GAML Webinar
SDG 4.1.1 Measurement Tools
- Applications in the Wake of COVID-19

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Overview of ICAN

- **ICAN** stands for International Common Assessment of Numeracy
- Open-source, easy to use, developed and implemented through a south-south collaboration
- Definition of numeracy based on the minimum proficiency level for grades 2/3 (SDG 4.1.1 (a))
- Most tasks are aligned to grade 3-level or lower of the UNESCO Global Proficiency Framework
- Feasible for use in household-based assessments to include out of school children as well as in school settings
ICAN reach

• Large-scale proof of concept implemented.
• All data collection procedures aligned to global best practices via PAL Network’s Data Quality Standards Framework
Perspectives on the Policy Linking Method

• National/regional assessments can be designed to align with the Global Proficiency Framework (GPF) to report against SDG 4
• Method is useful for assessments that already capture the relevant knowledge and skills described in the GPF
• The content alignment of the assessments should be determined before the actual workshop.
The Angoff method for benchmarking is based on non-statistical judgements.

In cases of severe capacity deficits, teachers may be biased in estimating the probability of children answering assessment items correctly.

To control this bias, there should be a fair mix of public and private school teachers participating in policy linking workshops.
Government/Stakeholder Buy-in for the ICAN Benchmarks

• Policy linking represents an uncomplicated, inclusive and potentially beneficial method for governments as they design and deploy national assessments

• Securing buy-in also means that the ICAN results in Nigeria can be benchmarked against results from 13 other countries – and potentially more.
Future Policy Linking Workshops for PAL Network Assessments

- Existing PAL Network assessments should be aligned with the GPF
- Future PAL Network assessments can be designed to factor in the domains, constructs, knowledge and skills described in the GPF