EGRA: Progress and Updates

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What is the Early Grade Reading Assessment (EGRA)?

- EGRA was developed to respond to the need to gather data on primary school performance and completion.
- EGRA is an assessment that is administered orally by an assessor, one-on-one with a child.
- EGRA is an open source tool that can be adapted for use in multiple languages and contexts.
Key Components of Early Grade Reading Measured by EGRA

- Alphabetic principle
- Phonemic awareness
- Vocabulary
- Fluency
- Comprehension

Why these areas?
Predictive of later reading acquisition
Reliably and easily measured
Can be improved through effective instruction

Source: August & Shanahan, 2006; Caravolas et al., 2012; NICHD, 2000; Vaessen et al., 2010; Ziegler et al., 2010
How can EGRA Results be Used?

• Examine gaps in reading competencies to raise awareness, improve policy, curriculum, etc. (country or regional level)
• Identify key skills, or areas of instruction, that need to be improved in order to target interventions (teacher training, materials, etc.)
• Inform education sector strategic planning, resource allocation and budgeting
• Identify changes over time
• Evaluate outcomes of program designed to improve specific early grade reading skills
• Develop reading indicators and benchmarks
EGRA History

- 2006: Developed; reviewed by expert panel
- 2007: Piloted/validated
- 2008: EGRA Toolkit
- 2009: 1st EGRA workshop
- 2010: 2nd EGRA workshop; Igniting Report launched
- 2011: USAID Education Strategy; EGRA Guidance Notes
- 2012
- 2013: 23
- 2014: 19

Source: www.eddataglobal.org
Where in the World Has EGRA Been Used?

Used in 70+ Countries
*25 nationally representative

Used by 30+ organizations

Adapted for 120+ languages
Future Plans for EGRA

- Support FFA and SDG indicators of reading proficiency
- Input for global learning metric
- Improving the standardization of EGRA procedures and data quality
- Institutionalizing early grade assessment as part of government assessment systems
Activities Underway to Prepare for Future Global Primary Grade Assessment Needs

- EGRA Basics and Beyond workshop (Global Reading Network, November 9-12);
- Revised EGRA Toolkit forthcoming; and
- A new EGRA measure that includes additional subtasks in reading comprehension and writing/spelling