



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



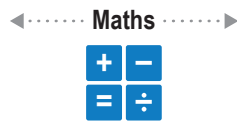
This factsheet is based on findings from the Secondary Grade Learning Assessment (2018).



Fact 1

In Port Loko, 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



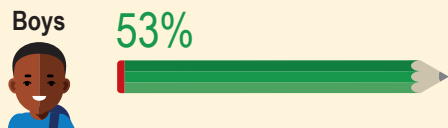
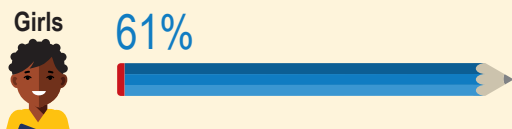
Average learning levels in Porto Loko are similar to the national average

Fact 2

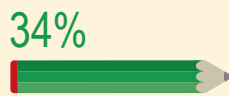
In Port Loko, learning levels of girls are lower than that of boys.

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



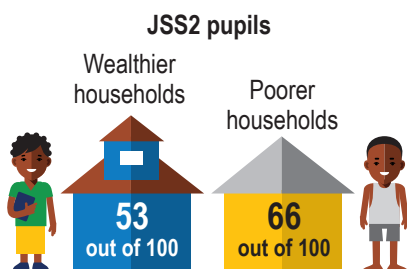
SSS2 girls' skills are more limited to lower grades (P6 or below) than boys

Gender-based differences are larger in Porto Loko than at the national level

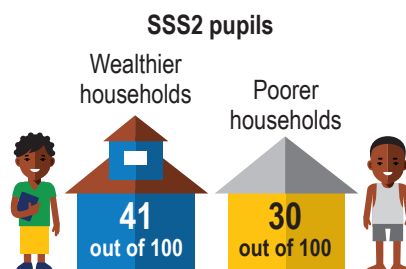
Fact 3

JSS2 pupils from wealthier households perform better in English than pupils from poorer households in Port Loko. However, SSS2 pupils from poorer households score higher in English.

Wealthier pupils from Port Loko score higher in mathematics at both JSS2 and SS2 levels



Show only up to P6 level skills in English 2 or more years behind

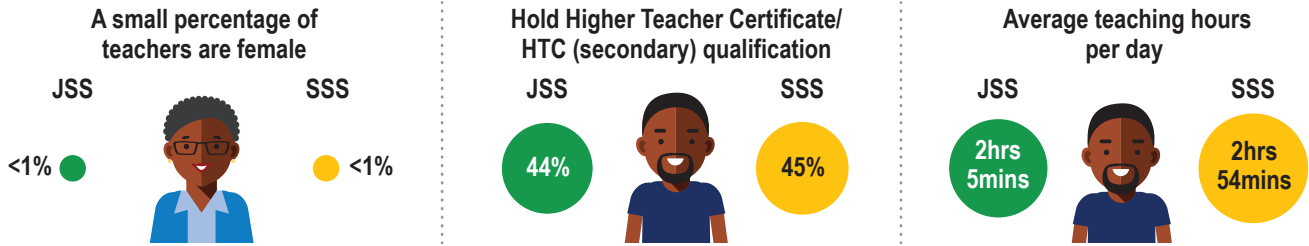


Show only up to P6 level skills in English 5 or more years behind

Wealth-based differences at SSS2 level are more favourable to poorer pupils in Port Loko than at the national level. The opposite is true at JSS2 level

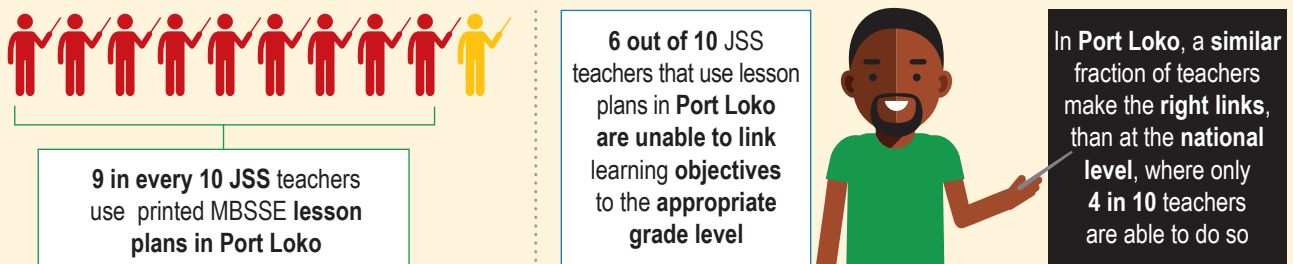
Fact 4

In Port Loko, a small percentage of JSS and SSS teachers are female. Most teacher characteristics in Port Loko are similar to the national average statistics.



Fact 5

90% of JSS teachers now use printed MBSSE lesson plans in Port Loko. However, 62% of these teachers find it difficult to link learning objectives to the appropriate grade level.

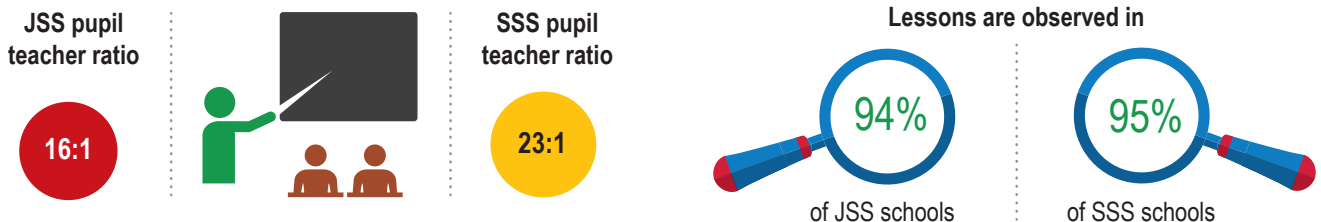


Fact 6

A typical JSS school in Port Loko has 16 pupils per teacher. The pupil-teacher ratio is higher in SSS schools.

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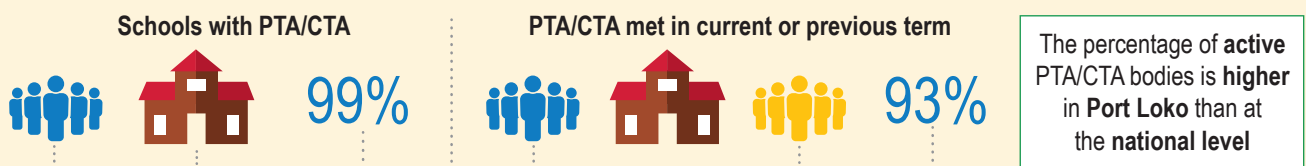
Lesson observations are conducted in almost every school in Port Loko.



While the JSS2 PTR ratio is lower in Port Loko than at the national level, the SSS2 PTR ratio is comparatively higher. Lesson observations in Port Loko compare similarly to the national level

Fact 8

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



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