

Spread and Use of Citizen-Led Assessments



Countries where citizen-led assessment tools have been used

The People's Action for Learning (PAL) Network is a south-south partnership of 15 member organizations working across South Asia, Africa and Latin America. Member organizations conduct Citizen-led Assessments (CLAs) and/or actions aimed at improving learning outcomes.

Background

The Citizen-Led Assessment (CLA) approach was born in India in 2005 when Pratham Education Foundation, one of India's largest education NGOs, designed an innovative approach to assess the foundational reading and numeracy competencies of children. The assessment was conducted at the household, and included all children regardless of their schooling status. This assessment is the Annual Status of Education Report (ASER) in India.

Over the past 15 years, the ASER tools and approach have been borrowed and adapted in different countries across the Global South. CLAs evolved organically from this approach, spurred by the interest of citizens who understood the importance of obtaining reliable data on children's foundational learning that could build awareness and inform policy and practice.

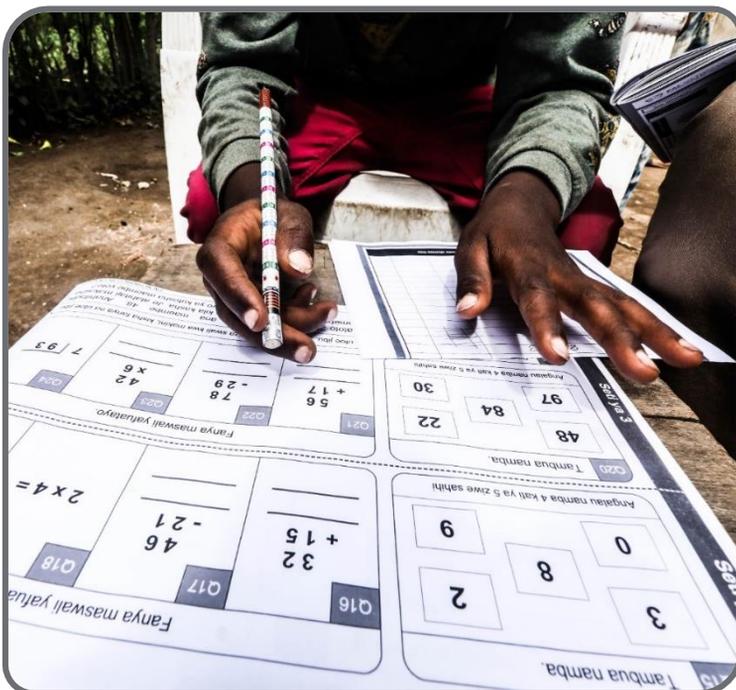
To understand the spread of the CLAs, PAL Network undertook a mapping exercise in 2018 to establish where the 'ASER/Uwezo' testing tools are being used, by who and for what purpose.

Uses of CLA tools

The mapping exercise revealed that 56 projects across 33 countries had used CLA tools in the following three different ways;

1. Assessment only
2. Learning intervention program with assessment component
3. Project or program evaluation

01. Assessment only



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projects

Citizen-Led Assessment pilot program

Countries | Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Nicaragua

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projects

One-time assessment of learning outcomes

Countries | Bangladesh, Guinea Bissau, India, Indonesia, Nepal

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project

Adult literacy evaluation program

Country | Afghanistan

02. Learning Intervention program with assessment



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projects

Teaching at the Right Level

Countries | Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Indonesia, Kenya, Madagascar, Nigeria, Peru, Uganda, Zambia

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projects

Learning Intervention Programs in crisis and emergency settings

Countries | Bangladesh, Haiti, Iraq, Lebanon, Niger, Nigeria, Syria, Yemen

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projects

Other learning intervention program

Countries | Burundi, Dominican Republic, Kenya, Laos, Sri Lanka, Tanzania

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projects

The Earth Institute – Millennium Village Projects

Countries | Ghana, Haiti, Kenya, Nigeria, Tanzania, Uganda

03. Project and program evaluation



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projects

Girls' Education Challenge Project Evaluations

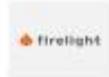
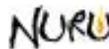
Countries | Afghanistan, Kenya, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Uganda

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projects

USDA McGovern-Dole 'Food for Education' Program Evaluations

Countries | Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Kenya, Mali, Senegal



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