



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



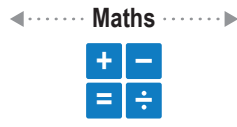
This factsheet is based on findings from the Secondary Grade Learning Assessment (2018).



Fact 1

In Tonkolili, 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 Tonkolili are lower than the national average

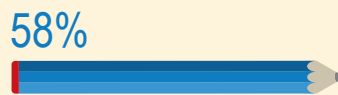
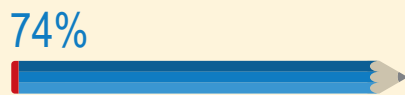
Fact 2

Learning levels of girls are lower than that of boys in Tonkolili.

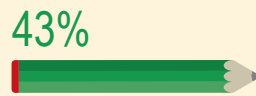
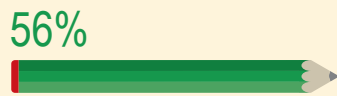
Pupils that show only up to P6 level skills in English

JSS2 pupils 2 or more years behind

SSS2 pupils 5 or more years behind



JSS2 girls' skills are more limited to lower grades (P6 or below) than boys

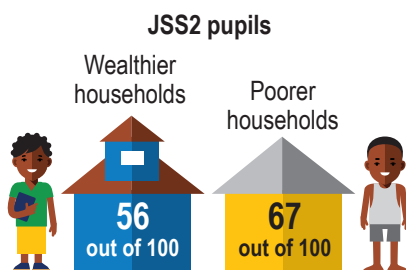


Gender-based differences are larger in Tonkolili than at the national level

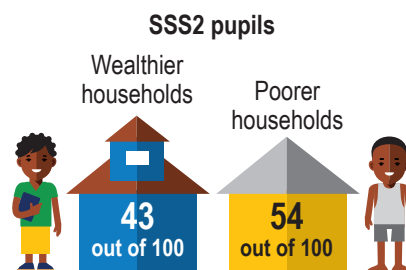
Fact 3

Pupils from wealthier households perform better in English than pupils from poorer households in Tonkolili.

However, wealthy and poor pupils from Tonkolili demonstrate similar skills in mathematics



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

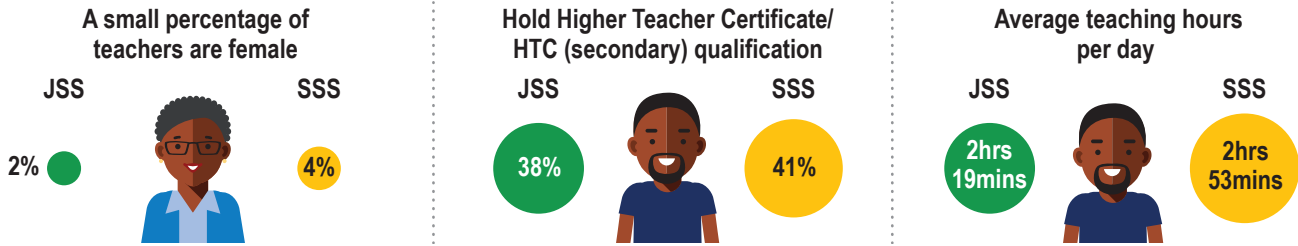


Show only up to P6 level skills in English 5 or more years behind

Wealth-based English learning differences are similar in Tonkolili and at the national level

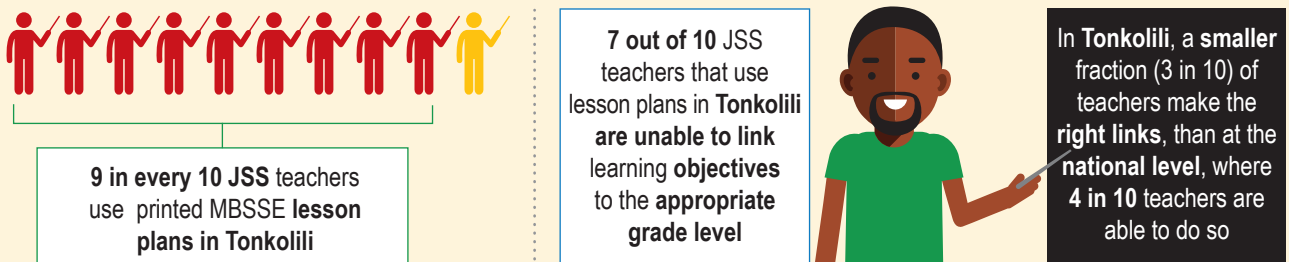
Fact 4

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



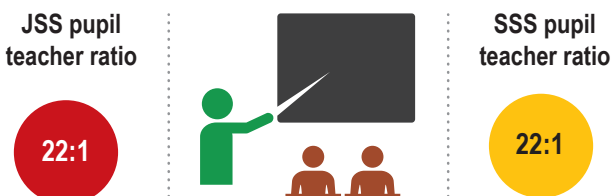
Fact 5

87% of JSS teachers now use printed MBSSE lesson plans in Tonkolili. However, 70% of these teachers find it difficult to link learning objectives to the appropriate grade level.



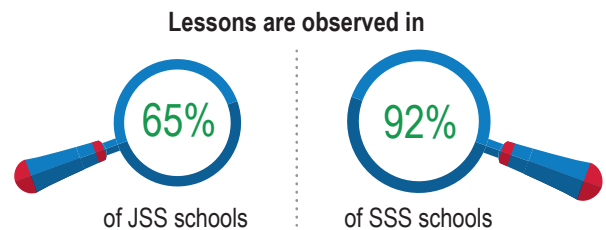
Fact 6

A typical JSS school in Tonkolili has 22 pupils per teacher. The pupil-teacher ratio is the same in SSS schools.



Fact 7

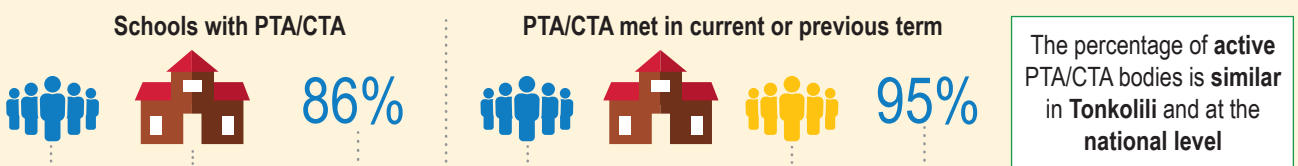
Lesson observations in Tonkolili are conducted in the majority of schools.



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

Fact 8

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



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