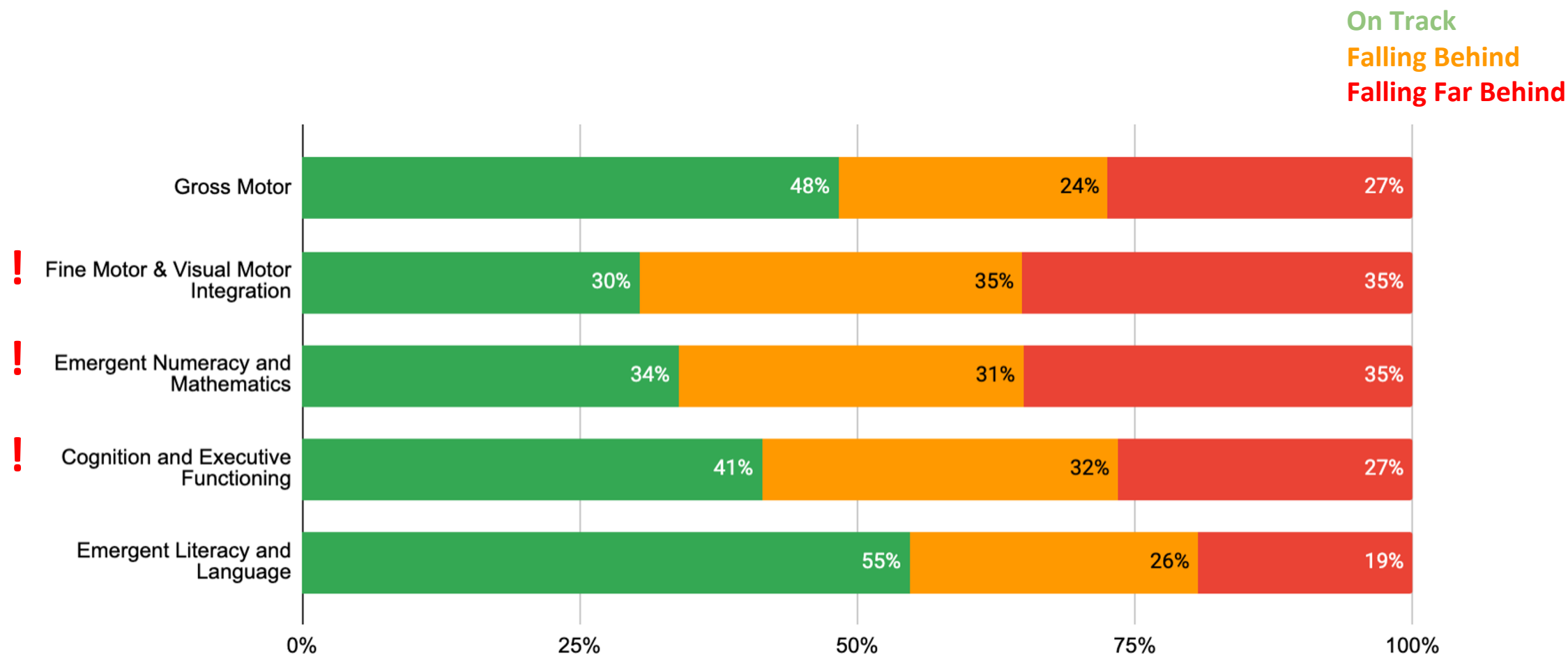
Less than half of children who attend an ELP in SA start school with **the right learning foundations in place**



**27%** are **Falling Behind** and will need support to help them catch up

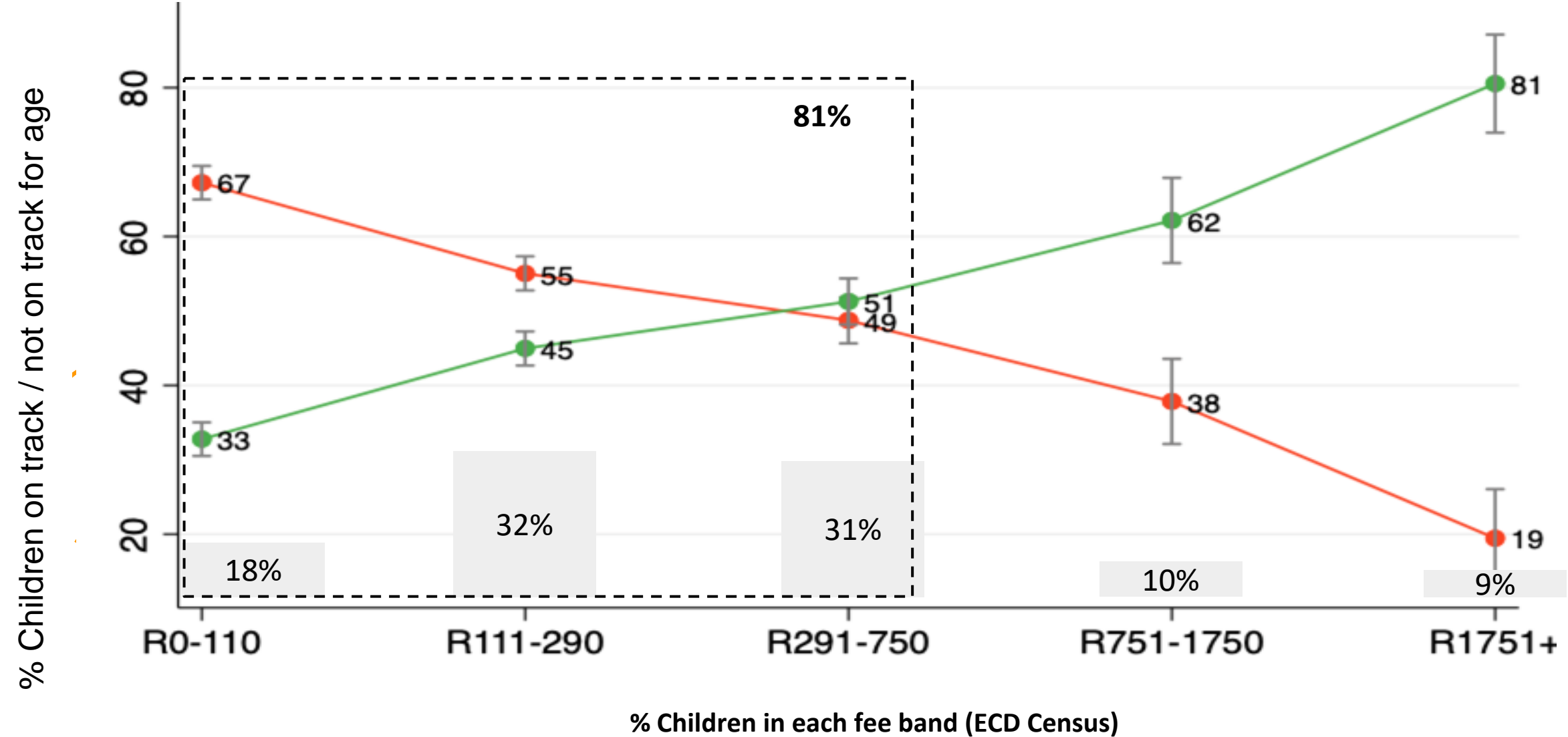
**28.3%** are **Falling Far Behind** and will need intensive intervention

# The importance of differentiating learning domains



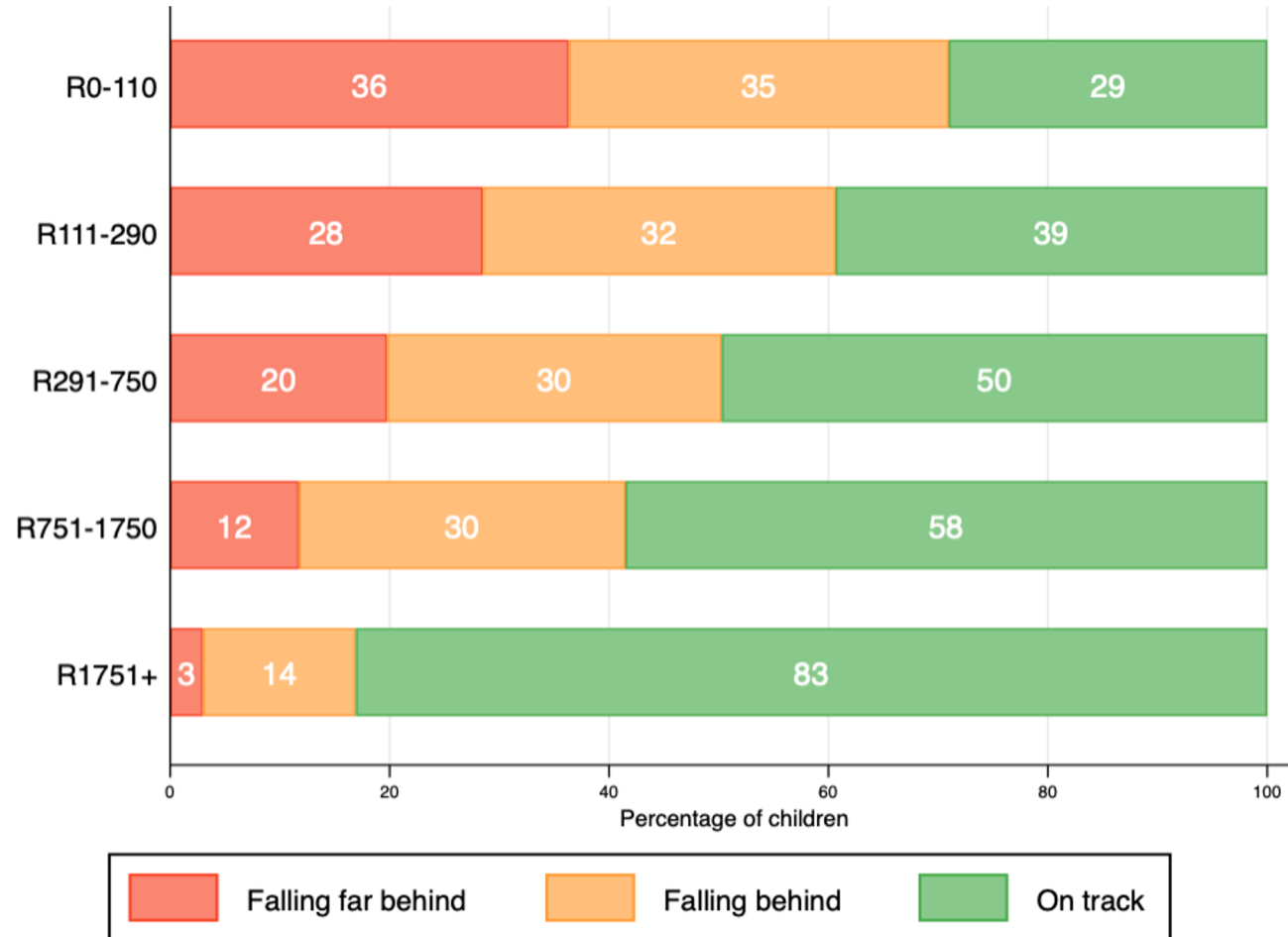
**Performance in these learning domains at the point of entry into school is correlated with educational outcomes in the Foundation Phase and beyond**

# Poor children are less likely to start school on track





# There is a steep socio-economic gradient in critical areas of development: Cognition & Executive Functioning



A child's capacity to learn relies heavily on their CEF skills - these skills help children to stay focused, follow instructions, think critically and problem solve. They are important skills for learning, and for life.

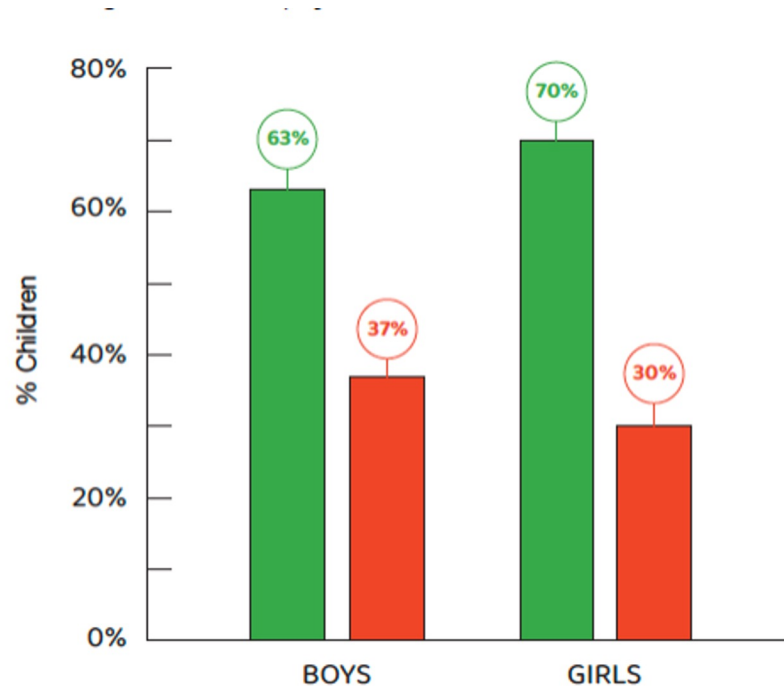
**7 out of 10 children in ELP fee level 1 are unable to do the basic CEF tasks required of children their age.** The implications of this are significant.

# Social-Emotional Functioning has a large effect on learning outcomes: 1 in 3 children don't meet the standard

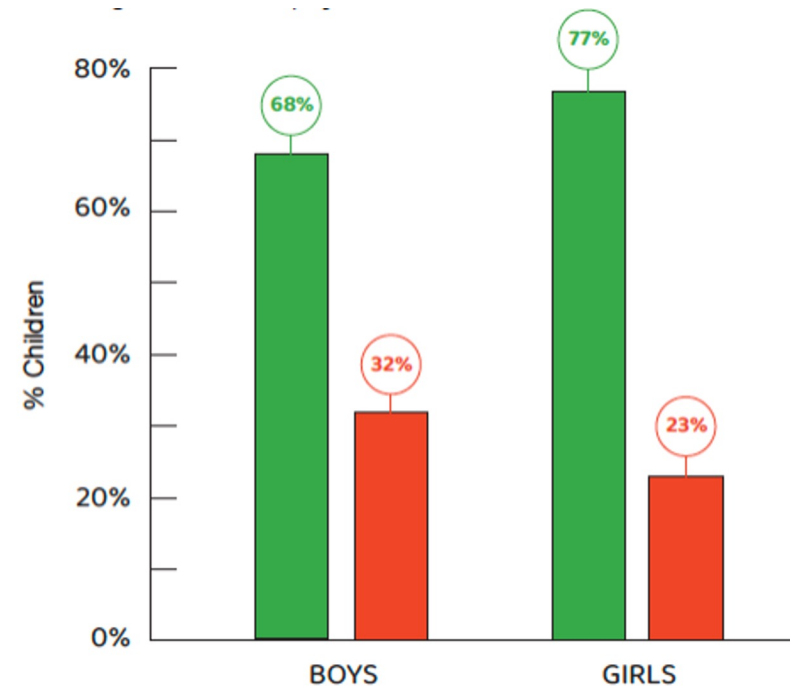
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Don't Meet the Standard

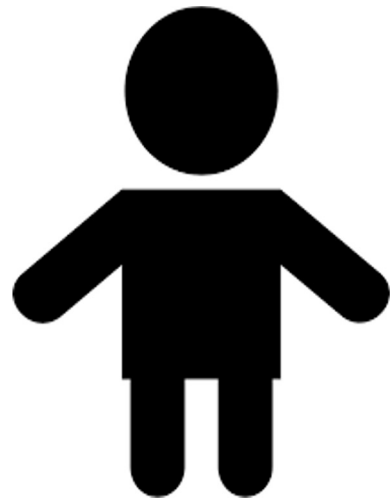
Emotional Readiness for School



Social Relations with Peers and Adults



# There is a clear relationship between Stunting and Learning



By the age of 4 years, a child who is stunted is on average 5-6 months behind their peers, when it comes to early learning



**6%** of children showed signs of moderate to severe stunting  
( 1 in 5 children had mild stunting)

- **To track progress** by collecting trend data -
  - Baseline for ECD function shift from DSD to DBE
  - Sustainable Development Goal 4.2
  - SA National Development Plan ECD goals
- To motivate for additional **state investment** in ECCE
- To assist in prioritising **philanthropic investment**
- To refine regulatory and compliance **systems** to align with the evidence on what drives improved outcomes
- To inform **delivery models** to increase both access and quality
- To strengthen **Grade R** as a bridging year
- To inform **practitioner development** and support efforts
- To enhance **curriculum** and materials to address domain deficits
- To learn from what's working - the factors that **enable data outliers** in resource-constrained settings

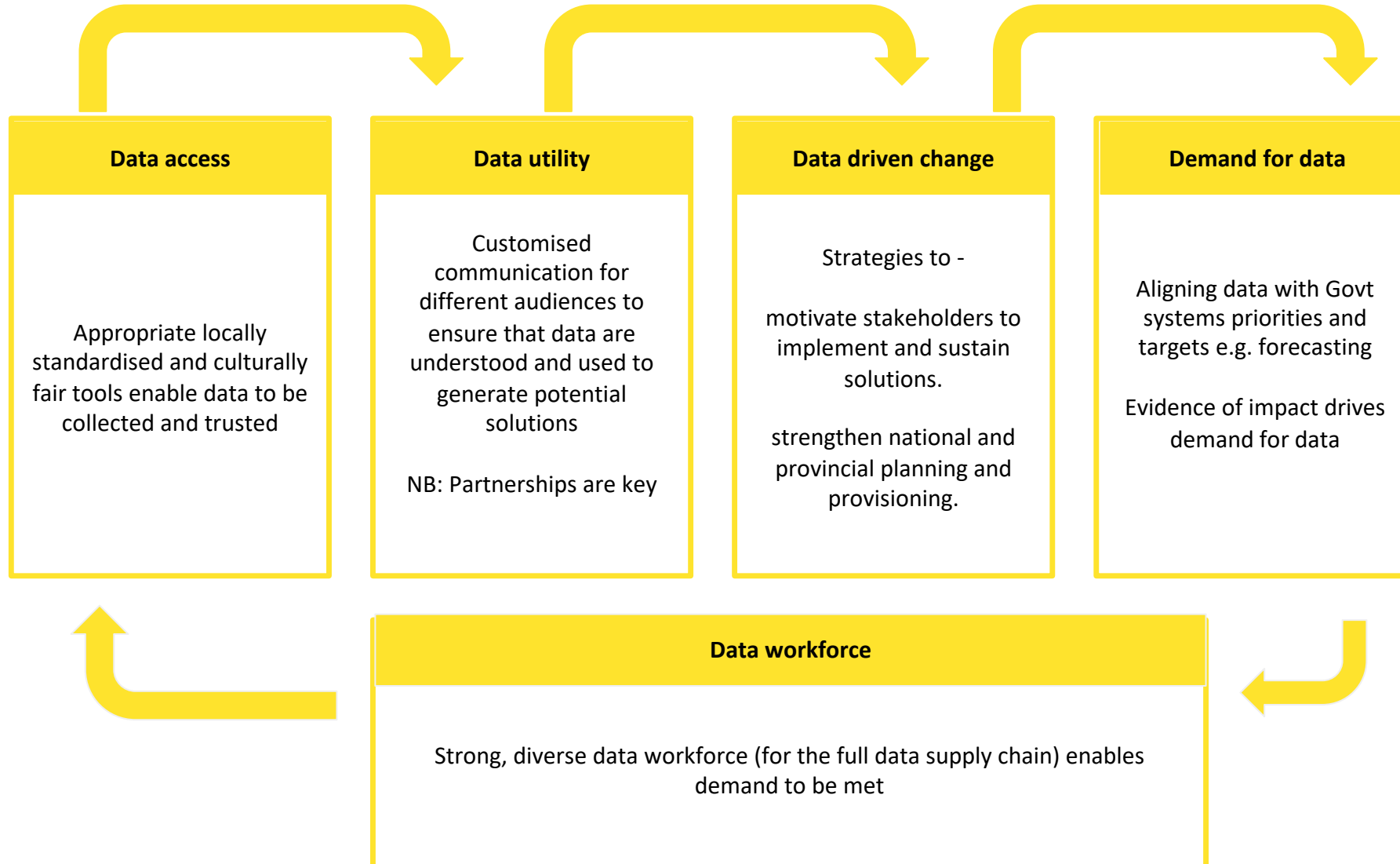
# Use of Thrive by Five Data

[www.thrivebyfive.co.za](http://www.thrivebyfive.co.za)



# Lessons on data sharing and feedback, to drive change

What has worked, and what needs more work?



BY 2030

What's next?

## DATADRIVE2030 GOALS

**Use data tools and insights to -**

**Increase** the % of young children in South Africa who thrive by five, setting more children up for success.

**Decrease** the performance gap between young children in the richest and poorest households, at the point of entry into school.





## **4 & 5 YEARS ASSESSMENT TOOL**

Assesses the performance of children aged 50 to 69 months, in five important developmental domains.



## **4 & 5 YEARS TARGETING TOOL**

Helps identify individual children aged 50 to 69 months who are falling far behind the expected standard and need additional support.



## **6 & 7 YEARS ASSESSMENT TOOL**

Assesses the performance of children aged 70 to 89 months, in early literacy and numeracy, and underlying cognitive skills.



## **SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL RATING SCALE**

Assesses preschool children's social and emotional functioning.



## **LEARNING PROGRAMME QUALITY TOOL**

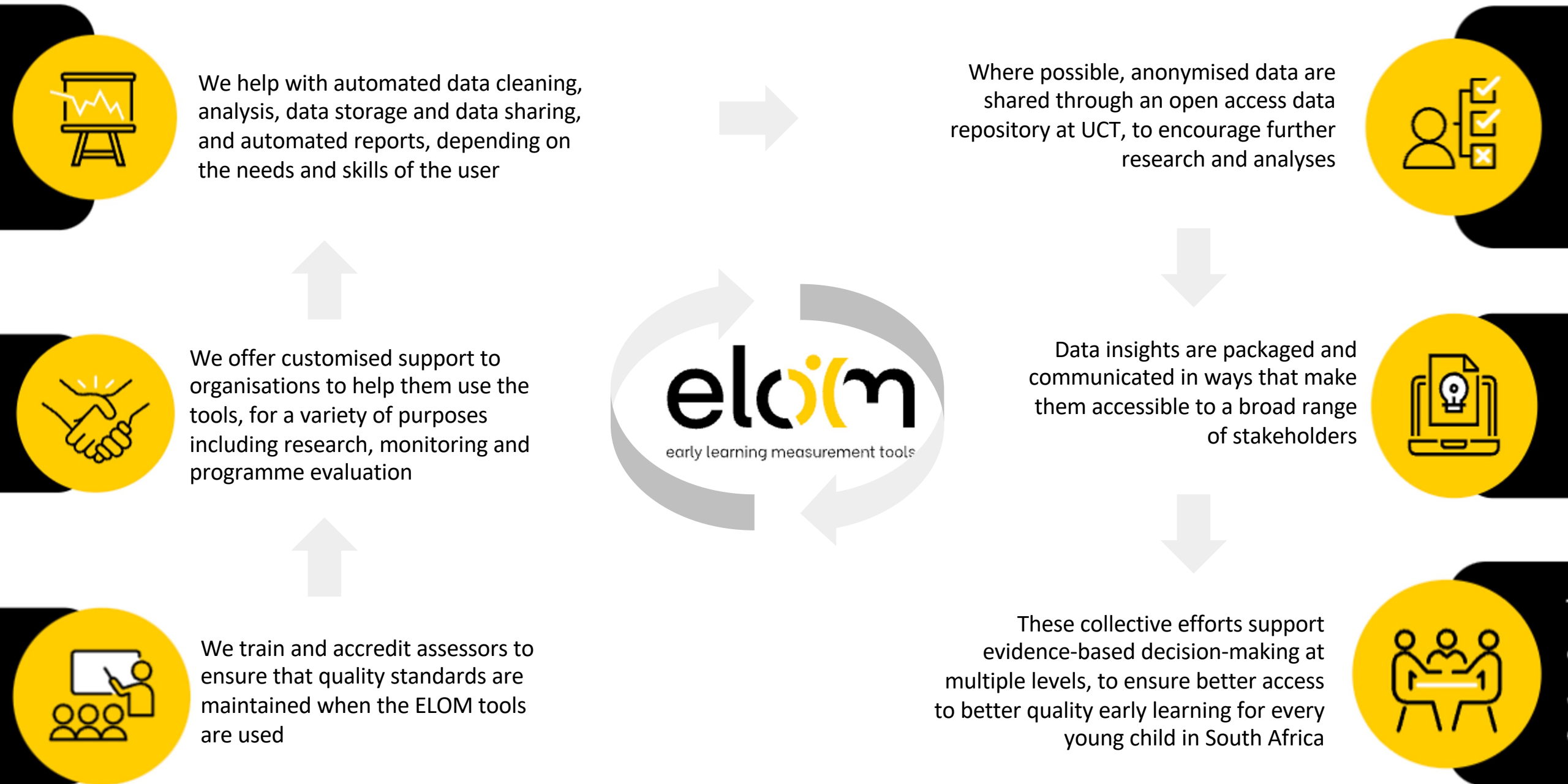
Assesses the quality of group learning programmes targeting children aged 3 to 5 years.



## **HOME LEARNING ENVIRONMENT TOOL**

Assesses the quality of the learning environment in the home for children aged 3 to 5 years.

# Systems to support the use of data tools and insights at scale





# What we are really excited about!

- The tangible changes that we see on the ground as a result of the use of our tools, and the data that are generated
- The metadata set that we are building, and the insights we are drawing from these data
- Unlocking additional funding for ECD e.g. data-driven decision-making for Treasury, impact investing capital, through quantifying returns in child outcomes
- Opportunity to support systems development at a critical transition point in SA
- The opportunities to crowdsource exploratory data on important, new topics
- The potential to harness our platform to support the scale up of other tools



# THANK YOU

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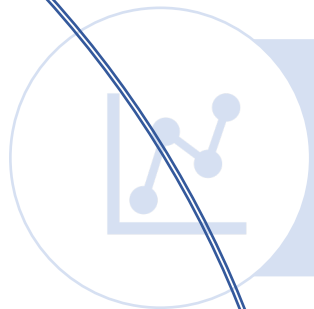
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# What words come to mind after hearing about South Africa's Thrive by Five Index?

open flexible data system  
equity subsidies  
relevant data collection  
social emotional dev  
standards  
thorough learning  
ecd is holistic  
processed data  
usefulness of data  
whole child support  
quality of ecd  
positive deviance  
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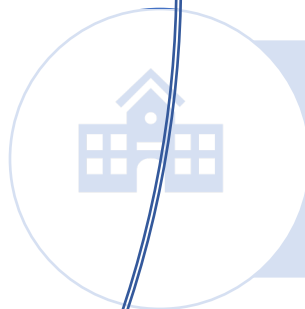
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## Outlining next steps

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# Where do we go next?

*Framework for data-informed ECCE systems*

## Defining which data you need

- Define population of interest
- Child outcomes data
- ECCE quality data

## Determining how the data should be used

- Data feedback loops: what changes will occur as result of data?
- Reporting, analyzing, synthesizing data
- Sharing findings with relevant stakeholders
- Giving feedback to schools, etc.

## Outlining how to get those data

- Comprehensive registries of ECCE facilities
- Local capacity for data collection
- Easy-to-use tools to collect accurate and reliable data

## Building a sustainable system

- Data linked to national priorities, policy, practice
- System to collect, maintain, and use data on ongoing basis

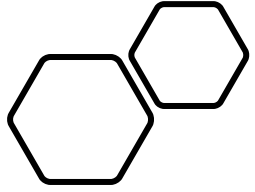
# Steps To A Data-Informed ECCE System

# What do we know about using data?

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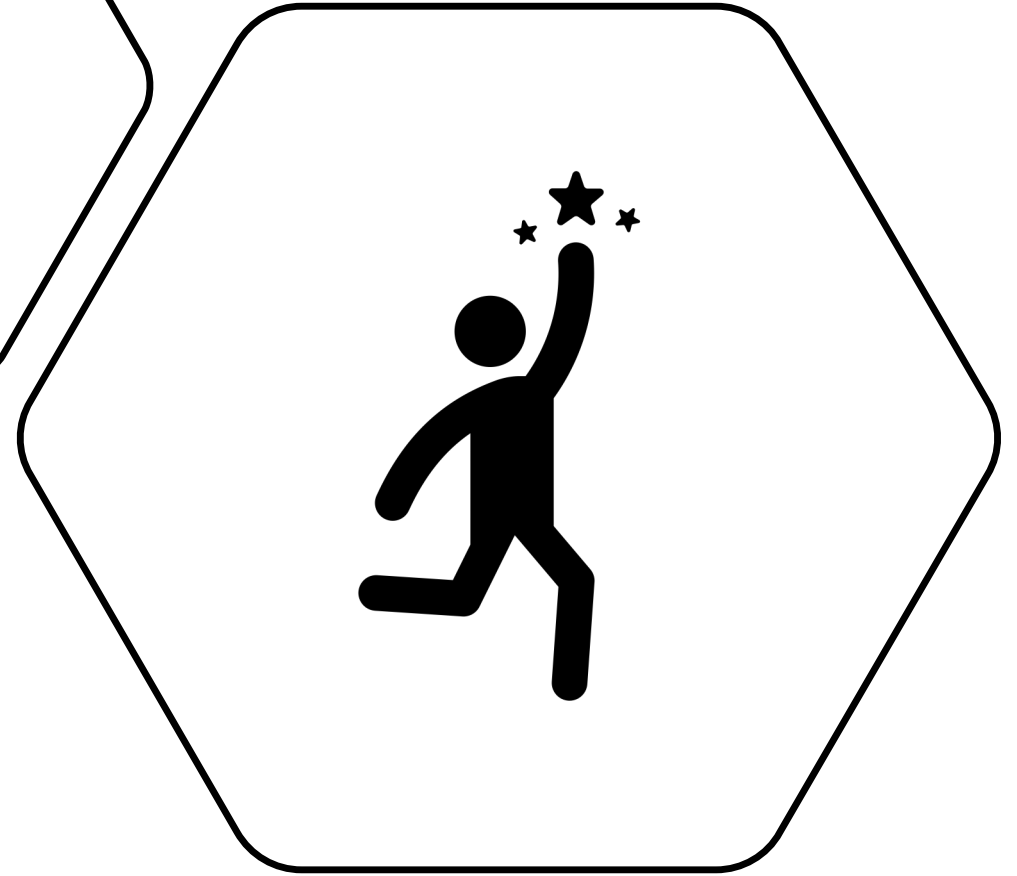
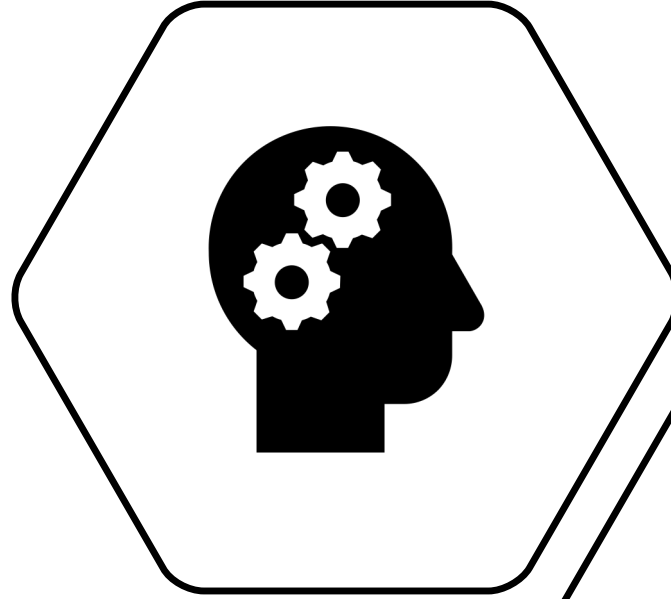


*People do what  
they have been  
doing before they  
saw the data*



## What We'd Like to See ...

- Change in ECCE quality
- Change in overall ECCE system functioning
- Change in how well children learn





# What Do We Know About How to Get There?

- One single, simple definition of quality for all facilities
- Engage educators in setting goals and tracking progress
- Provide incentives for addressing areas for improvement
- Use simple tools that identify specific areas for improvement
- Address specific policy questions

# Quality & Child Outcomes: Two Windows into ECCE Systems

- Quality measurement can provide insight into ...
  - Routine practices within classrooms
  - Areas for professional development
  - Areas for immediate action (for example, safety and child protection)
- Child development measurement can provide insight into ...
  - Children's development and learning
  - Areas for professional development and curriculum development
  - Inequities in learning and development

# Using Data Ethically

- Classroom quality data can be used to identify specific ECCE facilities in need of support
- IF child outcomes data are used to identify children at risk, it is essential to ensure that the data are not used to make decisions about individual children
- We do not advocate high-stakes decision-making using either quality or child development data

# Example I: Influencing ECCE through QAS

- Most countries have some form of quality assurance system in place
- What do we know about these systems, and how can we leverage them to get better data on quality ECCE?
- How can we make sure that the data are used effectively?





# ECCE Quality Assurance Systems (QAS)

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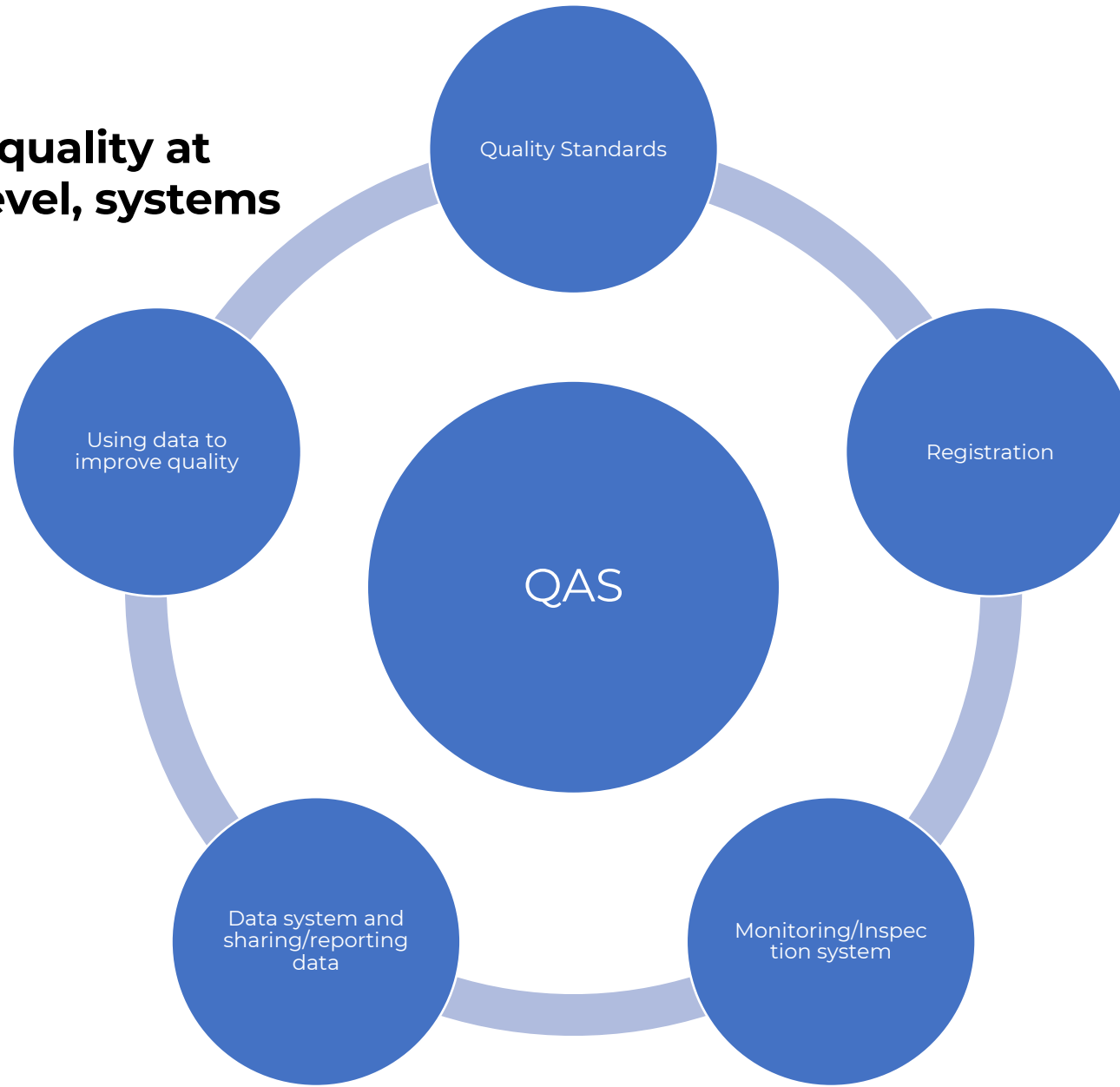
- QAS are systems to monitor early childhood settings to assess and ensure the quality of children's experiences.
- We know they play a strong role in promoting early childhood quality.
- To date, limited systematic information has been available on the status of ECE QAS in Africa

# What is purpose of quality assurance?

1. Ensure government and public accountability
2. Manage/improve performance by encouraging reflection on strengths and weaknesses
3. Inform parental choice
4. Inform policy decisions

# Components of Quality Assurance System

**Using data to improve quality at teacher-level, school-level, systems level quality**







# ECCE QAS Survey

- ADEA and ECD Measure sent survey to African Ministers of Education
- **18 Ministries of Education** completed survey
- Responses from Assistant Ministers/Directors/Specialists responsible for Early Childhood Education in their countries
- Many respondents consulted with other departments to complete survey
- Follow-up from 2021 survey to look deeper at QAS implementation issues





# Registration

								
	Public ECCE for 0-2 year olds		Private ECCE for 0-2 year olds		Public ECCE for 3-5 year olds		Private ECCE for 3-5 year olds	
	Registration required?	Included on gov't registry?	Registration required?	Included on gov't registry?	Registration required?	Included on gov't registry?	Registration required?	Included on gov't registry?
Botswana	N/A		Yes	All	Yes	All	Yes	All
Djibouti	Yes	All	Yes	All	Yes	All	Yes	All
Ghana	No	All	Yes	Some	No	All	No	Some
Liberia	N/A		Yes	All	Yes	All	Yes	All
Madagascar	N/A		Yes	Some	Yes	Some	Yes	Some
Mauritius	N/A		Yes	All	No	All	Yes	All
Mozambique	No	All	No	Some	Yes	Some	Yes	Some
Nigeria	N/A		Yes	Some	Yes	Some	Yes	Some
CAR	Yes	All	N/A		Yes	All	Yes	All
Rwanda	Yes	Some	Yes	Some	Yes	Some	Yes	Some
Senegal	N/A		No	None	Yes	All	Yes	All
Seychelles	N/A		Yes	All	Yes	All	Yes	All
Somalia	N/A		N/A		N/A		Yes	Some
South Africa	N/A		Yes	Some	N/A		Yes	Some
Swaziland	N/A		Yes	Some	Yes	Some	Yes	Some
Tchad	Yes	All	Yes	All	Yes	All	Yes	All
Uganda	N/A		Yes	Some	N/A		Yes	Some
Zimbabwe	Yes	All	Yes	All	Yes	All	Yes	All

N/A= this type of facility does not exist

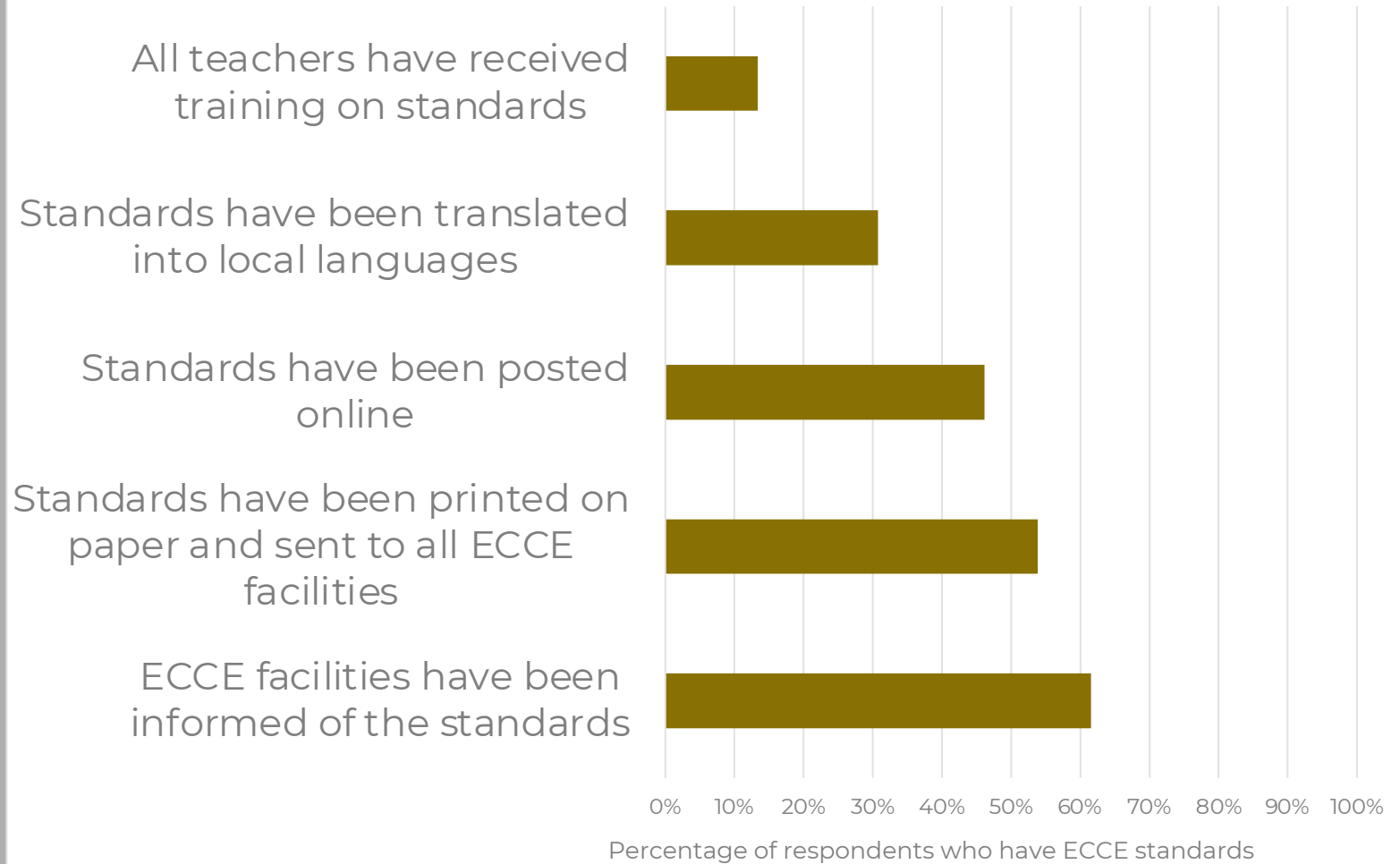
# Most countries have some ECCE quality standards

- 83% of surveyed countries report having national ECCE quality standards in place
- 80% have same standards in place for public and private
- 67% report standards include all of the following:
  - *Physical environment, health/safety, teacher/caregiver competencies, program structure, curriculum/content, interpersonal interactions, family/community engagement, child learning*

# Sharing standards

- While ECCE quality standards exist in most countries, not all ECCE teachers and facilities have access to them

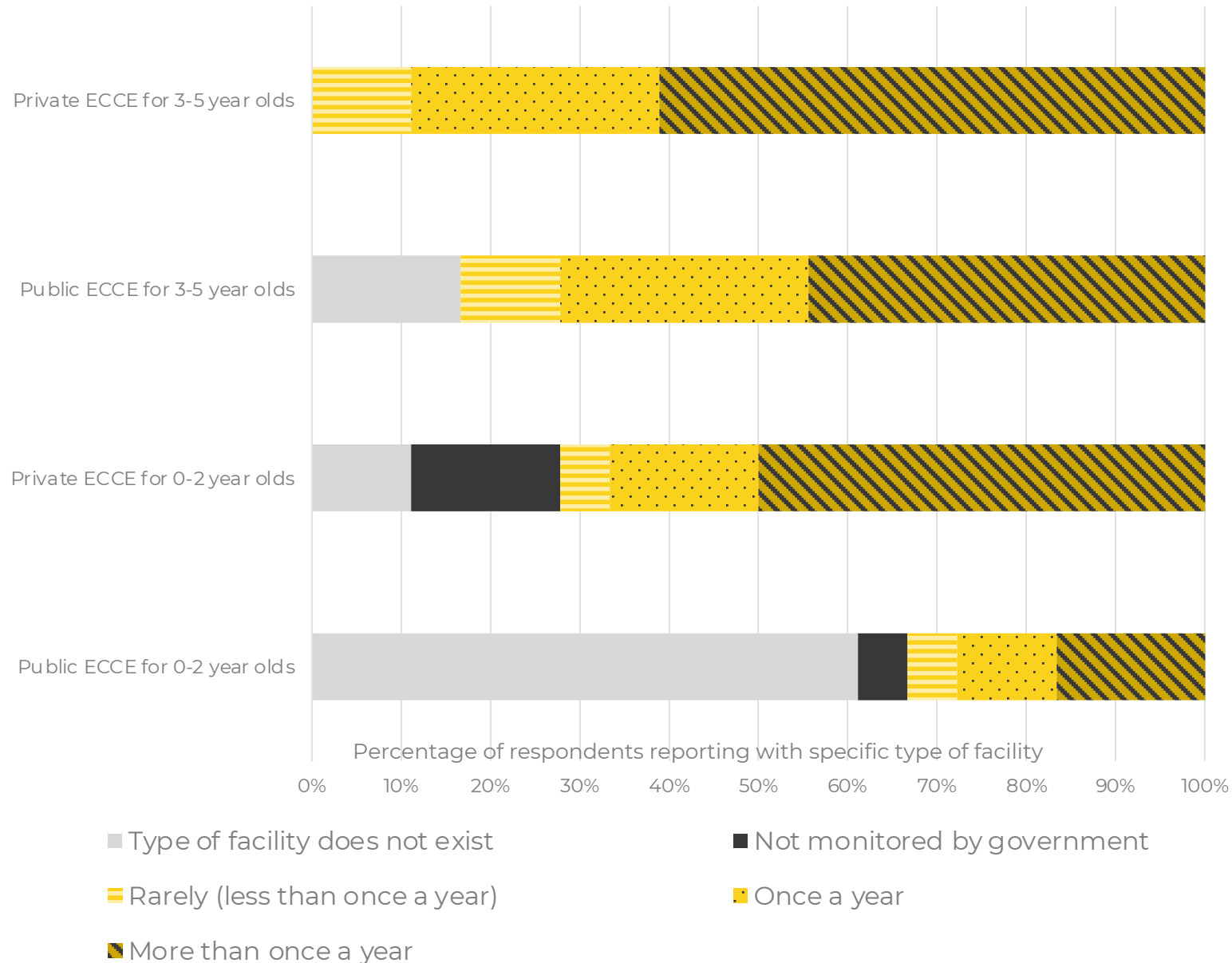
## How have ECCE quality standards been shared with ECCE facilities?



# Inspections

- **89%** governments monitor private preschool at least once a year;
- **72%** monitor public preschool at least once a year
- If childcare exists, most governments monitor, but less frequently
- Nearly all report that inspections are comprehensive (*infrastructure, health/safety, teachers, program structure, curriculum, interactions, child learning*)

## How often does the government monitor/inspect each type of facility?

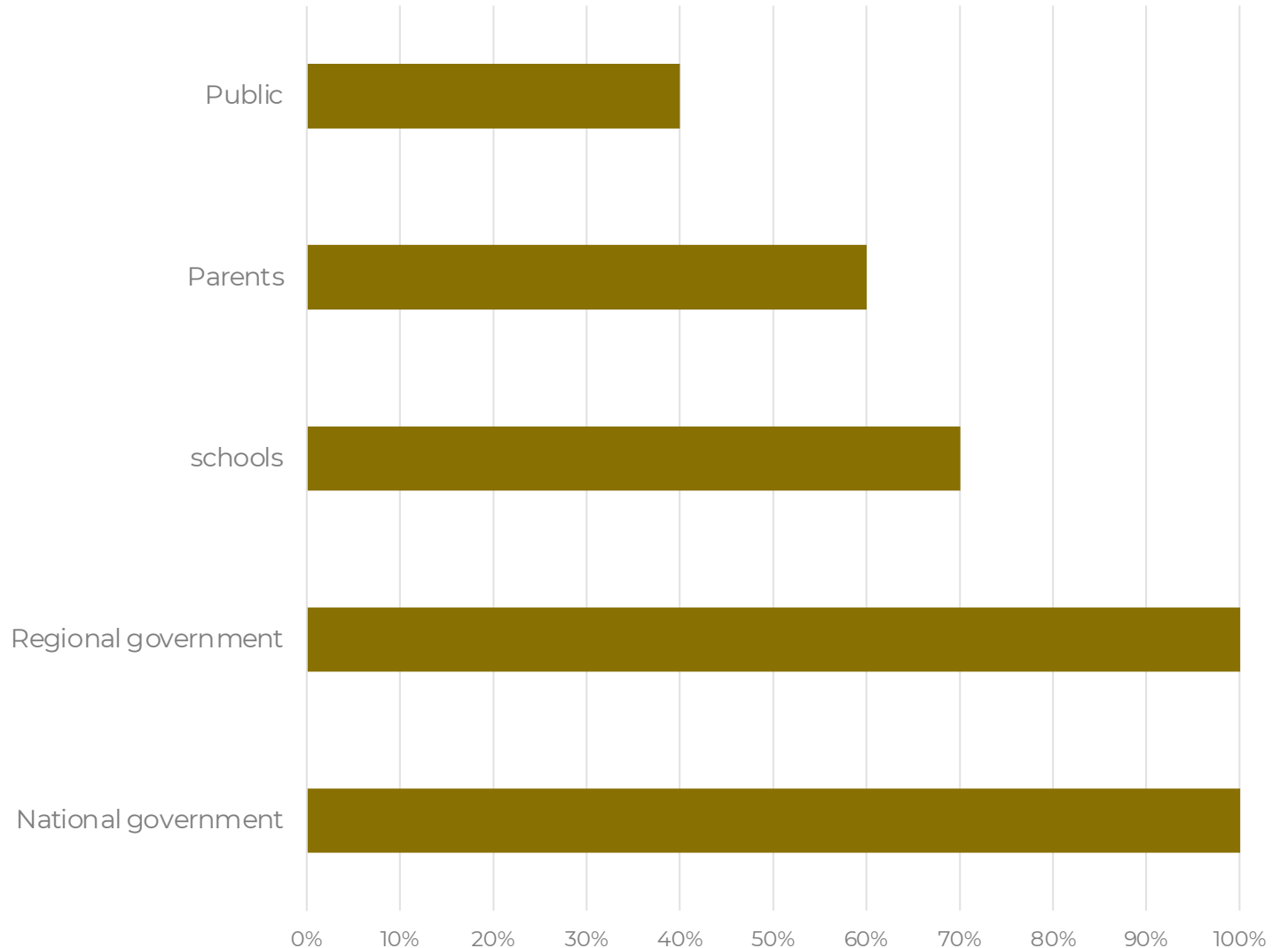




# National level reports

- 59% report having a national annual report that summarizing data on ECCE quality.
- In countries with national reports, only 40% make it available to the public, 60% to parents, 70% to schools
- All reports include physical environment, health/safety, teacher competencies, program structure
- Most include teacher interactions, family engagement, child outcomes

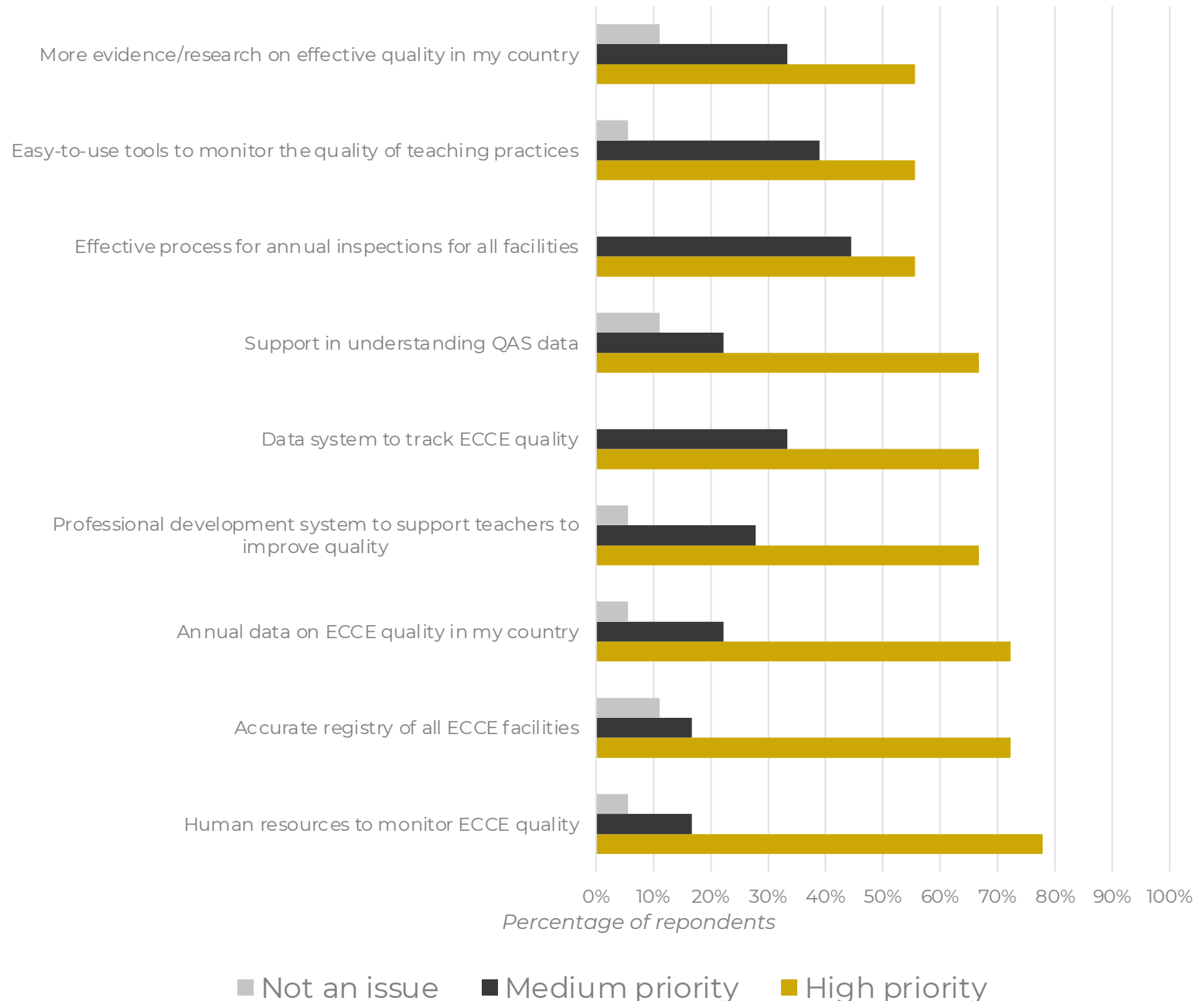
## Who has access to the national annual report on ECCE quality?



# Critical areas to address in QAS

- Human resources to monitor quality
- Accurate registries
- Sharing annual data
- Professional development system
- Building user-friendly data systems

## How critical is QAS area for government?



# What Does It Look Like, Ground Up?

- Qualitative study by Dr. Hasina Ebrahim
- 16 ECD practitioners and managers in S Africa
- Research question:
  - What does the QAS system look like to those who working “on the ground” in ECD?

# **S Africa QASS: Overview of findings**

## **Strengths**

- Policies, regulations and guidelines to support the development of a QASS are in place
- Recognition of providing a quality service for holistic child development
- Showing agency to self-assess ECD services

## **Challenges**

- A fragmentary system without shared understandings
- Top-down expectations that are out of touch with realities on the ground
- Complex and disabling registration processes
- Dysfunctional municipalities
- No specific training results in patchy knowledge base for QA
- Using inappropriate curriculum



# Example 2: Measuring and Reporting on Child Development

- National monitoring of child development is not as common
  - Requires large-scale data collection using valid, reliable tools
  - Should be based on a representative sample of children
- Despite resources required, is ultimately what we are aiming for – so important to focus on how we'd get these data

# ECCE measurement landscape

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- Measures:
  - WHO GSED
  - World Bank AIM
  - National measures (ELOM)
  - IDELA
- Still limited capacity to collect data in many countries
- Few efforts to integrate into ongoing national monitoring (several led by international organizations)

# Examples of Tools

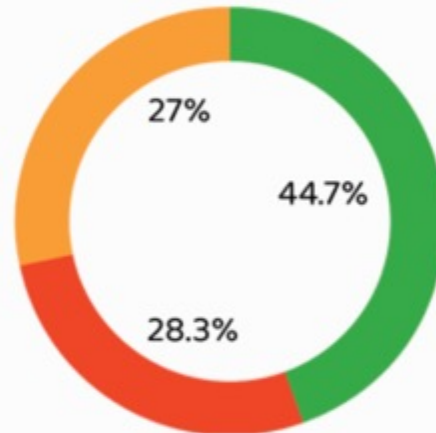
Name	Focus of Measure	Organization	How Collected
IDELA	Child development in preschool years	Save the Children	Direct assessment using trained assessors
Global Scale for Early Development	Child development birth to three years	World Health Organization	Direct assessment using trained assessors + caregiver report
AIM	Children 4-6 years	World Bank/Revision of MELQO	Caregiver report
ELOM	Preschool-aged children	DataDrive2030	Direct assessment

# Child Development Data Example: South Africa

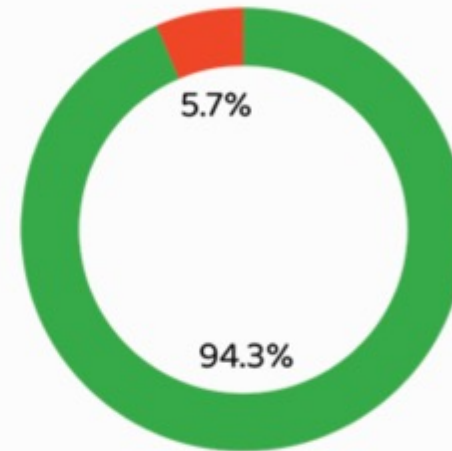
What percentage of 4 to 5-year-old children in Early Learning Programmes in South Africa are thriving?



43% - Thrive by Five ⓘ  
53% - Face Barriers to Thriving ⓘ  
4% - Face Significant Barriers to Thriving ⓘ



44.7% - On Track for Early Learning ⓘ  
27% - Falling Behind in Early Learning ⓘ  
28.3% - Falling Far Behind in Early Learning ⓘ

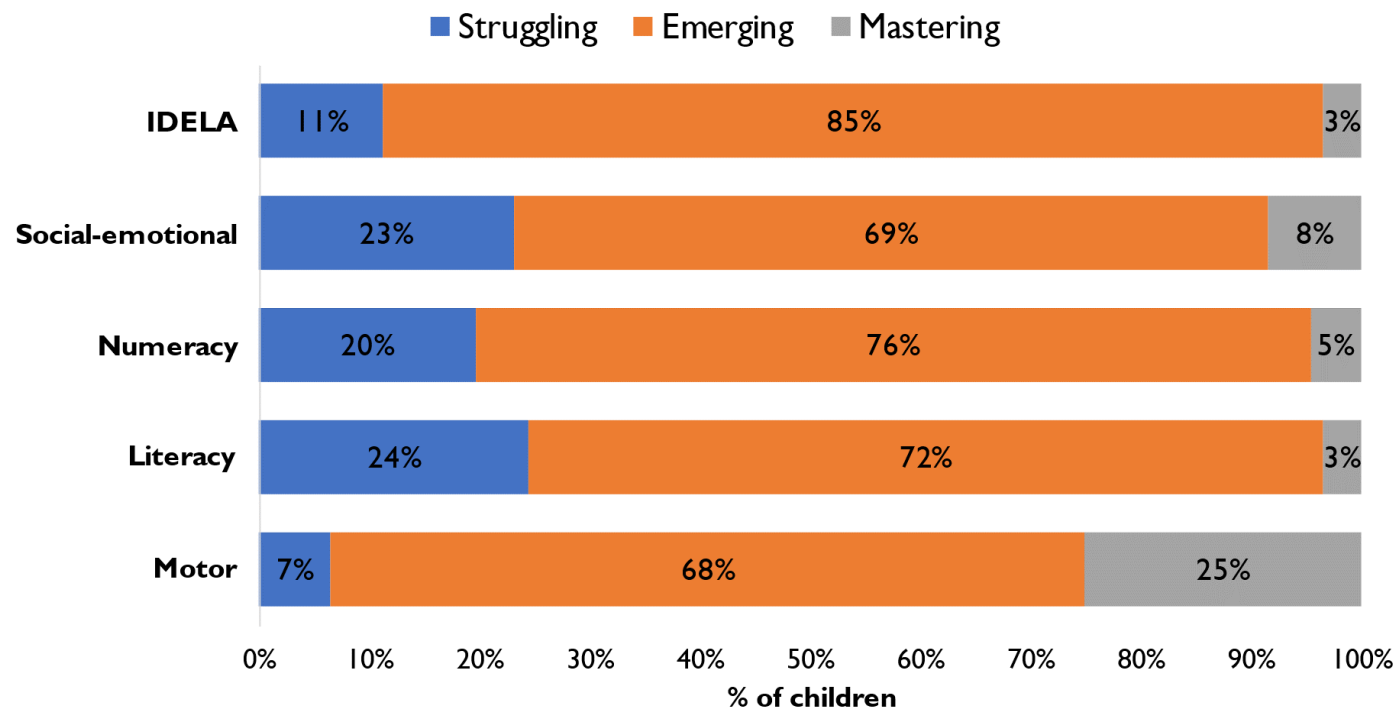


94.3% - Normal Height for Age ⓘ  
5.7% - Stunted Growth ⓘ



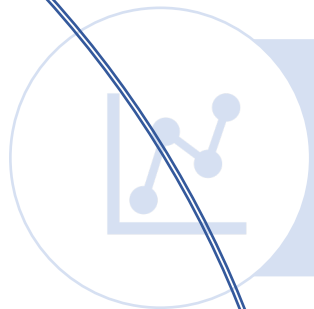
# Rwanda Data

Proportion of PPE students mastering IDELA content, by domain



# Country Teams ...

- Meet with your country or regional team to begin mapping out your “mini-action plan”
  - What is your vision for your country plan?
  - Where is your country in the steps towards to a data-driven system?
  - What do you need to complete that step and move on to the next step?
- We will then do a room tour to hear from each team on their initial sketch of the mini-action plan
- We will revisit and finalize these plans Tuesday afternoon



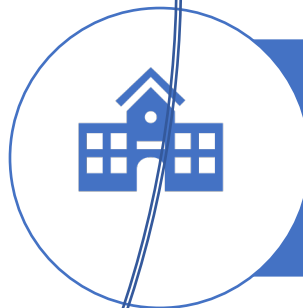
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*Deep dive into Mauritius ECCE QAS*



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# ECCE QAS in Mauritius

# The Quality Assurance System in Mauritius

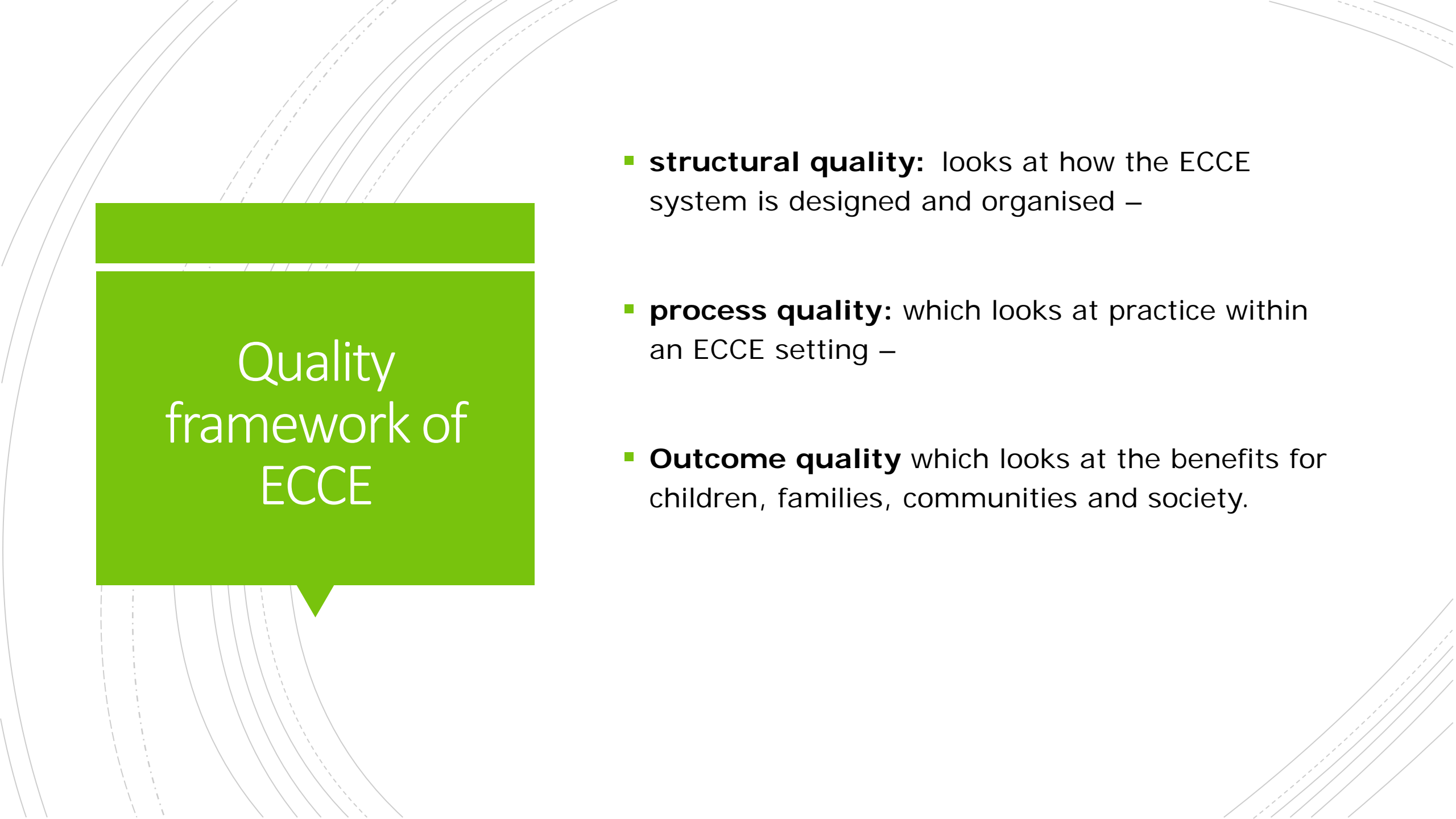
**Presented by Caroline Arekion – Director of ECCEA**

# Measuring Quality in ECCE

Quality is a complex concept, there is a consensus however, on the indicators of quality Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE).

- These include measures which affect:
  - 1) the structure of ECCE provision,
  - 2) the quality of the processes used in ECCE settings and
  - 3) the outcomes from ECCE provision

- Source: EU Commission: Proposal for key principles of a Quality Framework for Early Childhood Education and Care

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## Quality framework of ECCE

- **structural quality:** looks at how the ECCE system is designed and organised –
- **process quality:** which looks at practice within an ECCE setting –
- **Outcome quality** which looks at the benefits for children, families, communities and society.

## Provision of ECCE services

The sector is divided in three sub-sectors as follows:

- 0 to 3 years – (Creche or Child Day Care Centres) entirely owned by private individuals and a few NGOs

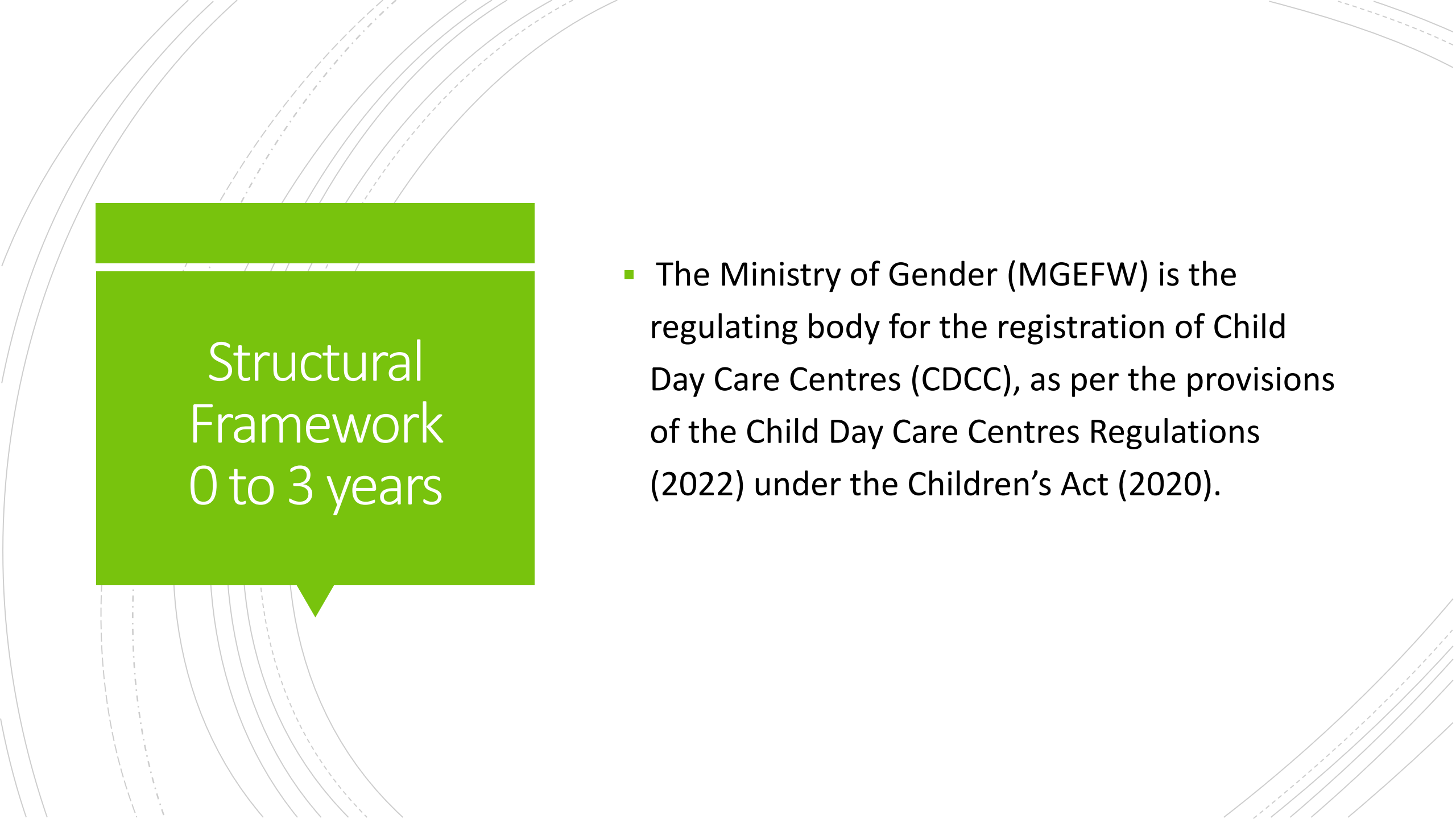
- 3 to 5 years – (private and public pre-primary schools)

mainly dispensed by private sector (70%) and public pre-primary unit (30%) is free.

- 5 years + - primary schooling

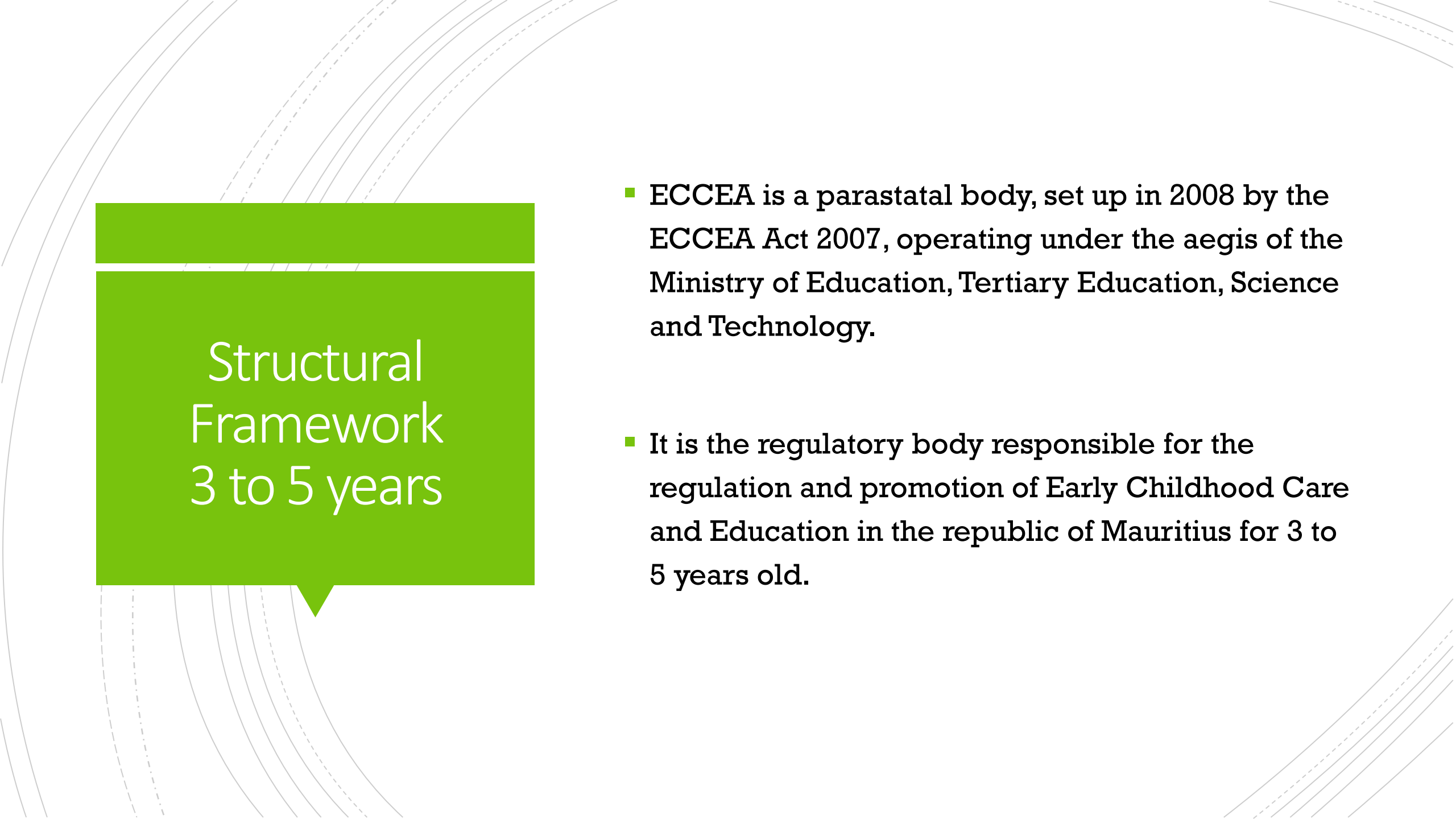
Ministry of Education – main provider



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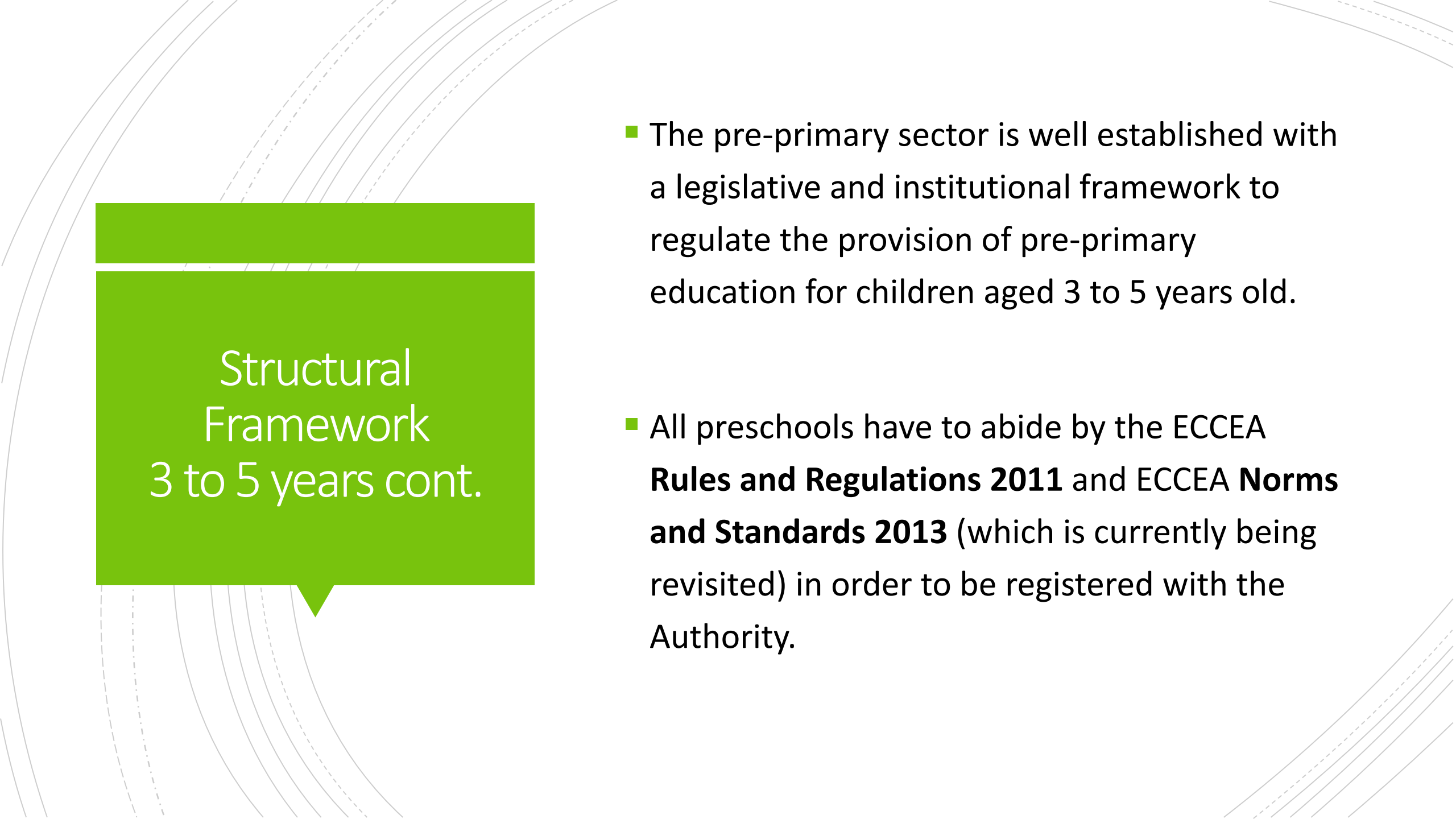
## Structural Framework 0 to 3 years

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## Structural Framework 3 to 5 years

- ECCEA is a parastatal body, set up in 2008 by the ECCEA Act 2007, operating under the aegis of the Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology.
- It is the regulatory body responsible for the regulation and promotion of Early Childhood Care and Education in the republic of Mauritius for 3 to 5 years old.

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## Structural Framework 3 to 5 years cont.

- The pre-primary sector is well established with a legislative and institutional framework to regulate the provision of pre-primary education for children aged 3 to 5 years old.
- All preschools have to abide by the ECCEA **Rules and Regulations 2011** and ECCEA **Norms and Standards 2013** (which is currently being revisited) in order to be registered with the Authority.



**ECCE  
Authority**

## Vision:

- Provide and promote quality preschool education within a safe, inclusive and child friendly environment.

## Mission:

- The ECCEA aims at providing equal access for all children to quality pre-schooling including those at risk of delayed development and disabilities and those coming from conditions of vulnerability, through a child-centered and play-based approach, with the involvement of the parents.

## Objects of the Authority

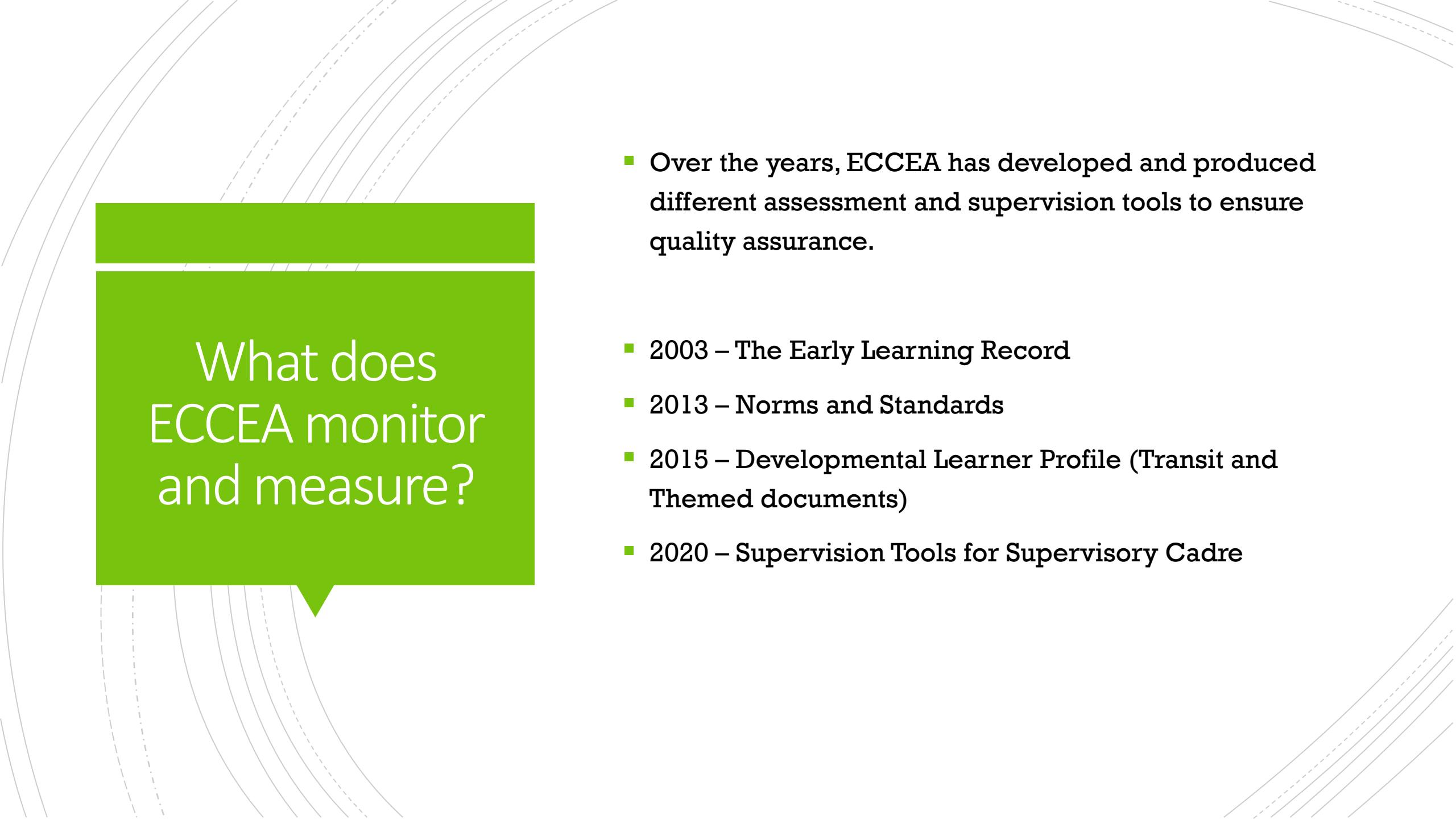
- (a) to harmonise and promote integrated early childhood care and education policies, strategies and programmes in line with recommendations of international and national institutions;
- (b) to ensure that all programmes and policies for the education, care and development of the young child in the Republic of Mauritius are in conformity with the Convention on the Rights of the Child;
- (c) to help ensure a smooth transition of the young child from preschool to lower primary school.



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## Monitoring of Quality Standards for 3 to 5 years

- ECCEA has a supervision cadre consisting of 5 Inspectorate Units.
- The supervisory cadre are responsible for registration of private preschools, monitoring of grant given to all private preschools and quality assurance

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## What does ECCEA monitor and measure?

- Over the years, ECCEA has developed and produced different assessment and supervision tools to ensure quality assurance.
- 2003 – The Early Learning Record
- 2013 – Norms and Standards
- 2015 – Developmental Learner Profile (Transit and Themed documents)
- 2020 – Supervision Tools for Supervisory Cadre

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## Projects underway

- The National Curriculum Framework pre-primary (2010) is currently being revisited (2022)
- Programme Guidelines are being developed (2022)
- The Developmental Learner Profile will be revisited (2023)
- The Norms and Standards will be revisited (2023)

What does  
ECCEA monitor  
and measure?

## **Supervision Tools for QA– Key Elements:**

- School profile
- Record of Child's profile
- Physical Learning Environment
- School programme (curriculum)
- Teaching and Learning Processes for each area of learning
- Overall Individual Educator's Performance Appraisal
- School Management/ Administration

## Assessment tools for Child's Profile: The Early Learning Record

**The Early Learning Record:** sets a comprehensive Early Learning Goals that children ought to acquire at the end of the preschool years in the following:

- Personal, Social and Emotional
- Communication, language & Literacy
- Mathematical Development
- Knowledge & Understanding of the World
- Physical Development
- Creative Development



Assessment tools  
for Child's Profile:  
Developmental  
Learner Profile-  
DLP

## **The Developmental Learner Profile:**

This include 2 documents (Themed and Transit) to allow Teachers to assess children's throughout the year and also at the end of the 2 years preschool programme.

# **Norms and Standards for Pre-primary Education:**

## **Norms and Standards for Pre-Primary Education**

The key elements consists of norms for:

- Physical environment
- Health and safety
- Preschool structure and Management
- Curriculum guideline
- Family - Pre-school Partnership

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND  
ATTENTION!

Q & A

A photograph of a classroom with green walls and white tiled floors. Several children in light blue school uniforms are present, some holding long, thin ribbons. Two adults are also visible; one is wearing a white traditional garment. The room is decorated with white curtains, a hot air balloon hanging from the ceiling, and various children's drawings on the walls. The text "Plans for School Visits" is superimposed in the center in a large, white, sans-serif font.

# Plans for School Visits

# Plans for school visits

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- All participants will meet promptly at 8:00AM in the **lobby of the Address Boutique Hotel**
  - **Group 1:** Kinderland PPS (Goodlands)
  - **Group 2:** Ming Tek (Port Louis)
  - **Group 3:** Bethlehem (Port Louis)
- Shuttles will bring us back to Ravenala Attitude Hotel for remainder of workshop



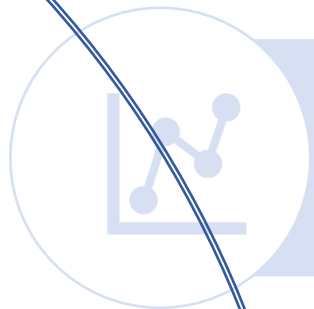
# Get in your small groups to prepare for your conversations with Heads of Schools

- **Goals:**
  - **Get school-level perspective on Quality Assurance System**
  - **Understand how system can support schools use data**
- **Some sample questions:**
  1. What kind of early childhood data is routinely collected at your school?
  2. Why do you collect it?
  3. Which data do you share with government?
  4. Which data do you share with parents?
  5. How do you talk about data with your teachers?
  6. Does the government give you feedback?
  7. What is useful to you?

# Debrief from school visits

- Based on what you heard/observed, how can we make systems that support schools?
- What questions did you have that were not possible to answer?
- How would you know if your system is working well?





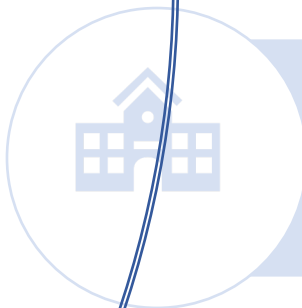
## Where are we now?

- *What have we learned to date through Together for Early Childhood Evidence?*



## Where do we go next?

- *Framework for data-informed early childhood systems*



## Placing data in context

- *Deep dive Mauritius QAS and school visits*



## Outlining next steps

- *Way forward for countries and region*



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# Regional way forward

- What are regional needs for early childhood data use and evidence uptake?
- What type of support (tools, framework, technical assistance, etc.) do governments and partners need to continue to build their national ECCE quality assurance system





# How can we work together as a region to build data-informed early childhood systems?

Collaboration between data systems and ministries.

Creating a community of practice

Sharing tools

Standardized tools in the region. Create a community of practice for sharing. Create opportunities to share how they are using data and tools.

Build a multi-country community of practice that share ECE data with one another through a dash board

Building sharing platform to reduce the opportunity costs associated with sharing

Build a comprehensive education information system

Regional community of practice

Sharing Tools, Group Watsup, Online Meeting (Quarterly)

# How can we work together as a region to build data-informed early childhood systems?

Sharing important data across education ministries

Sharing best practices

Identify Human Resources and capacity needs

Sharing best practices

Common child outcomes tracking

Create a hub of continental professions working in the space of ECE data to share experience, knowledge, tools and support each other

Sharing guidelines.

Funding Projects in the Domain

Designing legal framework



# How can we work together as a region to build data-informed early childhood systems?

Sharing Standards

Face to face annual meetings

Study Tours to Best Performers

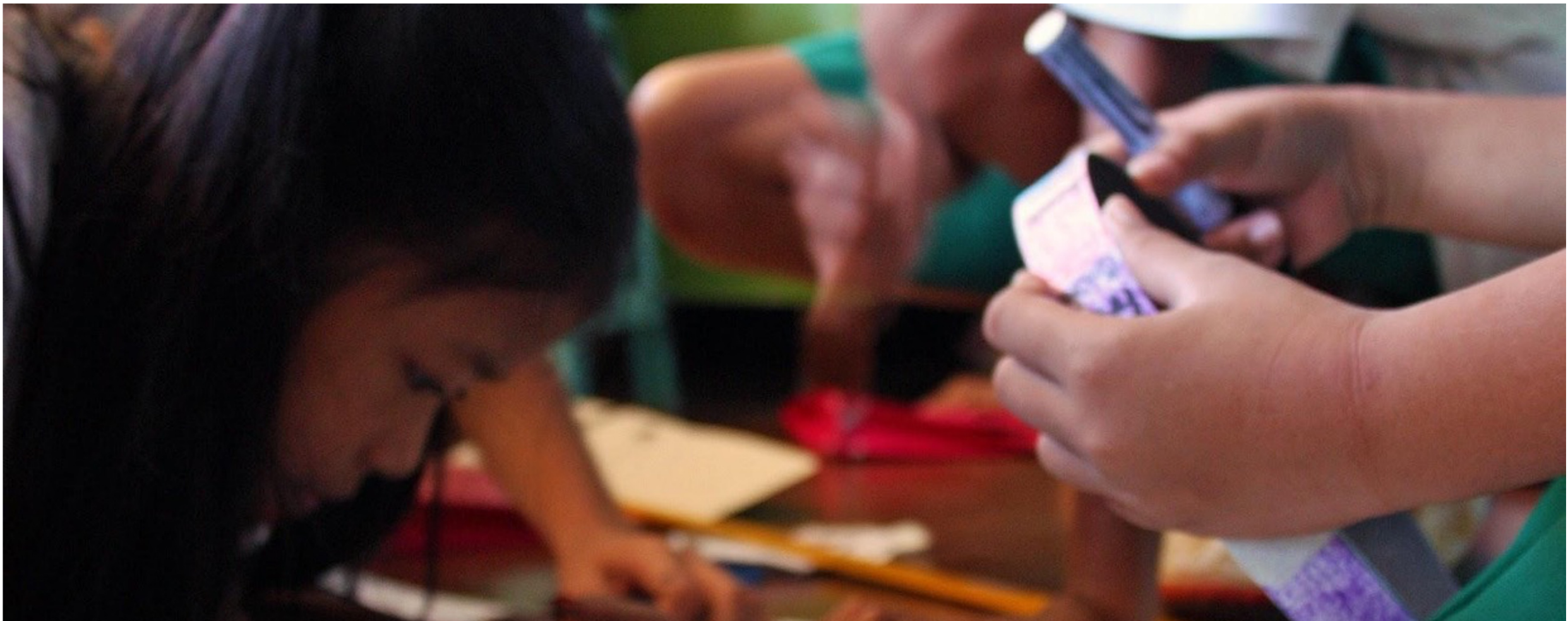
Knowledge exchange across countries

Coordination on AU level

ECD Policy review

Harmonize implementation approaches

Learning visits



## USAID & Pre-Primary





## The importance of pre-primary

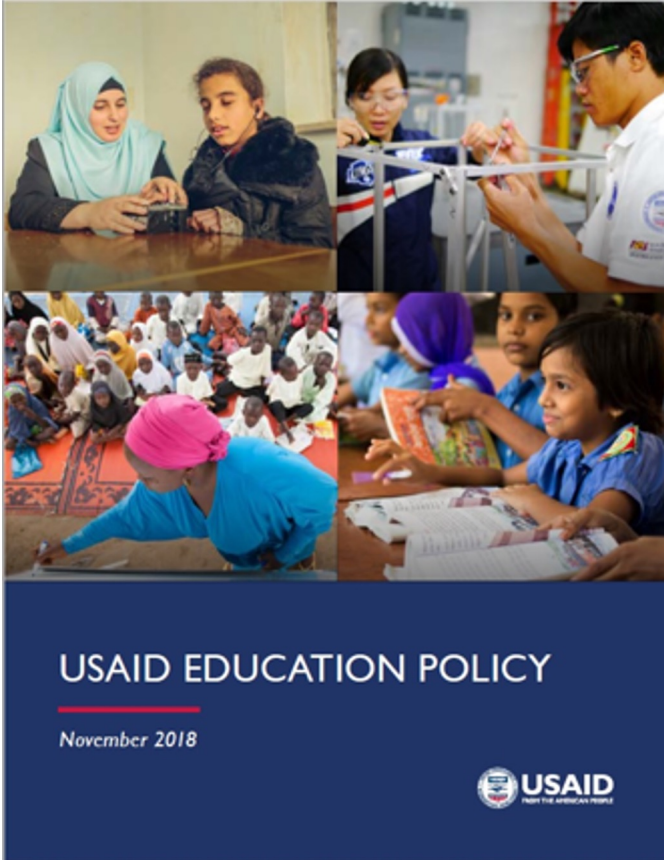
Pre-primary video



Credit: USAID Nepal



## USAID's commitment to pre-primary



Basic Education funds may be used for programming for children in pre-primary education.

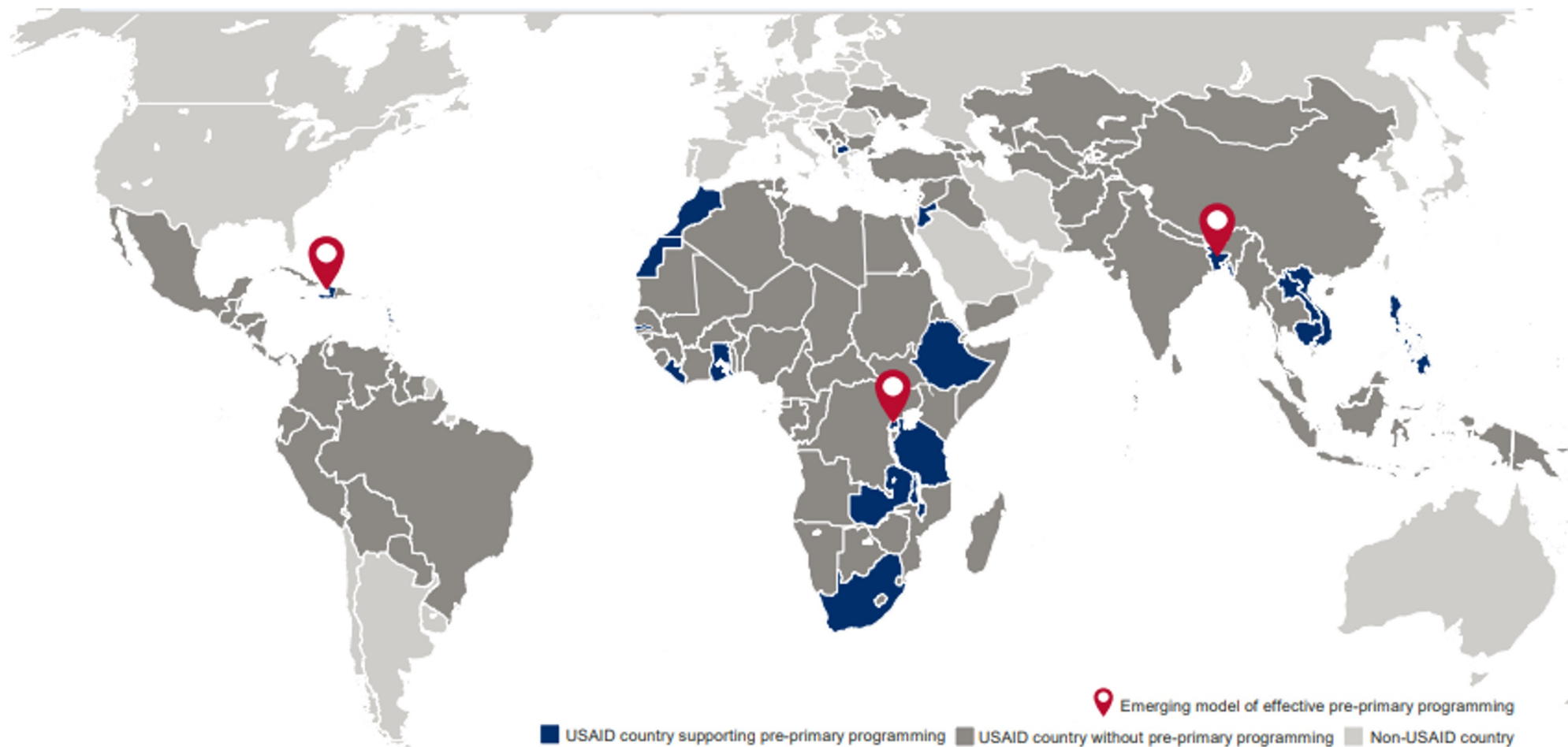
- Pre-primary education is defined as **any group-based, organized instruction serving children**, generally between the ages of 3 and 6, prior to their entry into primary school.
- A program may be **school-based, center-based, or community-based**, and include between one and three years of instruction.
- Schedules, models, and settings may vary across contexts, but the defining characteristic of pre-primary is a **focus on early learning**.

## USAID's Policy Goals

1. Improving Learning Outcomes
2. Expand access to quality basic education for all, particularly the most marginalized and vulnerable populations



## Where USAID is engaged in pre-primary



# USAID/Rwanda's engagement in Early Childhood Education

## *Schools and Systems:*

- Pre-service teacher education
- Improving quality of early childhood emergent literacy environments

## *Homes and Communities:*

- Train reading club and early child development (ECD) volunteers



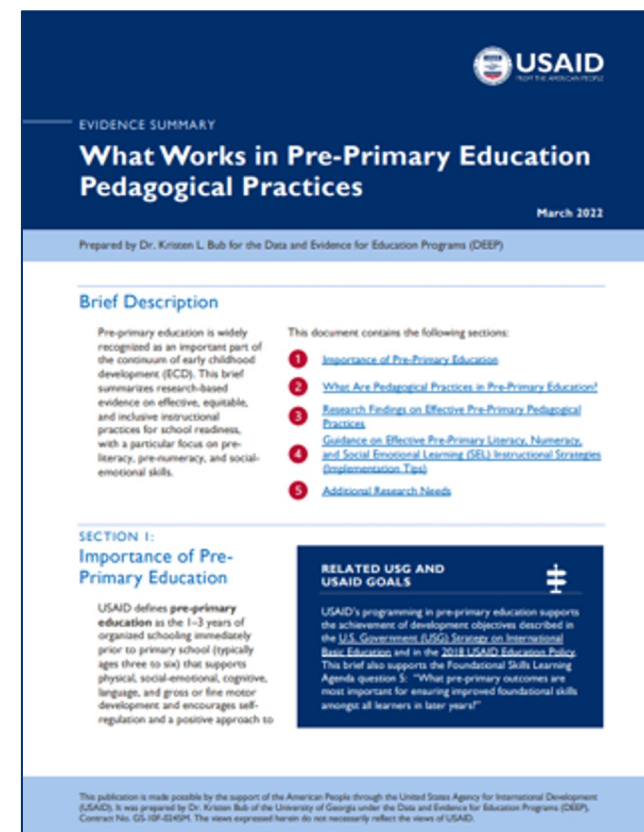


# Center for Education: Technical Guidance





# Work Lead from DC





**Political Will, Investment,  
and Leadership**



**Regulating, Monitoring,  
and Supporting Programs**



**Access**



**Program Quality**

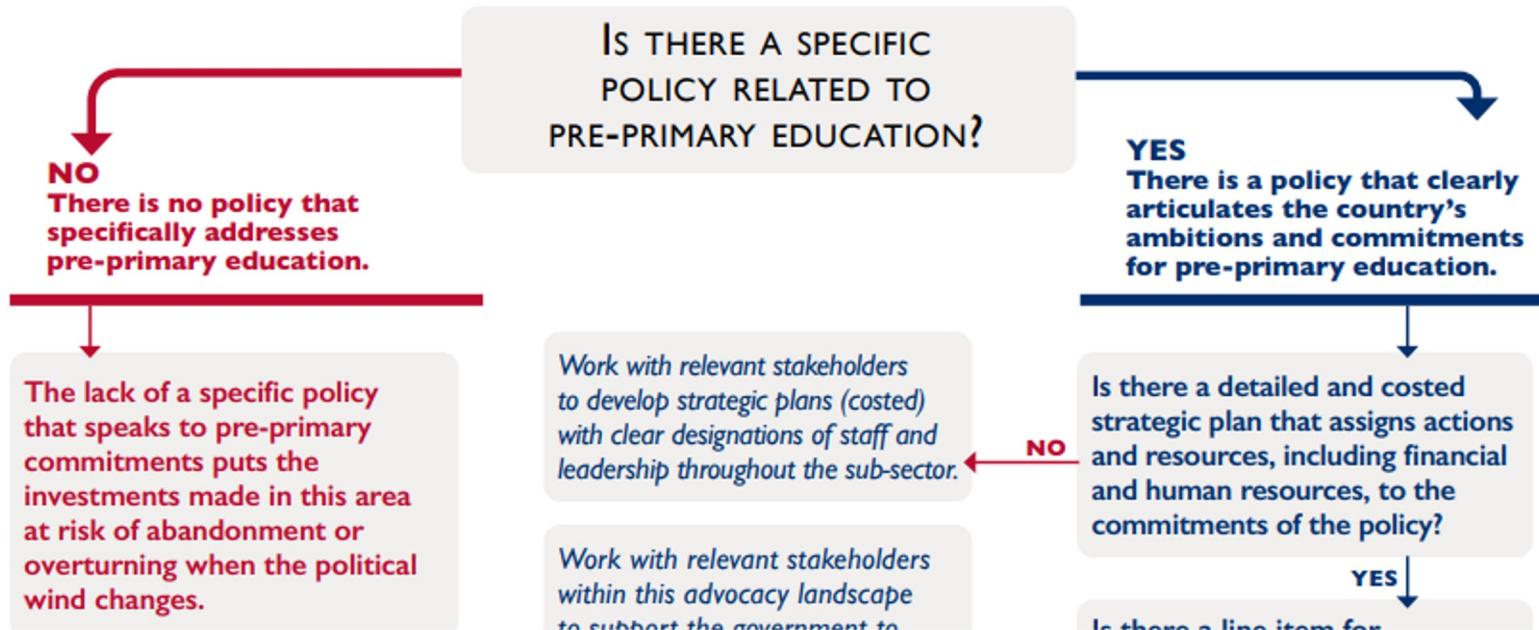


**Teacher Workforce**



**Family and Community  
Engagement**

## Using the Decision Trees





## Reflect on the Key Question: **Who will you target for access?**

Important considerations:

- Who are the children who would benefit most from high-quality pre-primary?
- What level of funding is available for pre-primary?
- Are most children achieving foundational skills in primary?



*Credit: USAID in the West Bank*

## Approaches to Pre-Primary Access

### **UNIVERSAL**

- Mandates free and compulsory pre-primary for all
- Requires financial support from the public sector
- Various structures
- Number of young children in the system can pose challenge

### **TARGETED**

- Suitable when resources are limited to implement a high quality universal policy
- Supports pro-poor policies
- Provide subsidies and target public provision for the most marginalized populations



## Why start with populations experiencing the most marginalization?

Children who may particularly benefit from pre-primary include:

- Children with disabilities
- Children whose LI is different from the “official” language of instruction
- Refugees
- Children from the poorest families (last quintile)
- Children from a marginalized ethnic or racial group



Credit: USAID/Jordan

# Measurement



## What are the outcomes we are measuring in pre-primary?

**ES I.53** Number of learners in pre-primary schools or equivalent non-school based settings reached with USG education assistance

**Supp- I** Percent of pre-primary learners targeted for USG assistance who are developmentally on track.

**Supp- I 8** Percent of pre-primary learners targeted for USG assistance with an increase of at least one early learning and development level in early learning skills

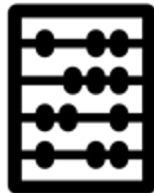
## Early Learning Skills Areas

### EARLY LEARNING SKILL AREAS

Emergent  
language &  
literacy



Emergent  
numeracy



Social-emotional  
learning



Physical  
development



**Supp-I & Supp-  
I8**

## Why report on SUPP-1 & SUPP-18?



Program  
efficacy



Target future  
programs



Target future  
subpopulations



Indicators do not provide information for  
individual children



# Pre-Primary Assessment Tools



SCAN ME

TOOL	PURPOSE			AGE	SKILLS						ASSESSMENT TYPE			IMPLEMENTATION											ADAPTATION															
					Language	Pre-Literacy	Pre-Math	SEL	COG/EF	Physical	Child performs task	Questionnaire	Observation	Administration time	Primary Administrator	Length of Training	Budget Required						Adapted for children with a disability?	Level of effort to adapt measure																
																	Cost of tools			Cost to implement																				
	1: System monitoring/evaluation  2: Child Screening  3: Formative assessment													0: <15 min  1: 15-30 min  2: >30 min		1: Teacher  2: Caregiver  3: Child development specialist  4: Psychologist  5: Interviewer		0: None  1: 1-2 days  2: 3-5 days  3: 6-8 days		0: Free  1: (\$)  2: (\$\$)  3: (\$\$\$)			0: (\$)  1: (\$\$)  2: (\$\$\$)  3: (\$\$\$\$)			0: No  1: Yes		0: Minimal effort  1: Modest effort  2: Extensive effort												
IDELA	1	2	3	3, 5, 6	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			2	1, 5					2					0					0	1	2	3		1			1	

# Next Steps



## Catalyze Edu Finance Activity

- CATALYZE EduFinance activity, managed by USAID's DDI Center for Education, is a financing and evidence building activity that stimulates partnerships with private sector, financing entities and mobilizes both public and private capital to improve *learning outcomes*
- Through the CATALYZE EduFinance activity, USAID invests in early childhood care and education (ECCE) activities with the goal(s) of: 1) Improving early childhood development & learning outcomes; 2) Increasing women's economic participation and; 3) Job creation
- CATALYZE EduFinance leverages various types of capital, including commercial private capital, philanthropic, corporate, faith-based capital, private household capital and public capital, bilateral and multilateral donors and domestic government funds

## LEGO Partnership

- MoU signed in 2019, focus on advancing priorities in pre-primary and the social emotional learning space.
- Joint contributions to ECW and INEE
- Joint funding in Ethiopia on an Early Childhood Care and Education in Emergencies Activity



*Credit: USAID Liberia*

## Disability Inclusive Focus

- High-quality early learning programs can provide the greatest benefit to children with disabilities
- High-quality early learning programs can help diminish equity gaps in learning outcomes
- USAID is currently developing technical guidance related to high-quality pre-primary



*Credit: USAID*



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# Thank you!

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# Rwanda

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- Vision: Integrate access, child development, quality data into existing systems

# Malawi

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- Vision: use data to support formalizing ECD
- Some ideas on way forward:
  - First national study on access, quality, child development
  - Get registry of ECD centers
  - Audit existing data sources

# South Africa

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- Vision: track children through multiple systems over time by building interoperable information management systems across departments

# Liberia

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- Vision: Comprehensive registry of ECE facilities and EMIS system that incorporates ECE data



# Mauritius

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# Country visions for data-informed ECCE systems

Country	Vision
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Rwanda	Integrate access, child development, quality data into existing systems
South Africa	Track children through multiple systems over time by building interoperable information management systems across departments

**What are 5 steps you will take in next year to work towards your vision?**

# Country team planning

*What's next for shaping data-informed systems in your country?*

1. What 5 steps will you take in next year to start to make progress on your vision?
2. What resources do you need?
3. How does this fit into the existing system?
4. Who needs to be involved?
5. What are risks?

# Reminders for ADEA Triennale

- See ADEA website for program
- Wednesday-Friday: Free Shuttle between Address Boutique Hotel and Le Meredien.
  - **Leave Address Boutique Hotel at 8:00 AM to go to Le Meredien**
  - **Depart Le Meredien at 18:00 to go to Address Hotel**
- **Wednesday/Thursday**
- **15:30 on Friday**
- On Thursday and Friday, lunch is provided by ADEA organizers. On Wednesday, individuals are responsible for their lunches.
- If you prefer to be on your own schedule, you are welcome to take your own taxis
- Feel free to use WhatsApp group to coordinate!

# Thank you

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