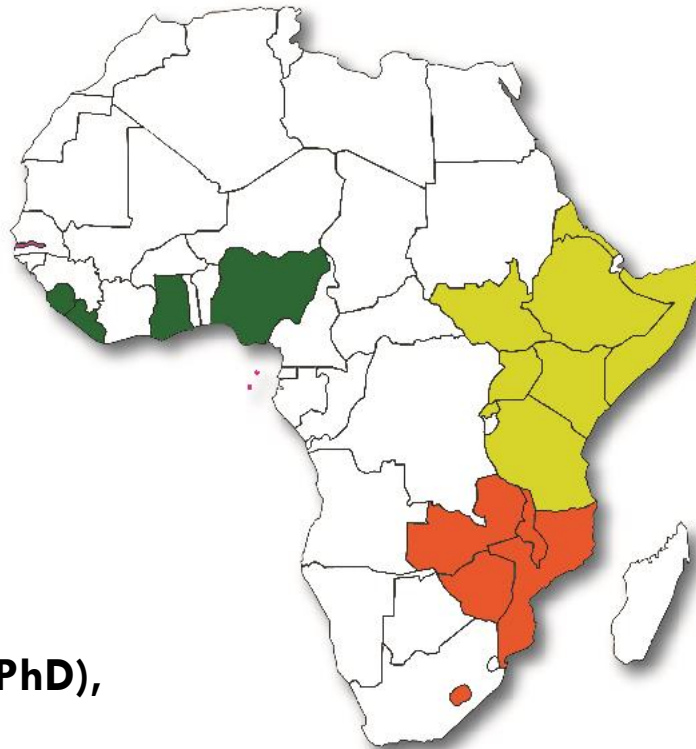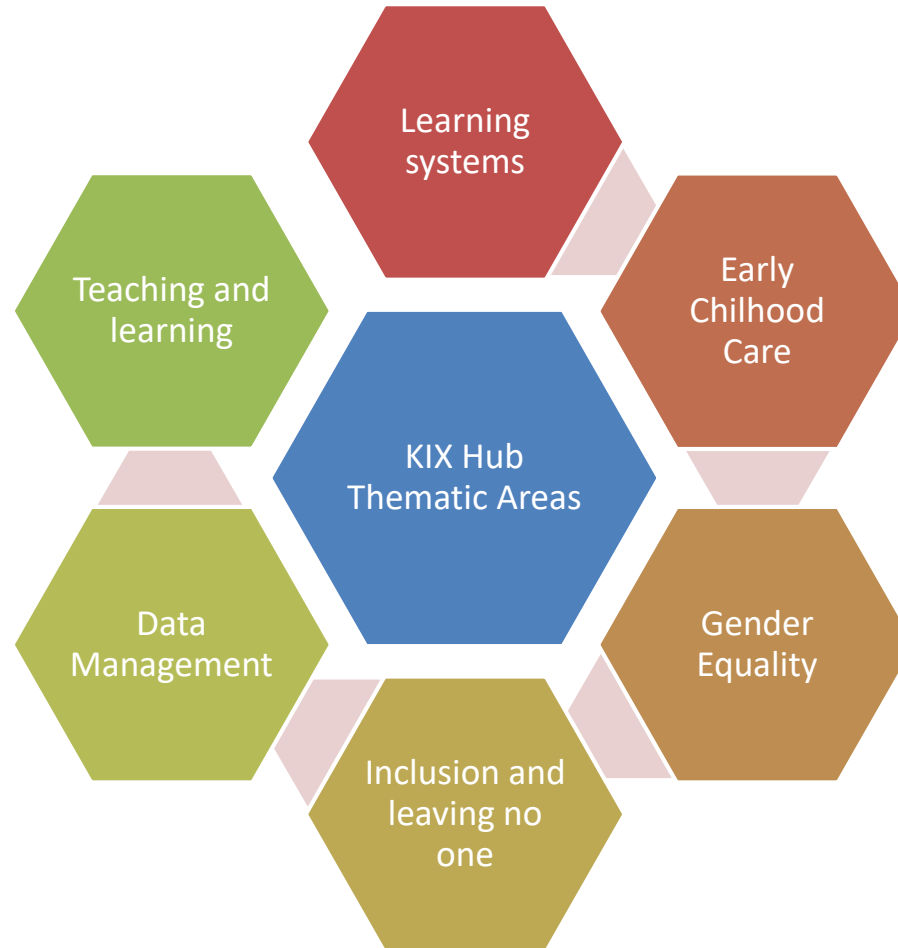# Regional Knowledge and Innovation Exchange (KIX) Hub 19
Country Rapid Assessment Report

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KIX Hub Thematic Areas

Learning systems

Teaching and learning

Early Chilhood Care

KIX Hub Thematic Areas

Data Management

Gender Equality

Inclusion and leaving no one

The Agenda:
Collection, generation, exchange and **facilitating the effective use** of evidence-based data, knowledge and innovation **for education policy formulation and implementation**
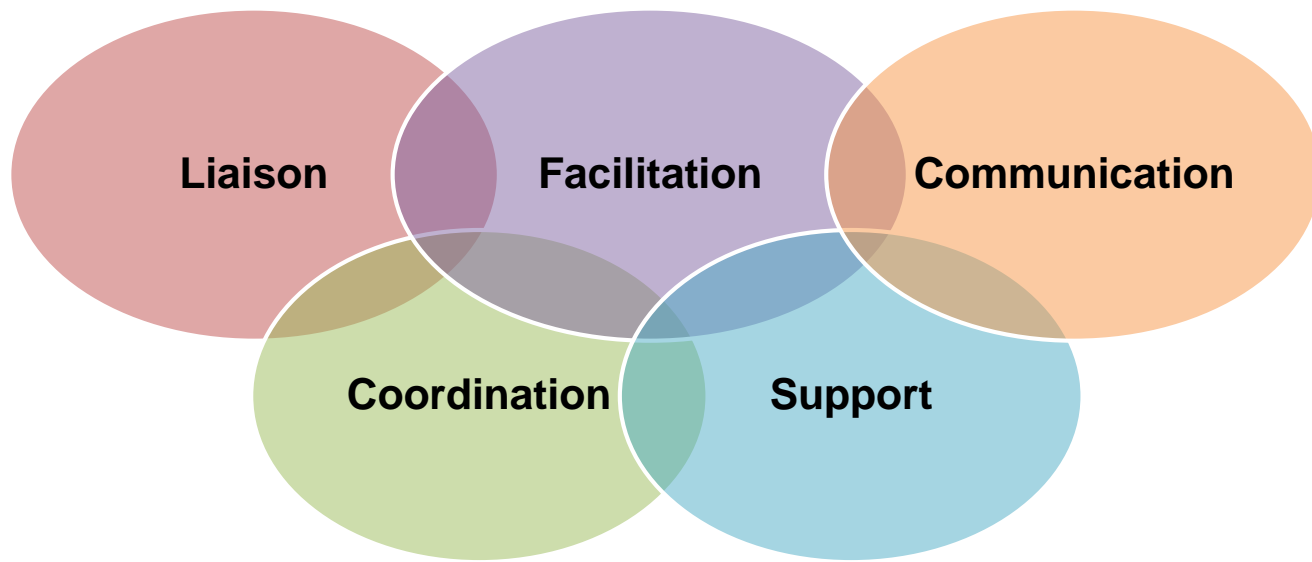
Study Background

- To collect quick data **on experiences, best practices, innovations, emerging priorities and institutional capacity development needs**
  - on education section policy formulation and development along the six thematic areas and beyond.

- To Identify **other emerging issues to inform a regional call** that will launched soon by IDRC and GPE.

Country Participation

□ **15/19**

  ◘ Sierra Leone, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Tanzania, Republic of South Sudan, Somalia, Rwanda, Nigeria, Malawi, Lesotho, Kenya, The Gambia, Eritrea, Uganda and Ethiopia

□ **KIX Hub Focal points at Country level**

Liaison

Facilitation

Communication

Coordination

Support

Innovations in the Development of Evidence-based Policies....#1

Learning Assessment

- Development of **learning assessment policies, strategies, frameworks** and guidelines (7)

- Establishment of **robust assessment systems** (3)

- Development **Capacity building programs** on Early Grade Reading Assessment and design quality of test items (4)

Teaching and Learning

- Development of a **national policies and standards for Teachers** (3), integration of **ICT in teaching and STEM**(3)

- Development of **teacher support resources, School-based Teacher Professional Development** (6)

- **Standardized lesson plans, scheme of works (1) & Teacher Performance Appraisal programs** (1)

Development & implementation of Evidence-based Policies...#2

Inclusivity

- Development of **school inclusivity policies** and strategies (4) and social justice (2)

- Inclusion in other government acts and laws & SNE (5)

- No specific intervention reported on training and capacity development

The Data Challenge

- Policy on Education Management Information system (1), EMIS Systems (ALL)

- Capacity building and professional support on EMIS (1)

- Data collection and provision of online access to school specific reports (1)

Value addition of the KIX hub 19.. #1

Learning Assessment

- **Supporting the development and implementation of different technologies** to undertake learning assessment

- **Capacity building** on various assessment methods

- **Strengthening experience and knowledge sharing** & networking among countries

Teaching and Learning

- Development of **Innovative ways, different technologies to deliver accessible** and quality teaching learning & institutional capacity building

- **ICT and innovation in teacher training Institutes** (TTI) and in schools

- Sharing **best practices on teacher's deployment and retention**

Value addition of the KIX hub 19.. #2

Inclusivity

☐ Support in the **contextualization of inclusive policies, practices** in designing inclusive system

☐ Establishing **mechanisms to assess quality learning outcomes for marginalized** and under privileged communities

☐ Support **organizational capacity building for inclusive education** programming

The data challenge

☐ Establishment of a **formidable and well-equipped data and information hub** that would be credible, reliable, readily available, accessible and useable

☐ Institutional capacity building and system strengthening to **use data & research for informed decision making.**

☐ Sharing **best practices on integration of EMIS for education data** robustness.

Areas preferred for institutional capacity building in each of the thematic area

Generation of information and research;
- **Data Challenge (5)**
- **ECE, LA, TL & Inclusivity (2)**

Development and implementation of evidence-based policies
- **All thematic areas (by all countries)**

Translation of policies into practice
- **Early Childhood (2)**
- **Learning Assessment (2)**

Development of innovative strategies to accelerate education progress
- **Early Childhood (4)**
- **Learner assessment (4)**
- **Inclusivity (3)**

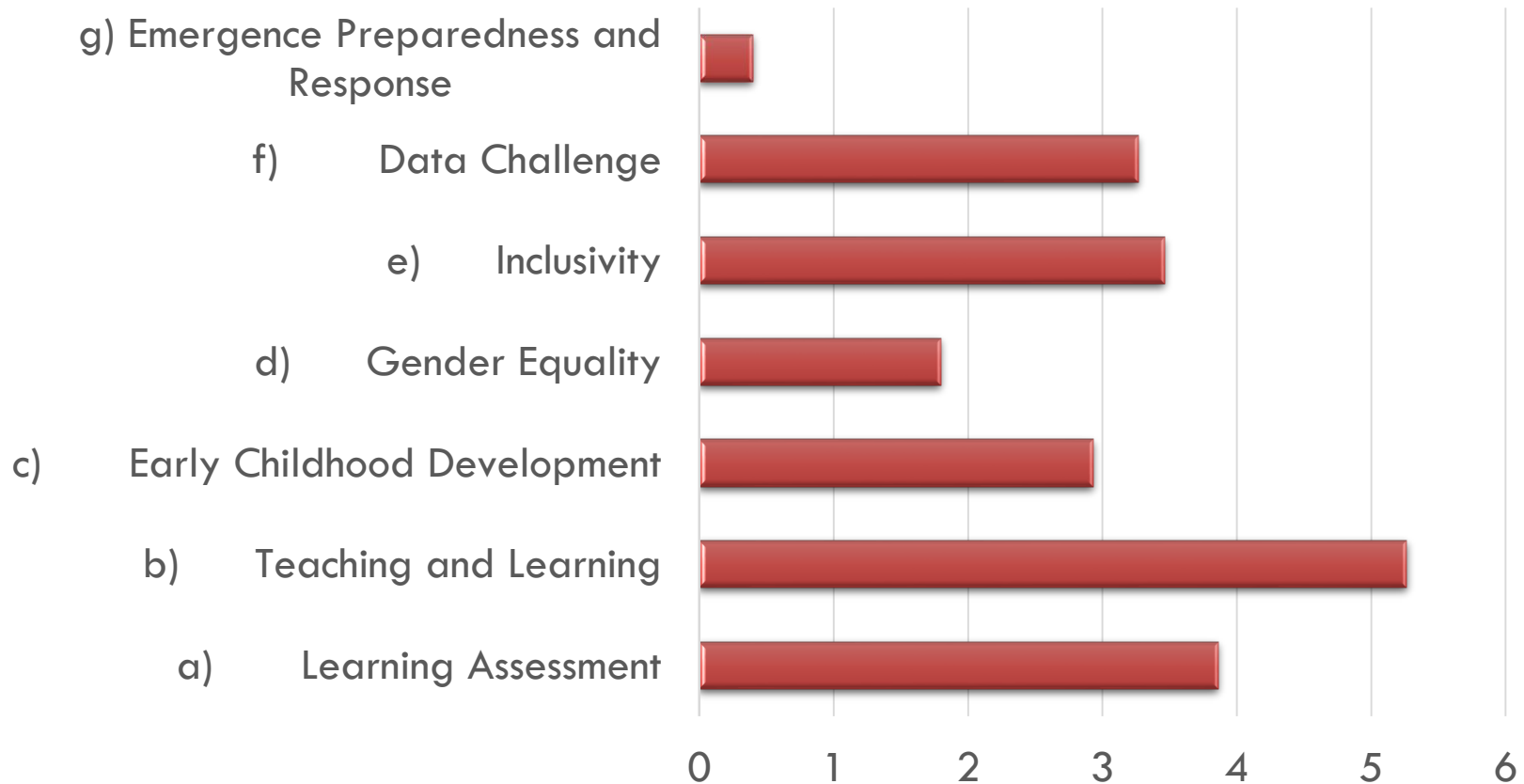# Strategies to foster knowledge sharing, networking and learning exchange among countries

- **Conducting Regional studies** on a common theme;
- **Knowledge Sharing, networking and learning exchange** among countries;
- Introduce **inter-country exchange visits** so that countries will learn from others;
- Need to **support policy dissemination** in form of Policy briefs and other modes of sharing;
- **Capacity building conferences, workshops and staff** trainings;
- Use of **innovative strategies of networking and sharing** such as virtual meetings and use of digital platforms to exchange information

Emerging issues the KIX hub address beyond the six themes

- Support **knowledge generation and research** for countries to be adaptable to the changing times and technology
- **Education in Emergencies; Emergency Preparedness and Response** in the context of COVID-19 Pandemic and Post-COVID 19 education
- **Conflict management (peace education), STEM education**
- **Use of ICT in education** such as online learning and assessment
- **Water and Sanitation, Climate change** – it has huge impact on economies; it poses enormous threat to man's survival
- Evidence based strategies on **funding models**
- **Life skills and sexuality-based education** – learners increasingly find it difficult to cope with pressures
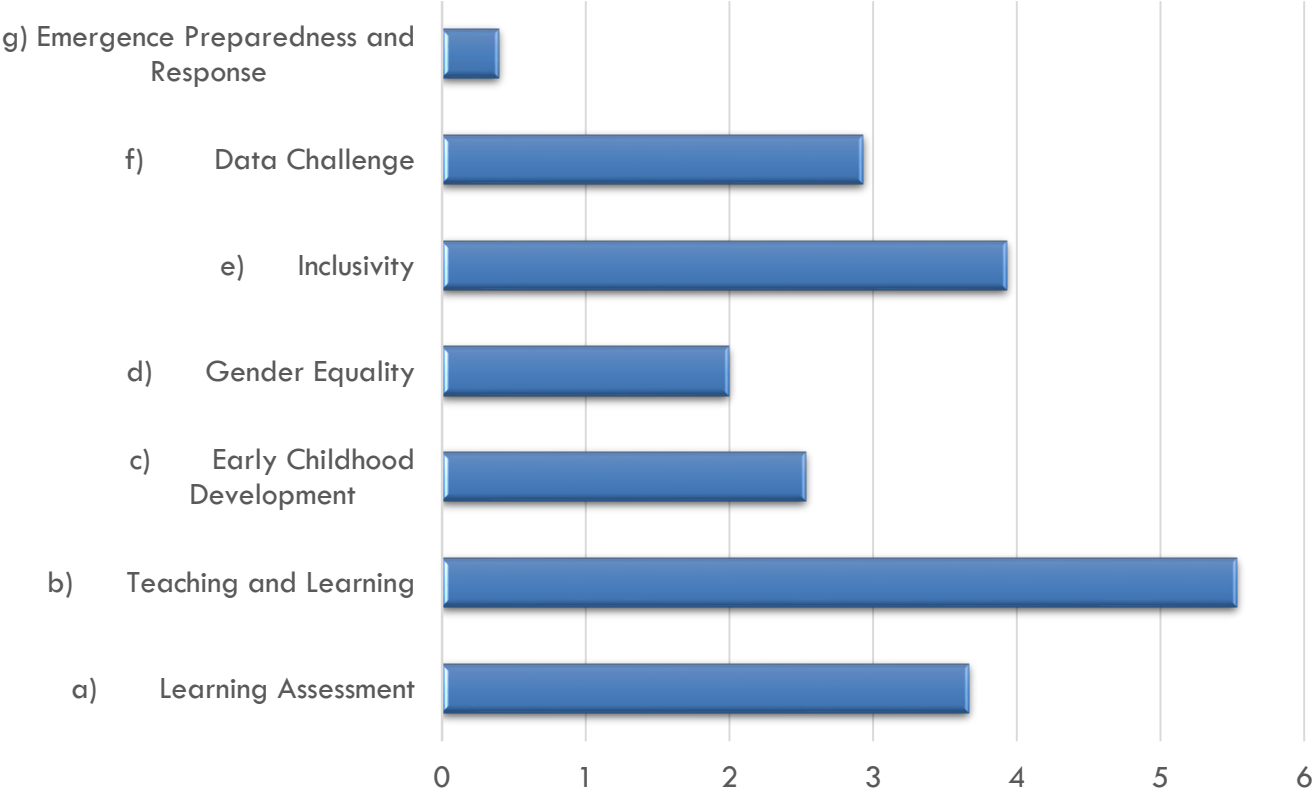
Top Most Priority for the KIX hub in the general context

Ranked as Highest Priority per Country (n=15)

Top most priority amidst the COVID19 pandemic

Ranked as Highest Priority per Country amidst Covid19 (n=15)

Conclusion

- There are limited innovations mentioned in the thematic areas of inclusivity, gender equality and meeting the data challenge;

- The most preferred area for value addition of the KIX hub is systems strengthening and capacity building in the thematic areas of teaching and learning, inclusivity and meeting the data challenge;

- Many Member states would like their skills and capacities enhanced for generation of information and research in meeting the data challenge, development of innovative strategies to accelerate education progress for ECD and learning assessments;

Thank you for listening