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Monthly School Monitoring Dashboard Report June 2019







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Section 1 - Executive Summary







Monthly highlights

Highlights

- The real-time online dashboard is available at https://reporting.lehwilan.org/
- Key observations related to school visits are:
 - Significant increase over May in the proportion of classrooms observed where most pupils had Pupil Handbooks
 - Lesson plan presence in classrooms continues to be high at over 90% of classrooms observed
 - Effective use of lesson plans continues to increase, with lesson observation scoring 3 or 4 increased (3-following the LPM, 4-following the LPM and prepared for lesson)
 - All 14 districts conducted monthly DEO performance management meetings, for only the second time this year (no separate meetings yet for the new districts, Falaba and Karene)
 - There was significant decrease in the proportion of pupils who do not have FQSE teaching and learning materials, for both JSS and SSS

Areas needing improvement

- Proportion of the FQSE teaching and learning materials
- There is still a need for improvement on effective use of lesson plans with approximately 25-30% of teachers still scoring 1 or 2 in LPM usage this is now largely unchanged for several months.
- Attendance dropped a little this month compared to recent months in JSS (though improved for SSS)

Dashboard related issues

Key issues this month

- Overall increase over May in the number of SSO observations recorded on Tangerine. However, the increase was
 driven by SSS as the number of JSS observations decreased compared with May.
- The fifth report since the completion of the real-time online dashboard. To promote awareness and use of the dashboard, we have replaced some charts with screenshots taken directly from the dashboards.
- We have used some of the data from the dashboard in this report, but very little. This report is aimed to enhance rather than duplicate the work of the dashboard. While you can filter the dashboard in real time by location, subject or grade this reporting focuses on doing three other things:
 - Providing comparison over time to track month on month change
 - Providing maps to show monthly district comparison at a glance
 - Providing some basic analysis and commentary on the data
- The dashboard available at https://reporting.lehwilan.org/ and has been optimized for faster downloads in districts.

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Section 1 – DEO Monthly Meetings





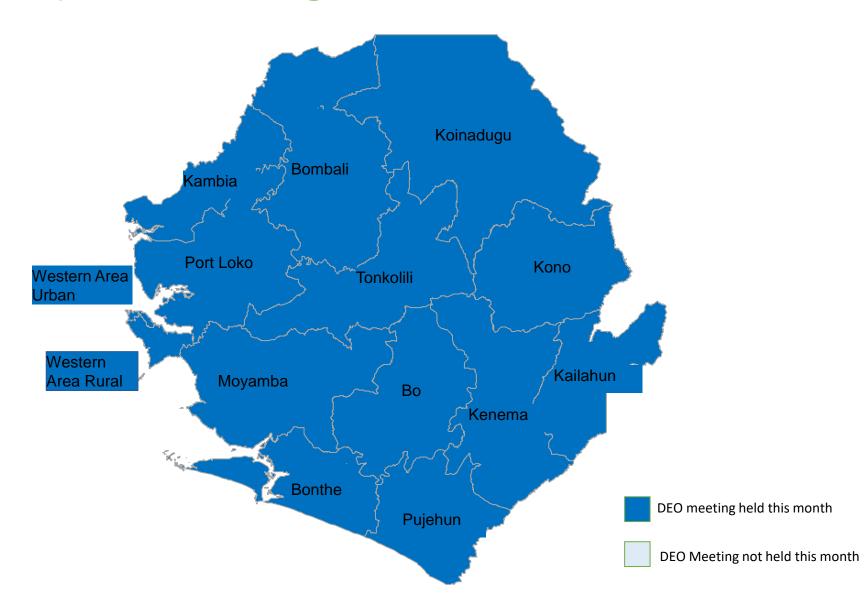


DEO Monthly Meeting

Fourteen districts held monthly meetings reinforcing the fact that the majority of districts now hold a regular performance management meeting.

The focus is now on improving the quality of these meetings and linking them to the reviewing the progress of district implementation plans.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June
Districts holding Monthly meetings	13	0	14	11	12	14
Districts not holding Monthly meetings	1	14	0	3	2	0



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Section 2 – SSO observations recorded on Tangerine

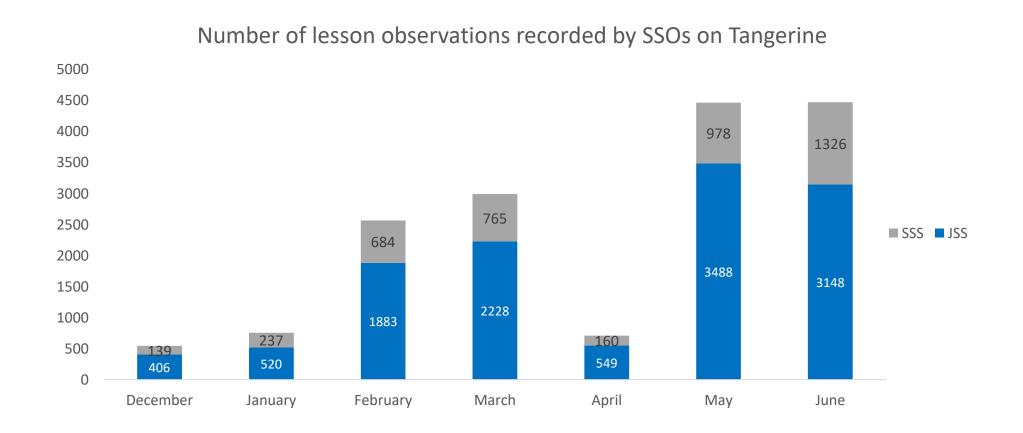






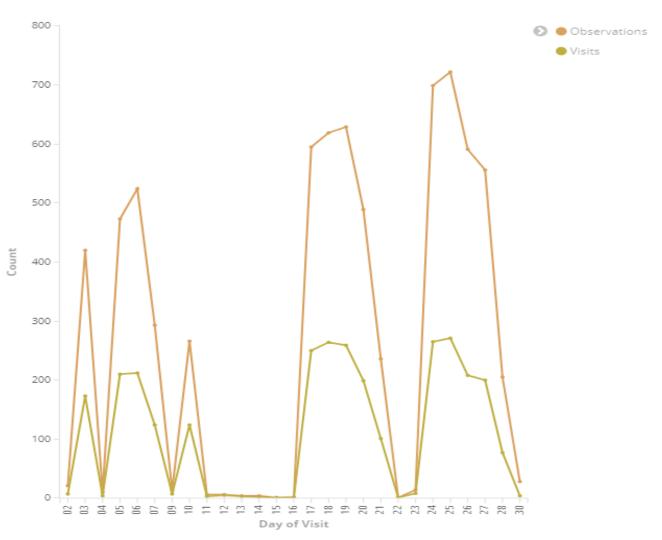
SSO classroom observations recorded on Tangerine, June

The number of observations recorded increased to 4474 in the month of June, with an increase for SSS and decrease for JSS



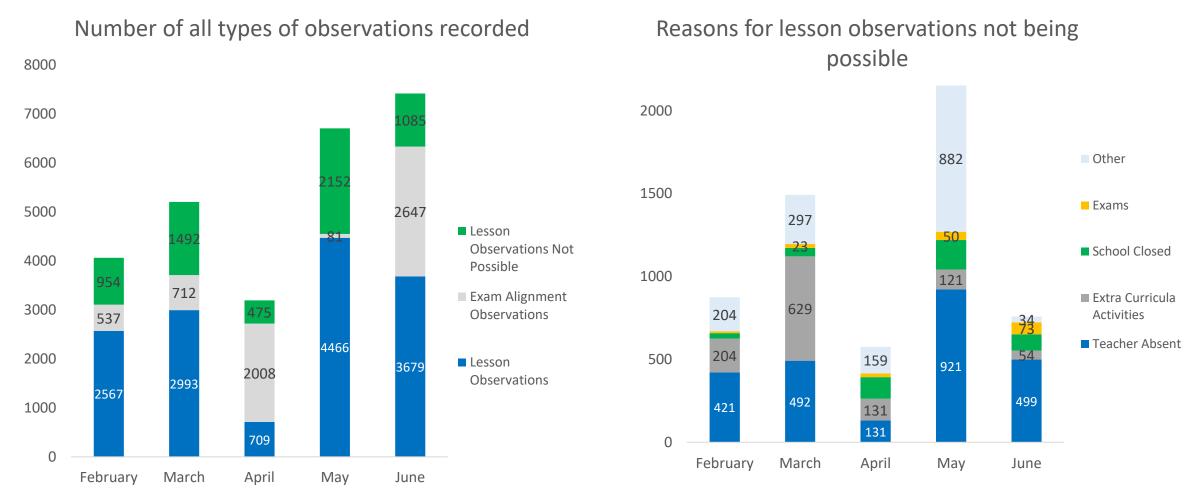
SSO classroom observations recorded on Tangerine, June





All SSO activity recorded on Tangerine, June

The number of recorded activity increased again this month, with lesson observations falling but exam alignment reviews spiking due to the start of the assessment period. 'Unable to observe' entries were much lower this month too.



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Section 3 – SSO visits to schools

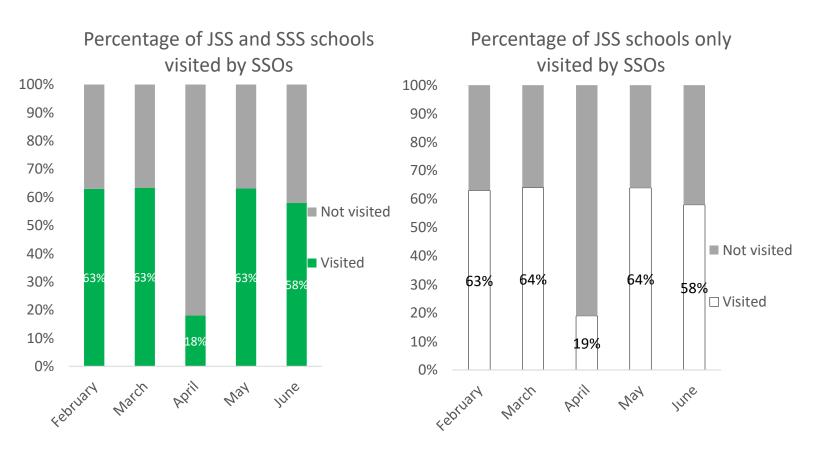


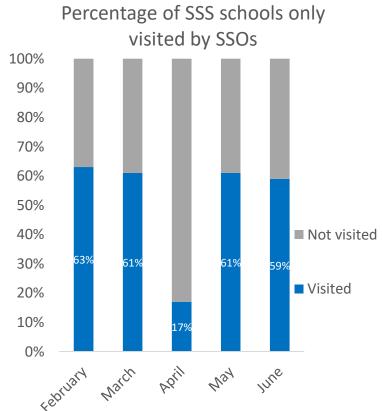




SSO visits to JS and SS Schools for Observations, June

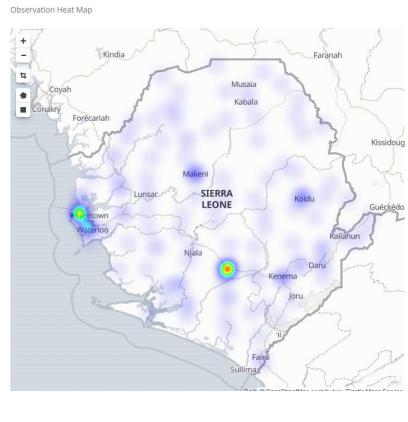
The number of schools receiving classroom observations dropped slightly this month – likely due to the number of schools visited during exams given the high number of exam alignment reviews

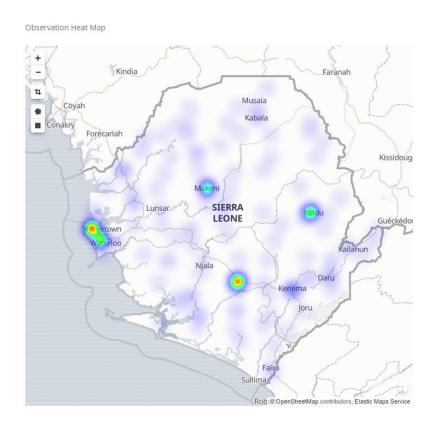




Observation heat map for the Month of June

From the heat map it can be seen that similar areas of the country were well visited in May and June

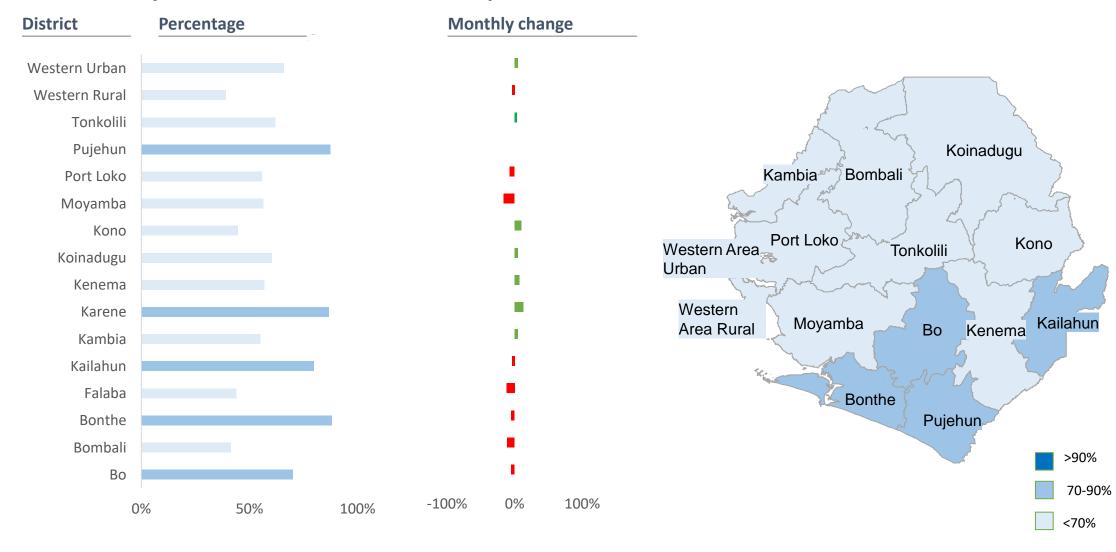




May

JS and SS schools visited by SSOs, by District, for June

Schools visited by SSOs last month, % of total non-private schools in district.



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Section 4 – Supervisor visits to schools

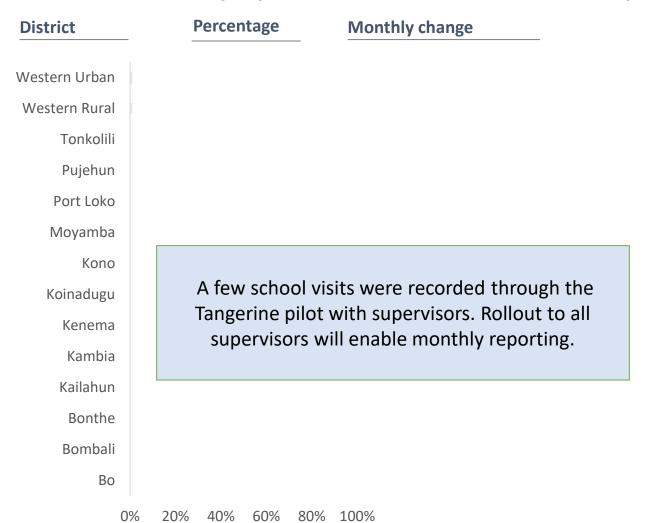


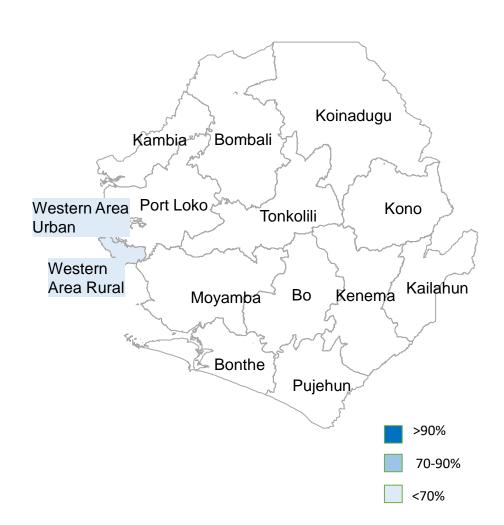




Percentage of JSS schools visited by supervisors, by District, for March

JSS schools visited by supervisors last month, % of total non-private schools in district





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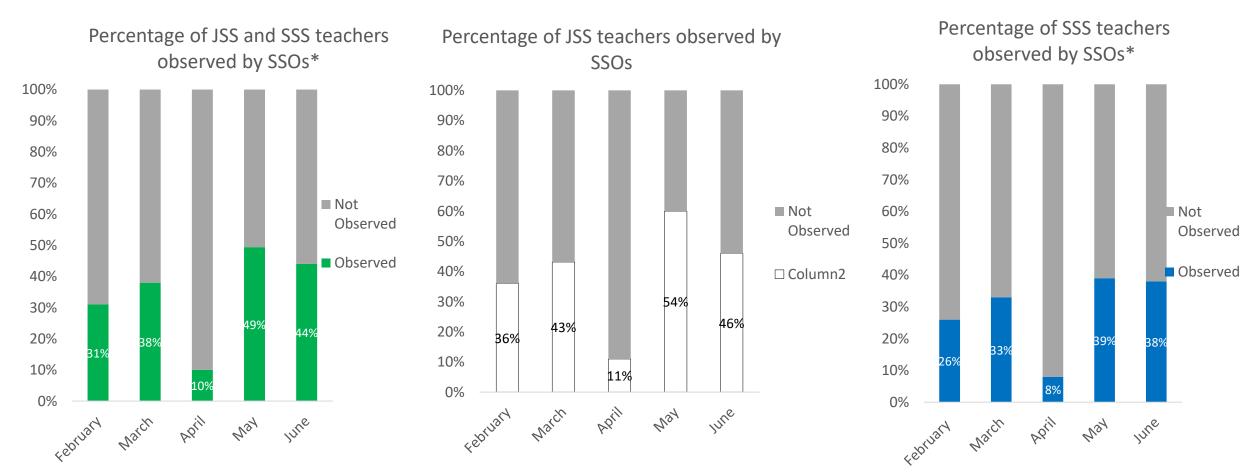
Section 5 – SSO observation of teachers







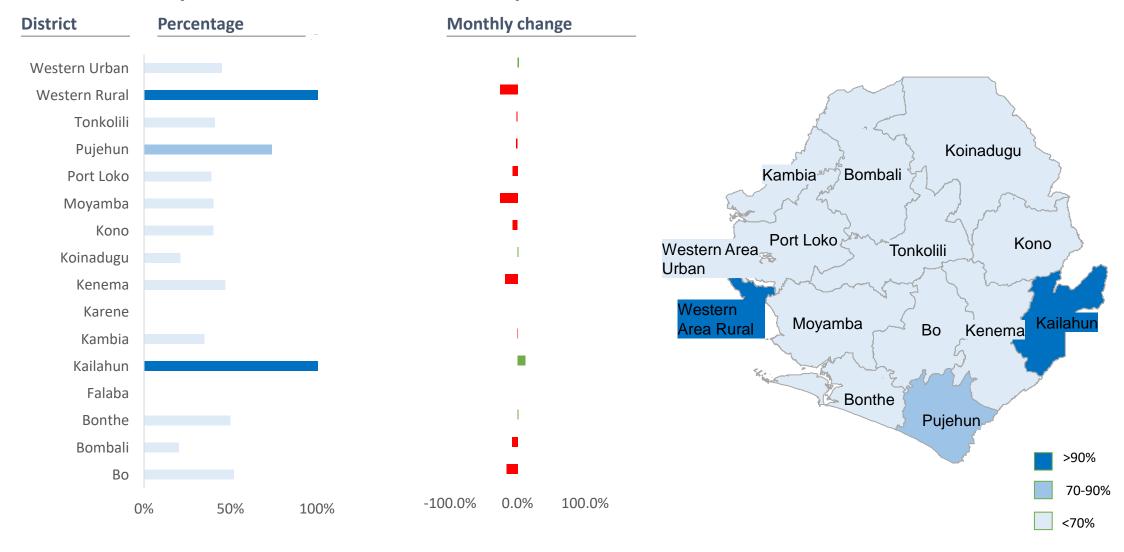
Proportion of JSS and SSS English and Maths teachers observed by SSOs, for June



*Based on estimated total SSS teacher number for English and Maths only

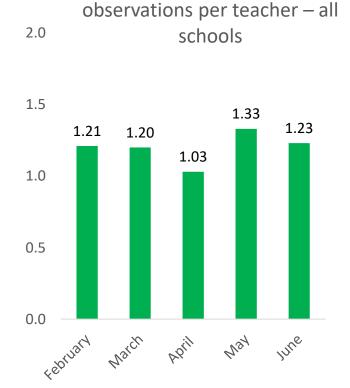
Percentage of JSS English and Maths teachers observed, by district in June

Teacher observed by SSOs last month, % of total non-private schools in district.

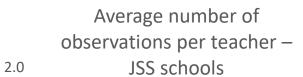


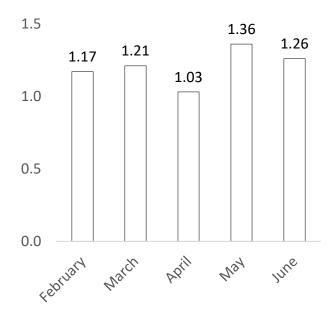
Average number of observations per teacher, for those observed in June

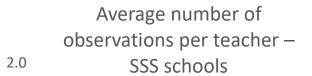
The average number of observations per teacher in June declined for JSS and SSS schools.

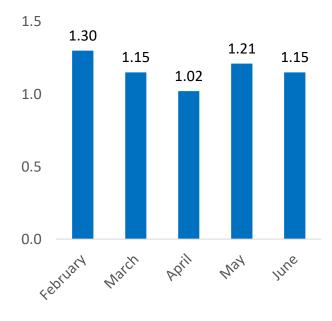


Average number of









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Section 5 - Lesson plan use

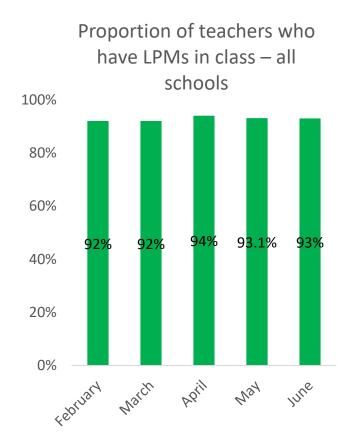


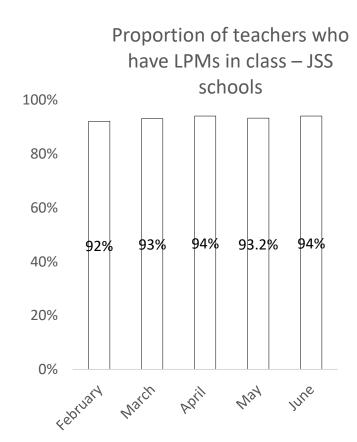


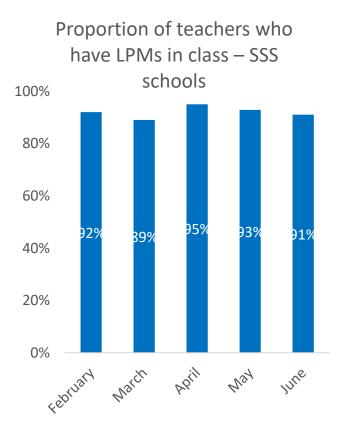


Proportion of teachers that have LPMs in the class during observation, for June

The use of LPMs in classes remains to be high – consistently above 90%

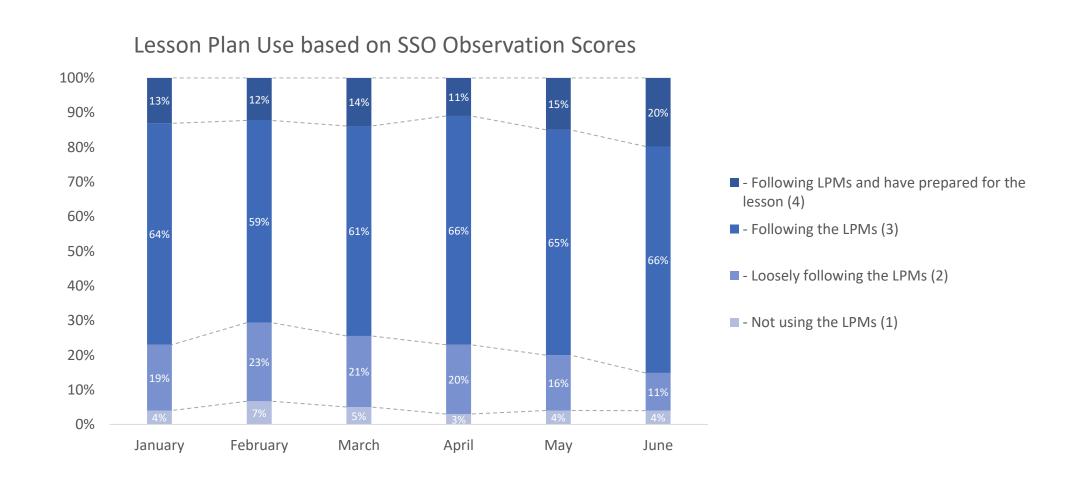






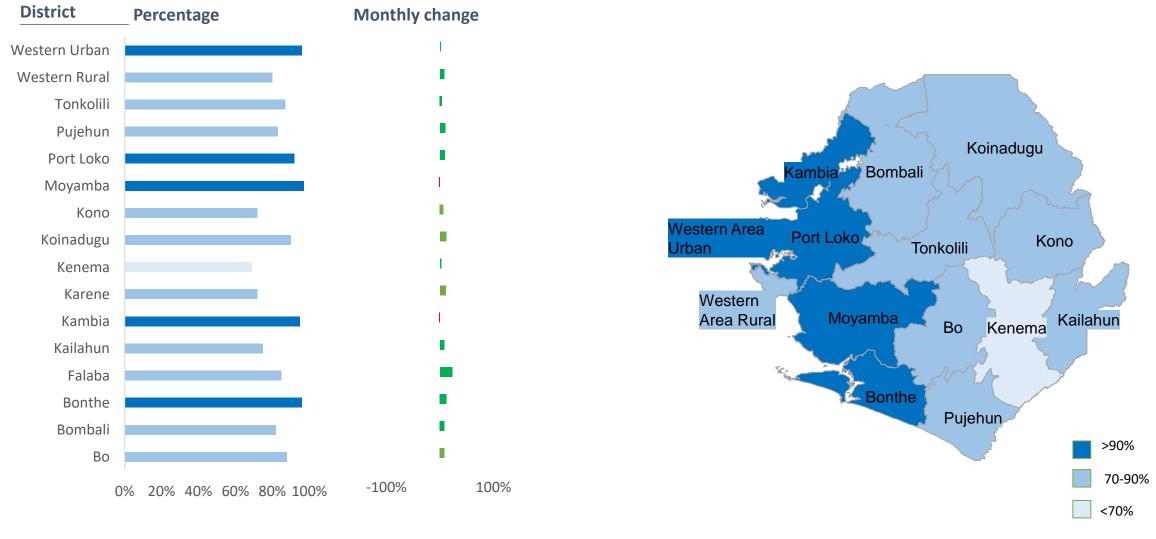
Observation scoring of lesson plan use by JSS English and Math teachers, for June

The quality of lesson plan use has improved in the last two months. This month was another positive move for maths and English teachers that scored 4, taking this above 20% for the first time



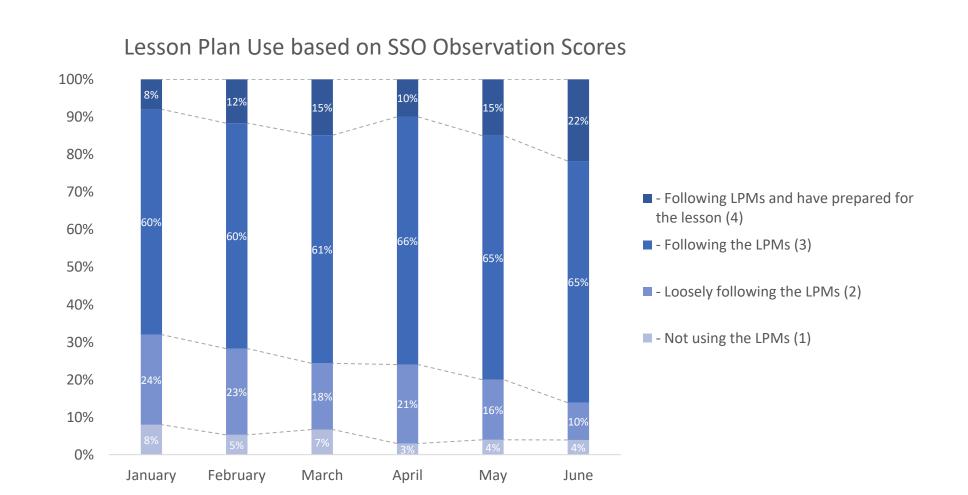
Percentage of lessons scoring 3 or 4 for LPM use, by District, for June, JSS

% of lesson observations scoring 3 or 4 for lesson plan use (top two ratings), by district



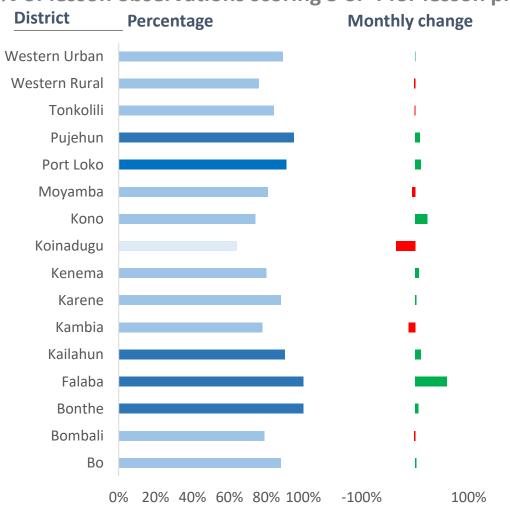
Observation scoring of lesson plan use by SSS English and Math teachers, for June

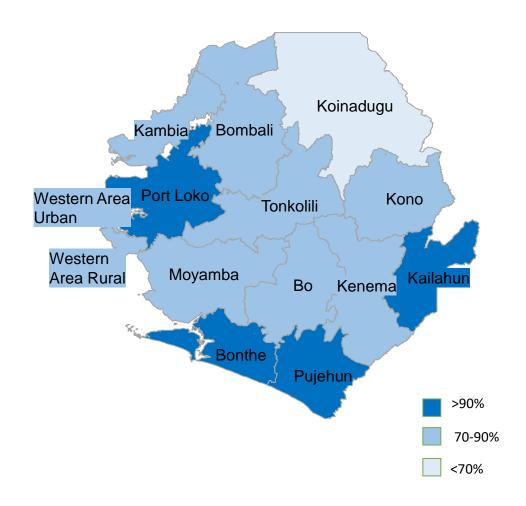
Lessons scoring 4 increased and lesson scoring 3 stayed at the same level for June observations, meaning 87% of lesson are now scoring the top two grades.



Percentage of lessons scoring 3 or 4 for LPM use, by District, for June, SSS

% of lesson observations scoring 3 or 4 for lesson plan use (top two ratings), by district





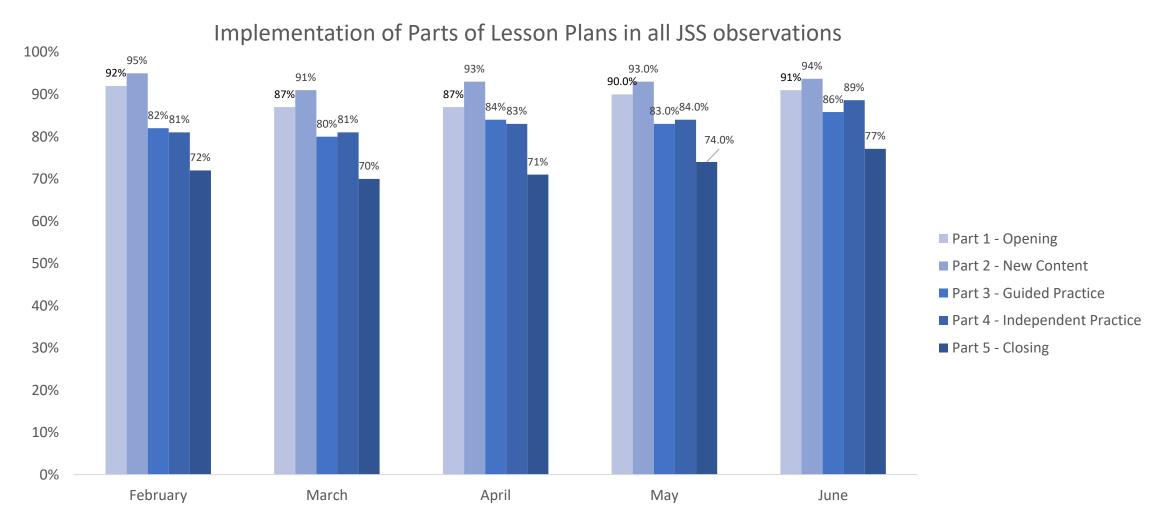
Lesson plan manual usage by grade

In June, lesson plan usage was similar in all grades, with JSS3 standing out as having the most high scoring and fewest low scoring lesson observations



Extent of confident use of each of the 5 parts of the lessons plans in JSS schools

Improvements in the use of parts 3 and 4 are encouraging and help to explain the improved scoring of lesson plan use earlier in the report



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Section 6 – Materials in classroom

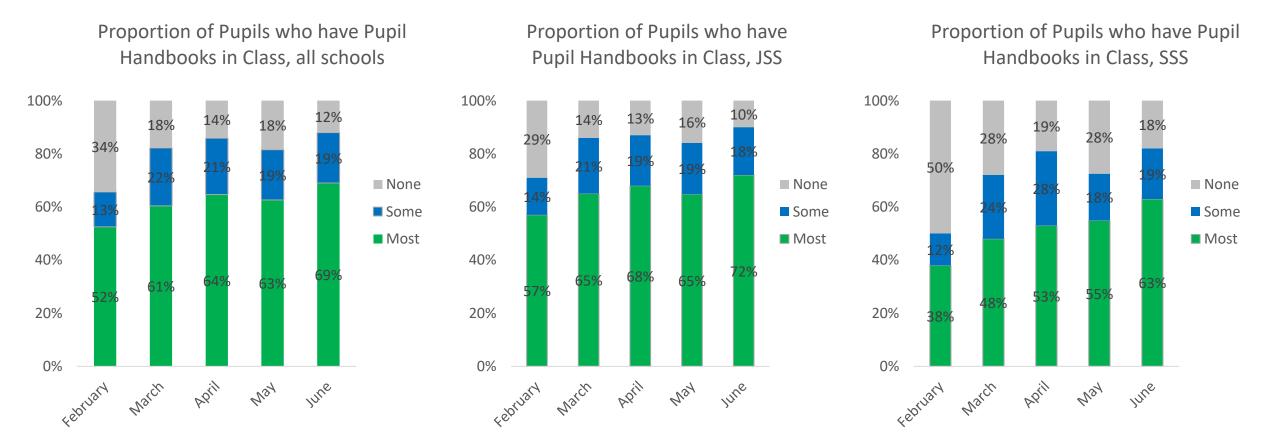






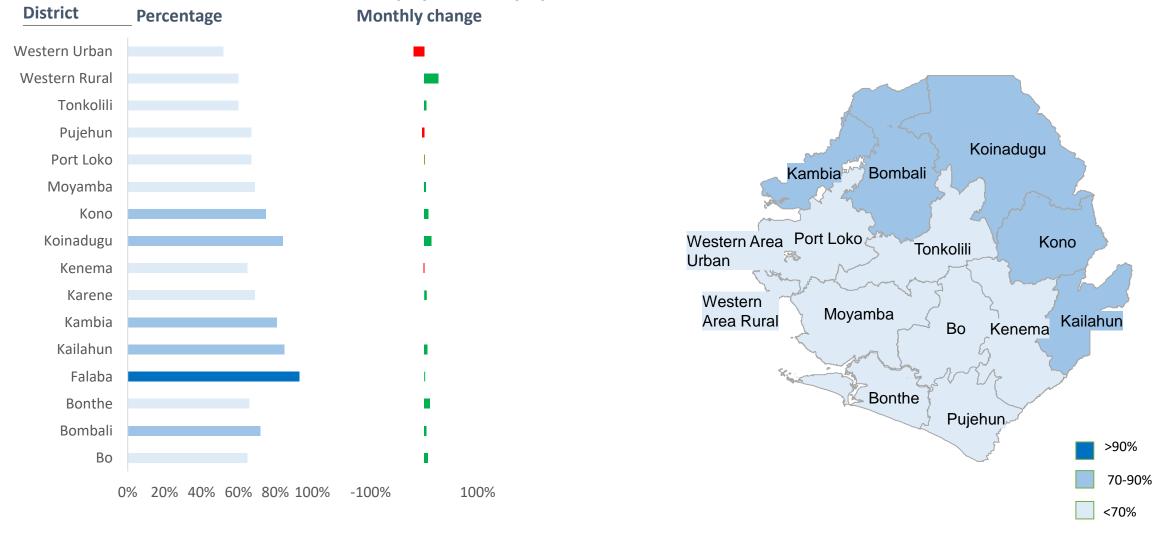
Proportion of pupils who have Pupil Handbooks in observed lessons, June

Pupil Handbook presence in class continued to increase in June, around 70% of observations noting most pupils had them in the class, with JSS classes being the highest. SSS also had a considerably positive change in Pupil Handbook presence.



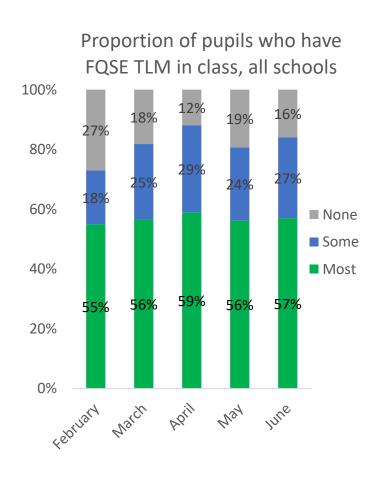
Proportion of Classrooms where 'most' pupils have pupil handbooks in class, for June

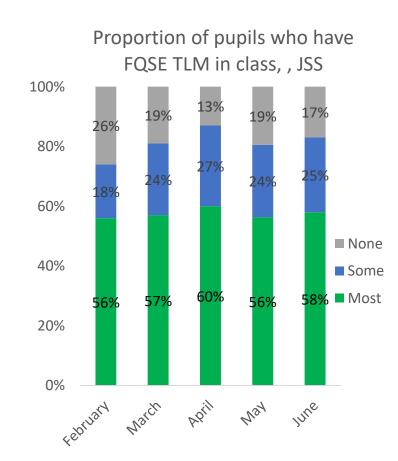
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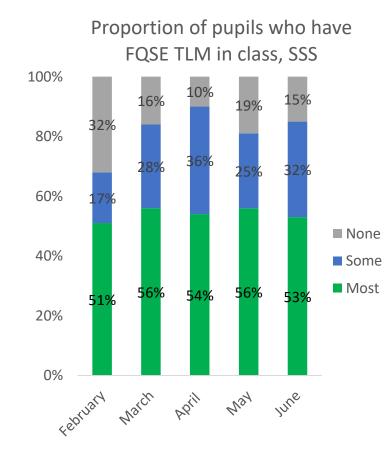


Proportion of pupils who have FQSE teaching and learning materials in class, for June

The proportion of pupils with FQSE teaching and learning materials in class increased slightly in June with only 16% of classrooms observed without any pupils with access to these materials

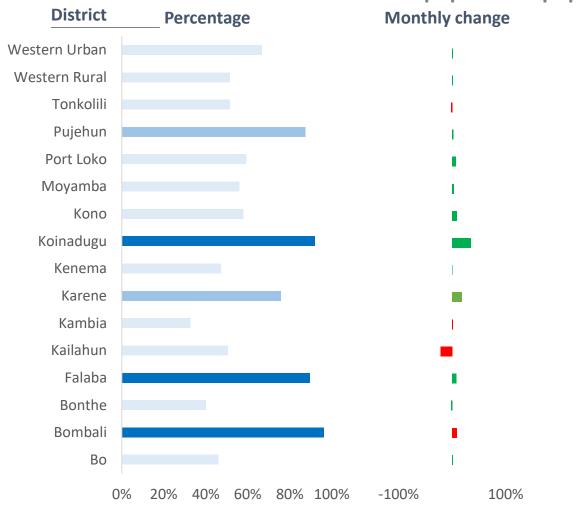


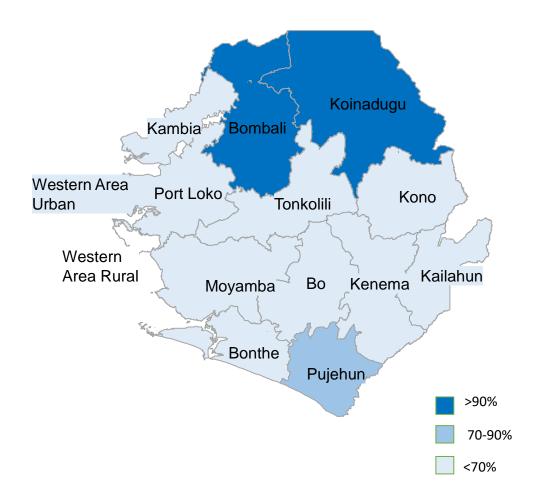




Proportion of JSS and SSS Classrooms where 'most' pupils have FQSE teaching and learning materials

% of lesson observations where 'most' pupils have pupil handbooks





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Section 7 - Pupil Attendance

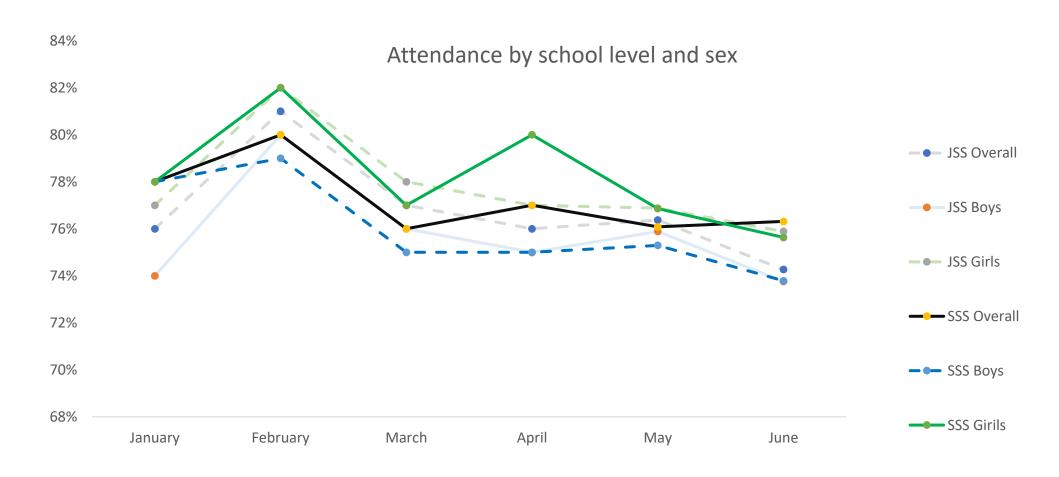






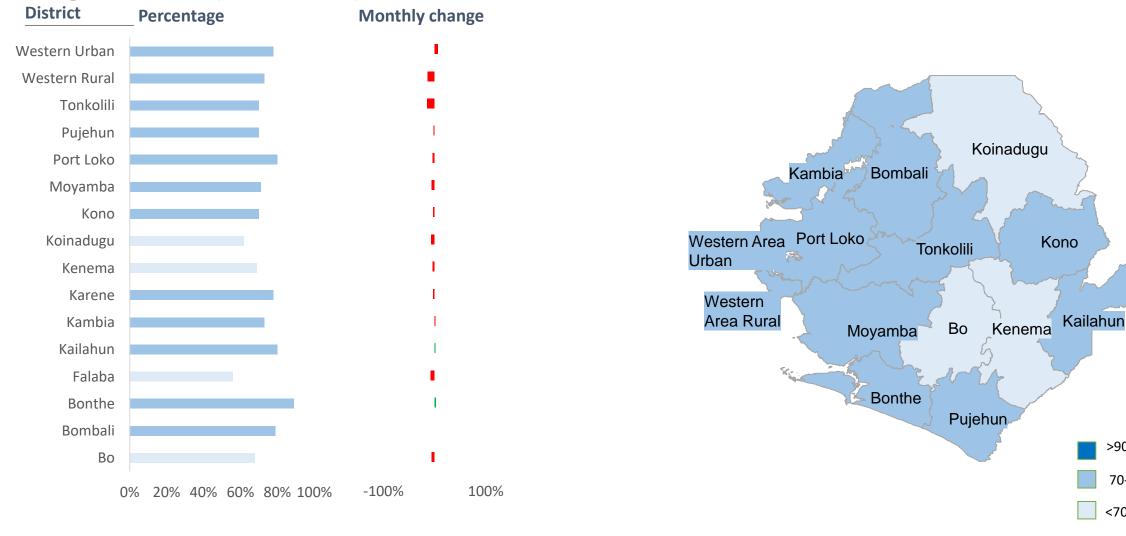
Average combined JSS and SSS classroom attendance, disaggregated by sex for June

Attendance dropped slightly in JSS this month, but remained the same for SSS. Girls' attendance continues to be higher than boys.



Average attendance in JSS Classrooms, both sexes by district in June

Average attendance (% of enrolled) in JSS classrooms, both sexes combined



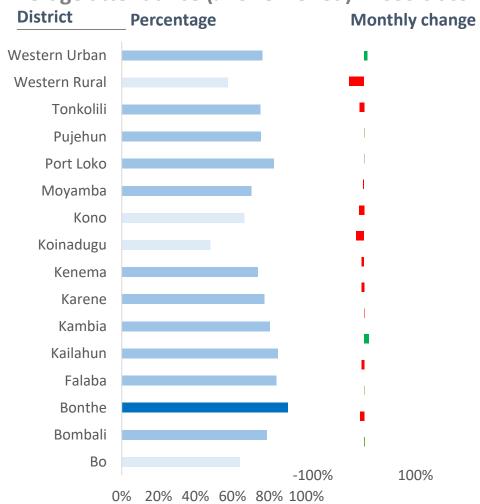
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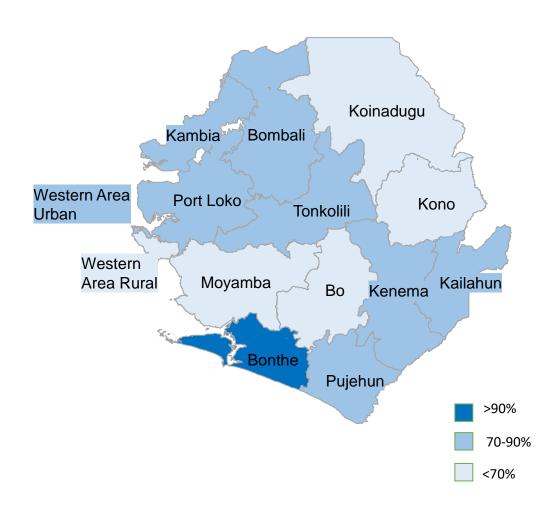
<70%

70-90%

Average attendance in SSS Classrooms, both sexes by district in June

Average attendance (% of enrolled) in SSS classrooms, both sexes combined





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Section 8 - Pedagogy



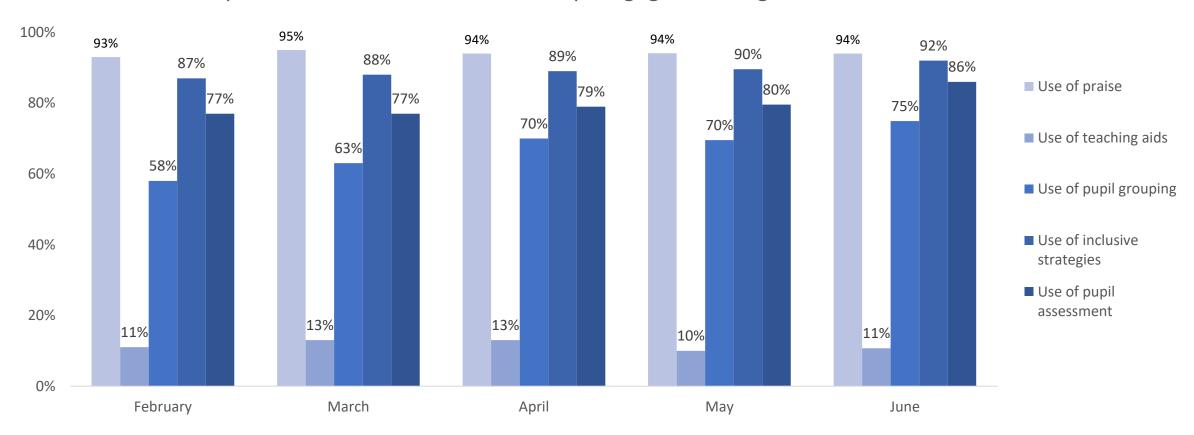




Use of pedagogical strategies in observed JSS and SSS classrooms, for May

The use of pedagogical strategies in classrooms was very similar to previous months apart from an encouraging increase in the use of pupil assessment

Proportion of lessons where different pedagogical strategies are used



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Section 9 – Summary data







School and teacher data – LWL focus

Total Schools (JSS and SSS non private)	1,621
JSS	1531
JSS (non-private) – LWL focus	1209
Actual Number of non private JSS Supported this month	702
SSS	546
SSS (non-private) – LWL focus	412
Actual Number of non private SSS Supported this month	242

Total Teachers (JSS and SSS non private)	6,800 (estimate)		
JSS	14,329		
JSS (non-private) – LWL focus (English & Maths teachers)	4,800		
Number of JSS teachers reached this month	2225		
SSS	5,917		
SSS (non-private) – LWL focus (English & Maths teacher)	2,000 (estimate)		
Number of SSS teachers reached this month	763		