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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

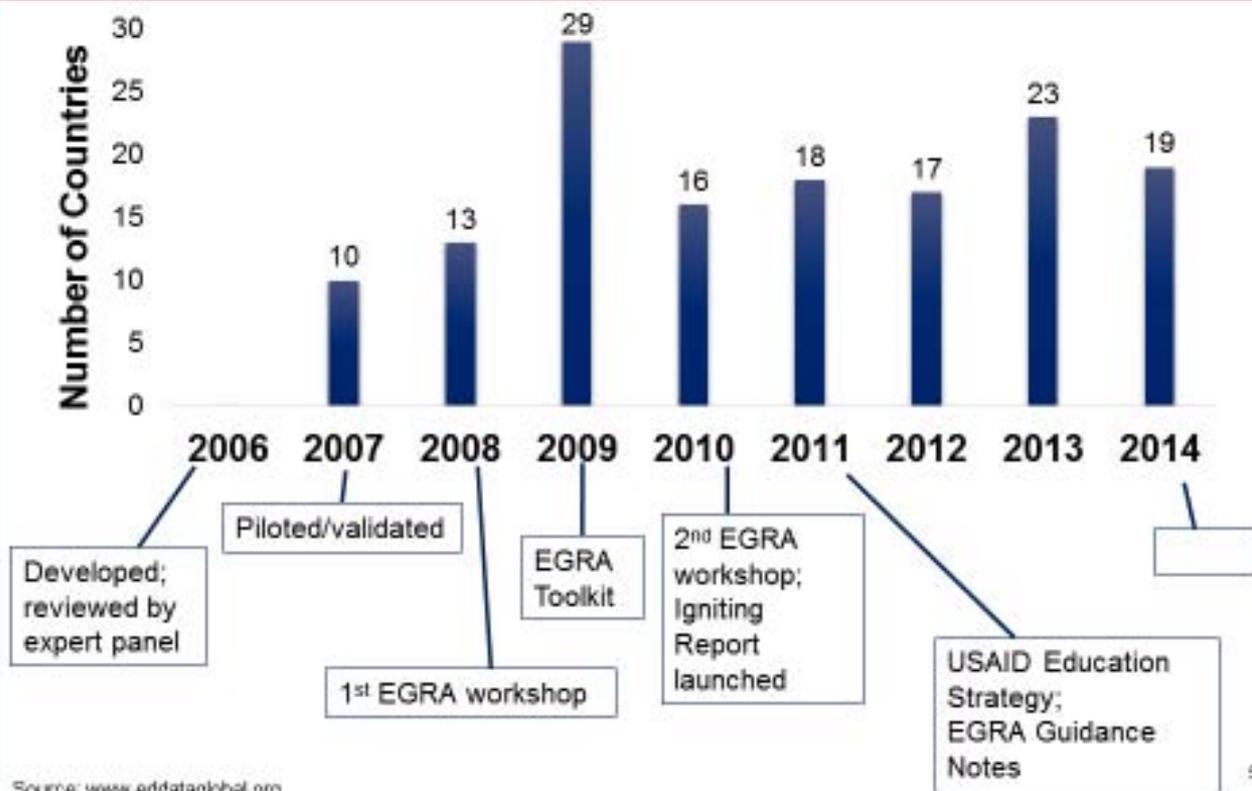
Reliably and easily measured

Can be improved through effective instruction

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



Where in the World Has EGRA Been Used?



Used by
30+
organizations

Used in
70+
Countries
*25 nationally
representative

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



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