

Terms of Reference: COVID-19 Learning Loss and Psycho-Social Well-being Study

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Response to Questions

- 1. Question:** What exactly are dry runs as presented in the Terms of Reference? Are they the same thing as pilots?

DevTech response: Dry-runs are essentially 2 full practice days that take place after training and before data collection begins in the respective provinces. The purpose of the dry-runs is to enable data collection teams to experience administering the EGRA and other instruments in the language of instruction within non-sampled schools with learners, teachers and headteachers. However, it also helps data collection teams to practice the logistical and administrative procedures required to effectively and efficiently coordinate data collection with districts and schools. As such, dry runs begin with a PEO and DEBS courtesy call to introduce the activity and seek support to determine non-sampled practice schools in proximity. Data collection teams also practice coordinating with headteachers such as what to do when you arrive at a school, arranging a quiet space to conduct assessments and obtain additional practice administering the scripts for describing the research study purpose, obtaining consent, uploading data to server among other items important items. These days conclude with a short debrief session to discuss questions and problem solve challenges that they may have observed.

- 2. Question:** The number (28) of assessors does not seem to be enough to cover up to 182 schools in the 5 provinces. This may affect data quality as assessors may spread too thin to meet the target. Could DEVTECH consider increasing the number of assessors to something more practical?

DevTech response: To further expand, DevTech’s envisioned 14 teams of data collection, 2 per language of instruction, that are comprised of a quality control officer and two assessors. Between these three individuals, the EGRA and learner questionnaire would be administered to up to 20 grade 3 learners in addition to conducting one focus group discussion with teachers and headteachers. It is anticipated that each team could complete data collection within one school in one day, so that dry-runs and data collection in all 182 schools could be completed within 25 days including weekends, assuming a minimum number of replacement schools are required per team. However, DevTech will consider any alternative proposals put forth by applicants to efficiently and effectively complete data collection in all sampled schools.

- 3. Question:** The target group on which to conduct the EGRA assessment does not seem to come out clearly in the ToR. Could DEVTECH kindly clearly state whether or not the EGRA will be conducted on learners who will just transition to grade 3 in 2021?

DevTech response: The EGRA will be conducted with learners who will just have entered Grade 3 in January 2021. They will have completed grade 2 in 2020, but they will have only received term 1 and 2 instruction per the MoGE revised calendar and guidance.