Burundi - Concours National

Bureau des Évaluations du Système Éducatif - Ministère de l'Enseignement de Base et Secondaire, de l'Enseignement des Métiers, de la Formation Professionnelle et de l'Alphabétisation

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Overview

Identification

Summary

ABSTRACT
The Concours National is administered annually by the Bureau des Évaluations du Système Éducatif, Ministère de l’Enseignement de Base et Secondaire, de l’Enseignement des Métiers, de la Formation Professionnelle et de l’Alphabétisation, to grade 6 (ISCED 1) students in public, private and “sous-convention” schools. “Sous-convention” schools are religious institutions that are subsidised by the government.

The Concours National is a high-stake and mandatory examination that certifies completion of primary education. It is a requirement for students wishing to pursue lower-secondary education (ISCED 2).

The Concours National is a written examination, administered face-to-face and delivered through paper-pencil tests. All test-takers are presented with the same cognitive booklets or tests, which are aligned with the national curriculum.

The Concours National serves the following purposes:

- student certification for completion of primary education
- student selection to higher education programmes or admission into specific courses or tracks
- school or educator accountability
- sub-national level monitoring of learning outcomes
- monitoring education quality levels

The Concours National accommodates students with special needs, by providing test materials in braille for students with visual impairment.

KIND OF DATA
Census (all students at the given grades or ages)

UNITS OF ANALYSIS
Results are reported at the student, school, sub-national and national levels. Data are disaggregated by sex, geographic location (urban and rural) and type of schools (public, private and "sous-convention").

Results are published in reports, which are available in print only. Examination results are announced on the school radio, the radio of the Ministère de l'Enseignement de Base et Secondaire, de l'Enseignement des Métiers, de la Formation Professionnelle et de l'Alphabétisation which mainly broadcasts educational programmes.

Scope

NOTES
The Concours national comprises four mandatory subjects administered in French, except for the Kirundi language test. These subjects and the duration of each test are listed below:

- French language, 60 minutes, 40% of the total score
- Mathematics, 60 minutes, 35% of the total score
- "Étude du milieu", 30 minutes, 15% of the total score
- Kirundi language, 30 minutes, 10% of the total score

The subjects include the following domains:

- Mathematics: Problem-solving (30%); Numbering (27%); Measurement (17%); Operation (17%); Geometry (9%)
- French language: Grammar, Vocabulary and Spelling (62%); Text comprehension (38%)
- “Étude du milieu”: Culture; Geography; Human and Natural Sciences; History
- Kirundi language: Grammar, Vocabulary and Spelling

Description of test items: Test items consist of multiple choice questions with two, three or more response options and open-ended questions requiring short constructed responses.

Description of stimuli: Test stimuli consist of mixed texts.

Reporting metrics: Student performance is reported by average score. The minimum requirement to meet the national standard is a score of 50 out of 100.

Coverage

GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE
National

UNIVERSE
Students enrolled in grade 6 (ISCED 1) in public, private and "sous-convention" schools.

Producers and Sponsors

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Data Collection Mode

Face-to-face [f2f]
Data Processing

Data Editing

Test booklets are scored and verified manually. The data editing process is performed in local examination centres.

Other Processing

Data entry is performed manually. The data capture operations are performed at headquarters.
Data Access

Access Authority

Bureau des Évaluations du Système Éducatif (Ministère de l'Enseignement de Base et Secondaire, de l'Enseignement des Métiers, de la Formation Professionnelle et de l'Alphabétisation)

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