



Key facts about pupil learning, teaching and school management in Kono District



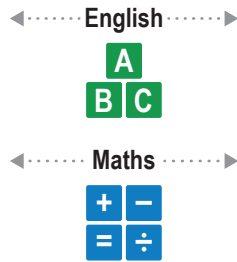
This factsheet is based on findings from the Secondary Grade Learning Assessment (2018).



Fact 1

In Kono, learning levels of JSS2 and SSS2 pupils are low in both English and Mathematics.

JSS2 pupils that show only up to P6 level skills



SSS2 pupils that show only up to P6 level skills



Average learning levels in Kono are higher than the national average amongst JSS2 and SSS2 pupils

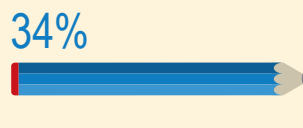
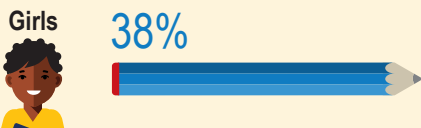
Fact 2

In Kono, JSS2 girls score higher than JSS2 boys, but SSS2 girls score lower than SSS2 boys.

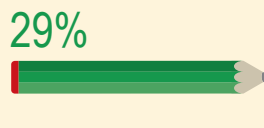
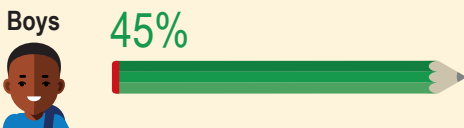
Pupils that show only up to P6 level skills in English

JSS2 pupils 2 or more years behind

SSS2 pupils 5 or more years behind



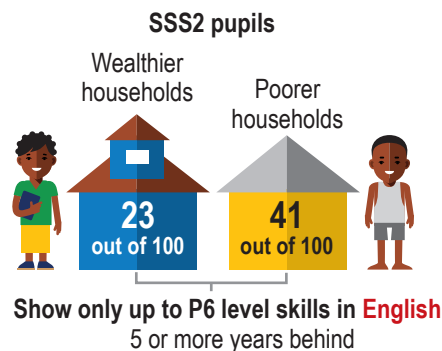
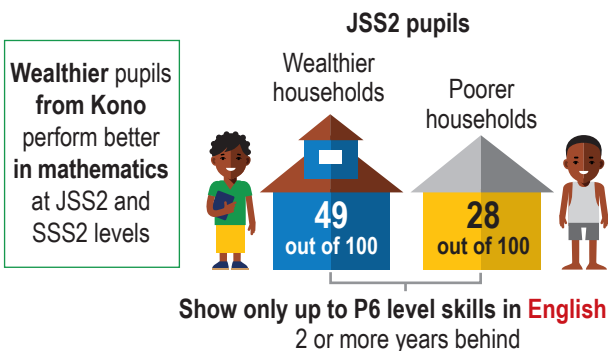
Boys and girls perform similarly in Mathematics



Gender-based differences are more in favour of girls in Kono than at the national level

Fact 3

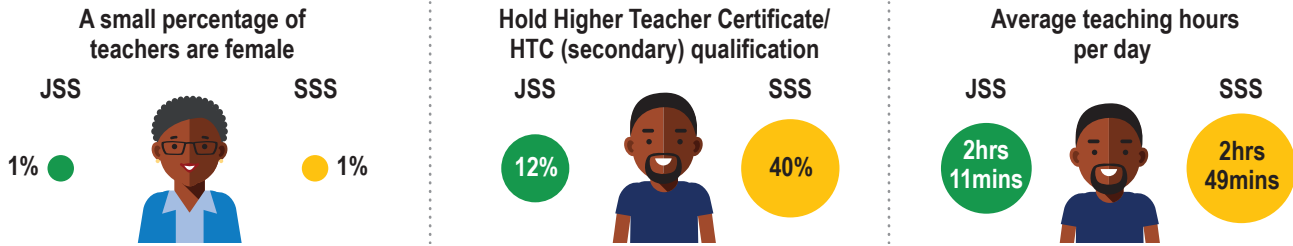
In Kono, at SSS2 level, pupils from wealthier households perform better than pupils from poorer households. However, poor JSS2 pupils perform better in English than wealthy JSS2 pupils.



Wealth-based differences in learning at JSS2 are less favourable to richer households in Kono than at the national level

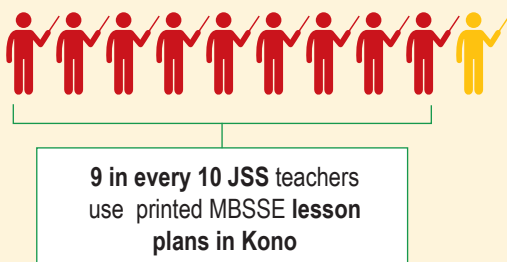
Fact 4

In Kono, a small percentage of JSS and SSS teachers are female. Teacher characteristics in **Kono** are similar to the **national average statistics**.



Fact 5

93% of JSS teachers now use printed MBSSE lesson plans in Kono. However, 62% of these teachers find it difficult to link learning objectives to the appropriate grade level.



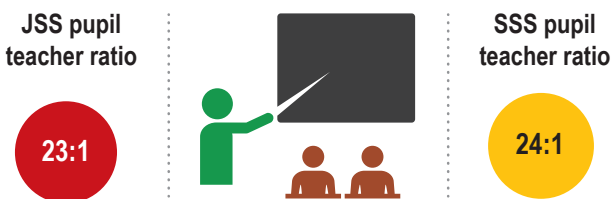
6 out of 10 JSS teachers that use lesson plans in Kono are unable to link learning objectives to the appropriate grade level



In Kono, a similar fraction of teachers make the **right links**, as at the **national level**, where only 4 in 10 teachers are able to do so

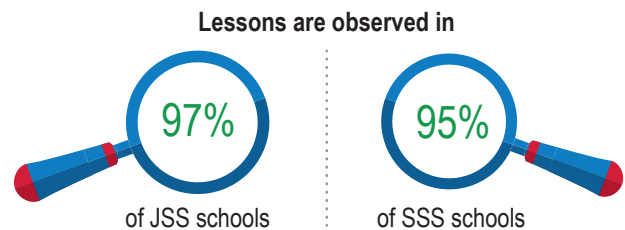
Fact 6

A typical JSS school in Kono has 23 pupils per teacher. The pupil-teacher ratio is similar in JSS and SSS schools.



Fact 7

Lesson observations in Kono are conducted in almost every school.



PTR ratios and lesson observations in Kono compare similarly to the national averages

Fact 8

Nearly all schools in Kono have parent-teacher or community-teacher associations. Most of these bodies are active, having met at-least once in the current or previous term



The percentage of active PTA/CTA bodies is similar in Kono and the national level

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