Scaling Up of Bilingual Curriculum in Senegal

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ARED bilingual curriculum pilot

- 3 regions
- 2 languages

SENEGAL
13.508.715 Hbts
(RGPHAE 2013)
14 régions
6 langues nationales
Scaling Up Challenges – Systemic Change

Development Playing Field

- Policy
- Donor Project
- System
- Donor Program
- Pilot Projects
Scaling Up Framework

THREE STEPS (+ TOOLS!):

1. Developing a Scaling Up Plan
   **Result:** Realistic assessment of parameters, prospects, and strategy for scaling up

2. Establish Pre-Conditions and Implement a Scaling Up Process
   **Result:** Adopters committed and resources allocated for going to scale

3. Managing Scale-Up and Monitoring Quality at Scale
   **Result:** Sustainable provision of services at scale
Who is taking model to scale?

- Originating Organization
- Intermediary Organization
- Adopting Organization

**ORIGINATING SOCIAL CONTEXT**  
**ADOPTING SOCIAL CONTEXT**
Challenges

Previous experience in bilingual curriculum:

- Launched in 2002-2008
- Across all eight regions
- Including 6 languages

- Challenges linked with implementation
- Lack of preparation and planning
- Program not continued
Initial Positives

• National Policy

• Close relations with the Ministry of National Education (MEN)

• Incorporating parents into the pilot – preparing them for bilingual approach

• Independent evaluation showing higher levels of performance among students in bilingual classrooms

• Minister requested a plan to scale up ARED’s program
Scaling Up Approach

Use the scaling up work to raise awareness of bilingual curriculum at national level

• Widen gaze of ARED

• Recruit new stakeholders in workshops
  • National political players (National PTA, President’s Office, National Assembly)
Scaling Up Support

2014
Two workshops:
Resulting in a scaling up plan developed by MEN and ARED and validated by the Minister

2015
Additional buy-in from Dubai Cares and Donor Roundtable for donor support of the plan
Challenges

• Advocacy and communication!

• Synergy with other models, NGOs

• Push government to take the lead

• Reduce political opposition