
EDUCATION

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Section of ONLAG Citizen Report Card on Good Governance,
Gender and Livelihoods in the Niger Delta



OVERVIEW

The Nigerian governments Universal Basic Education policy, introduced in line with the Millennium Development Goals, is designed to provide free Primary and Junior Secondary Education. The implementation process began in 1999 and was signed into law in 2004. The financing of basic education is the responsibility of States and Local Governments, and the Federal Government provides 2% of its Consolidated Revenue Fund toward this endeavor.³ In the communities surveyed these efforts have been relatively successful, 83% of respondents stated that they do not pay fees for their children's primary school education.

Despite this, the conditions of the primary and secondary schools in the communities surveyed are not conducive to a productive learning environment. The survey revealed poorly furnished, ill-equipped and understaffed primary and secondary schools in many of the communities. None of the primary schools in Warri North LGA is equipped with a library, and based on responses from school administrators, 44% of all primary schools and 56% of secondary schools do not have desks and chairs for students.

³ UBE Online. Universal Basic Education Commission 2012. 5 June 2012 <http://ubeonline.com/>.

The survey revealed that all the communities have primary schools with the exception of Ayama community in Yenagoa LGA, Bayelsa State. Ayama, Akaibiri, and Okutukutu communities in Yenagoa LGA and Jakpa community in Warri North LGA do not have secondary schools.

Education plays an important role in development. According to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), literacy is a tool for active citizenship and a means to pursue other civil, political, economic or social rights. Literacy can improve and expand microenterprises by enhancing book keeping and business management skills. “Literacy advances one's ability to effectively manage group processes, keep accurate record and market the available services, outputs and potentials of an organization [or business].”⁴ This is relevant for residents of the surveyed communities who are seeking to expand their livelihood opportunities and microenterprises, and who are members of community based organizations tasked with advocating for improved service delivery and gender equity in decision making.

Through our implementation of the ONLAG project, we have learned that Illiteracy among women has also played a part in contributing to the poor coordination of efforts and collaboration among women groups. Only 38% of the 925 women who participated in this survey can read. Addressing literacy can enhance women's self esteem while sharpening their leadership potential. This considered we included a literacy component in the second phase of ONLAG implementation.

In Okutukutu Community, the Old Women's FG expressed the need for adult education. The Old Women's FG in Oporoma Community noted that while adult education courses are offered, they are not staffed with enough teachers or even chairs for students.

⁴ Opare, Service. “Strengthening Community-Based Organizations for the Challenges of Rural Development.” Community Development Journal 42.2 (2007): 259.

METHODOLOGY

While this section follows the methodology of the preceding sections, it is important to note that in questions relating to teachers, the responses of Younger Women were given more weight than the responses of other focus groups. We made this decision because women have a greater understanding of the educational environment of their children. In questions relating to number of boys and girls enrolled in primary school and the salary of teachers were asked to school administrators during site visits. Where the school administrator was unavailable we recorded the information as “no response

Summary of Those Who Can Read a Book Out Loud to Another (by LGA to LGA)

FOCUS GROUP QUESTION: How many of you can read a book loud to another person?					
STATE/LGA	COMMUNITY	OLDER MEN	YOUNGER MEN	YOUNGER WOMEN	OLDER WOMEN
BAYELSA STATE					
Southern Ijaw	Angiama	59%	81%	34%	0%
	Ekeni	38%	97%	42%	9%
	Ekowe	72%	67%	67%	24%
	Ezetu	63%	53%	17%	17%
	Oporoma	19%	100%	47%	35%
	Percentage of Total	50%	79%	41%	16%
Yenagoa	Akaibiri	55%	87%	100%	10%
	Ayama	63%	88%	70%	17%
	Okolobiri	63%	94%	68%	11%
	Okutukutu	73%	91%	57%	26%
	Zarama	56%	90%	6%	17%
	Percentage of Total	62%	90%	60%	17%

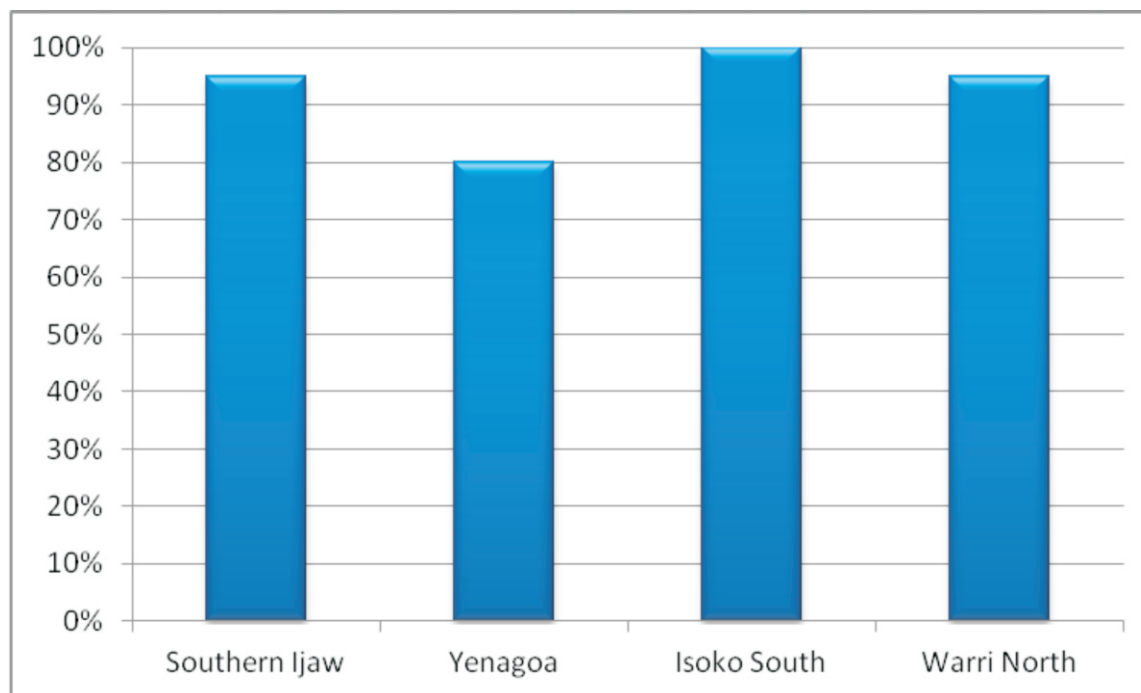
Summary of Those Who Can Read a Book Out Loud to Another (by LGA to LGA)

FOCUS GROUP QUESTION: How many of you in this room can read a book out loud to another person?					
STATE/LGA	COMMUNITY	OLDER MEN	YOUNGER MEN	YOUNGER WOMEN	OLDER WOMEN
DELTA STATE					
Isoko South	Aviara	60%	67%	50%	50%
	Enwhe	50%	38%	38%	63%
	Idheze	57%	88%	43%	25%
	Oleh	80%	33%	71%	70%
	Uzere	67%	75%	100%	47%
	Percentage of Total	63%	60%	60%	51%
Warri North	Jakpa	80%	75%	21%	17%
	Gbodka	33%	25%	20%	0%
	Ogbinbiri	55%	67%	12%	0%
	Ogbudugudu	47%	53%	26%	12%
	Opuama	50%	7%	53%	8%
	Percentage Total	53%	45%	26%	12%

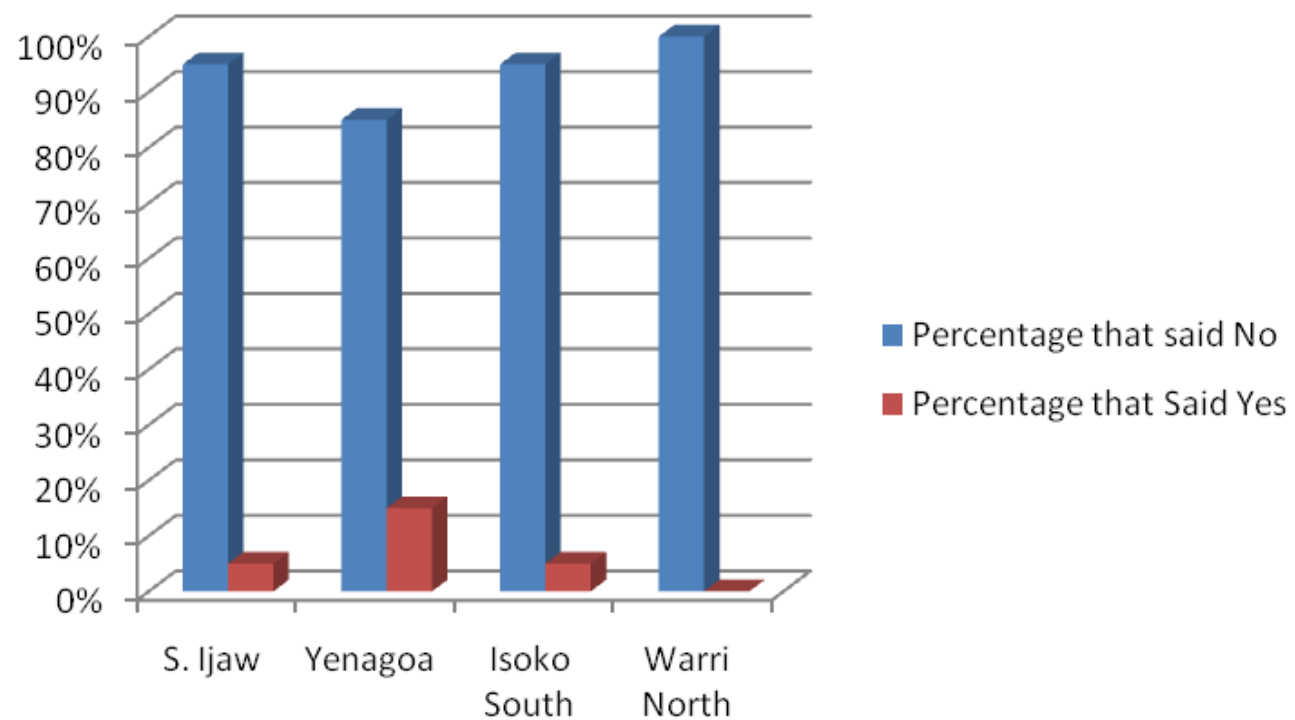
Summary of Communities That Have a Government-Run Primary School

FOCUS GROUP QUESTION: Does your community have a primary school?		
LGA	COMMUNITY	PRIMARY SCHOOL
Southern Ijaw	Angjama	Yes
	Ekeni	Yes
	Ekowe	Yes
	Ezetu	Yes
	Oporoma	Yes
Yenagoa	Akaibiri	Yes
	Ayama	No
	Okolobiri	Yes
	Okutukutu	Yes
	Zarama	Yes
	Aviara	Yes
DELTA STATE		
Isoko South LGA	Enwhe	Yes
	Idheze	Yes
	Oleh	Yes
	Uzere	Yes
	Japka	Yes
Warri North	Gbakoda	Yes
	Ogbudugbudu	Yes
	Ogbinbiri	Yes
	Opuama	Yes

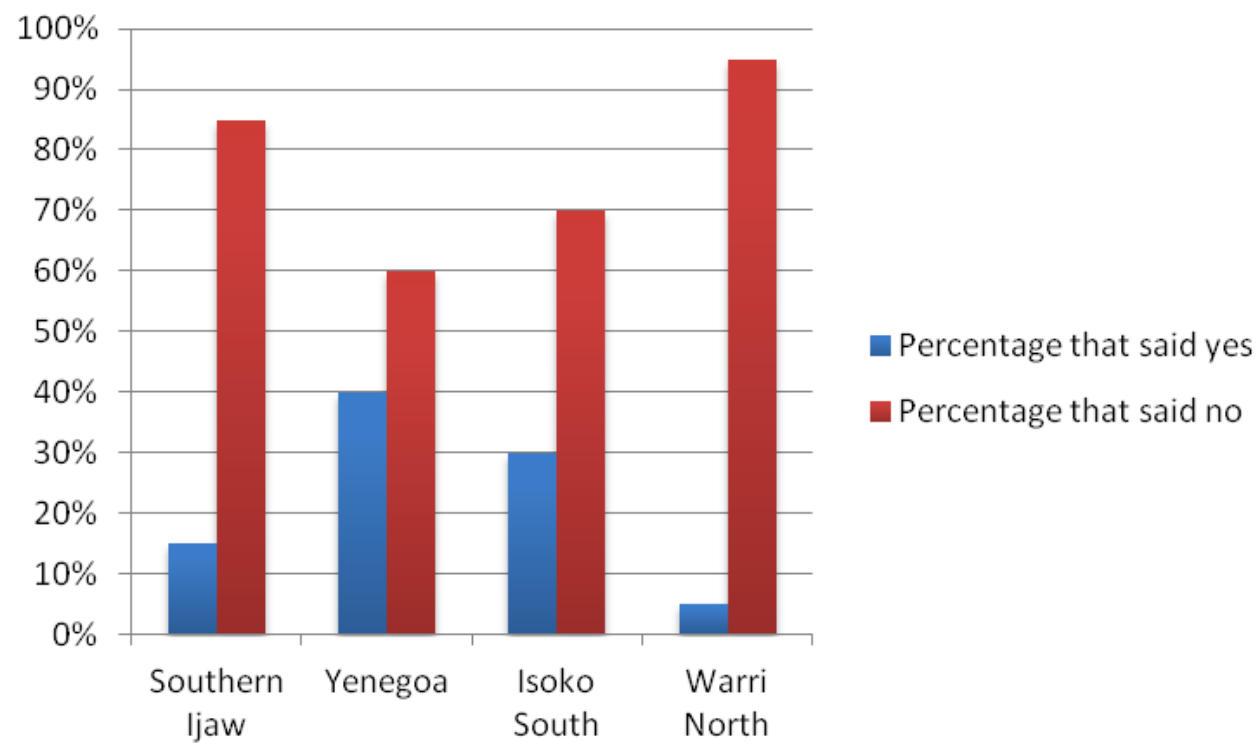
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COME TO SCHOOL REGULARLY (LGA-to-LGA Comparison)



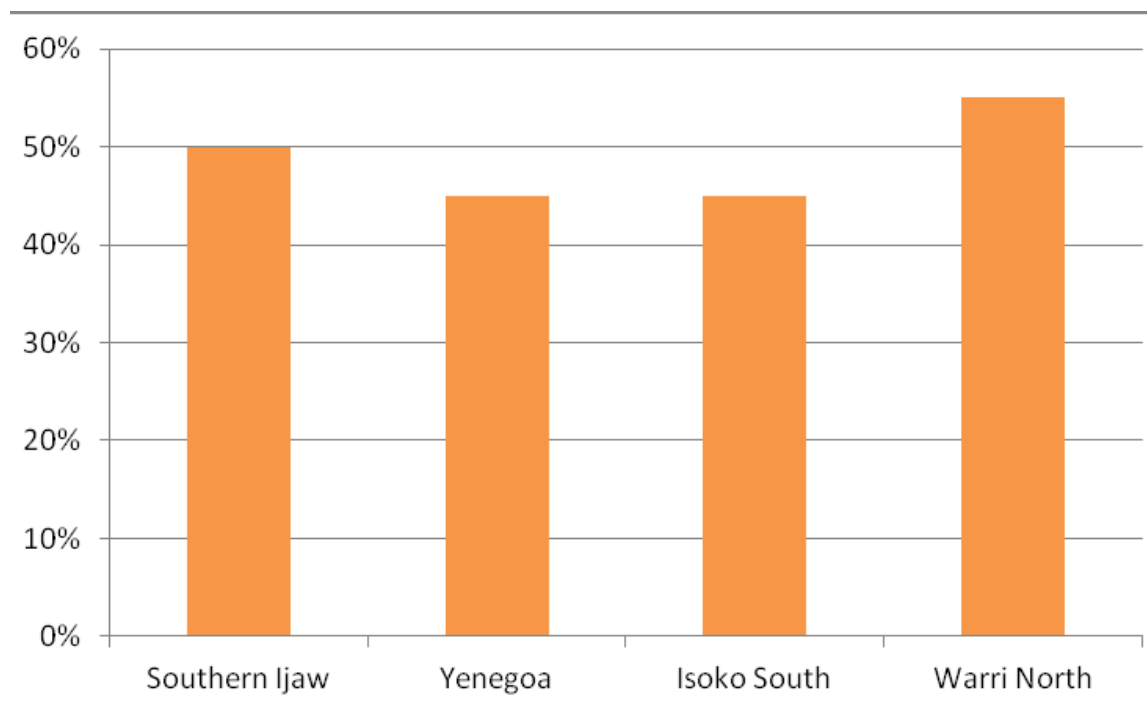
PERCENTAGE OF COMMUNITIES SURVEYED IN WHICH PRIMARY SCHOOL HAS A LIBRARY
(LGA-to-LGA Comparison)



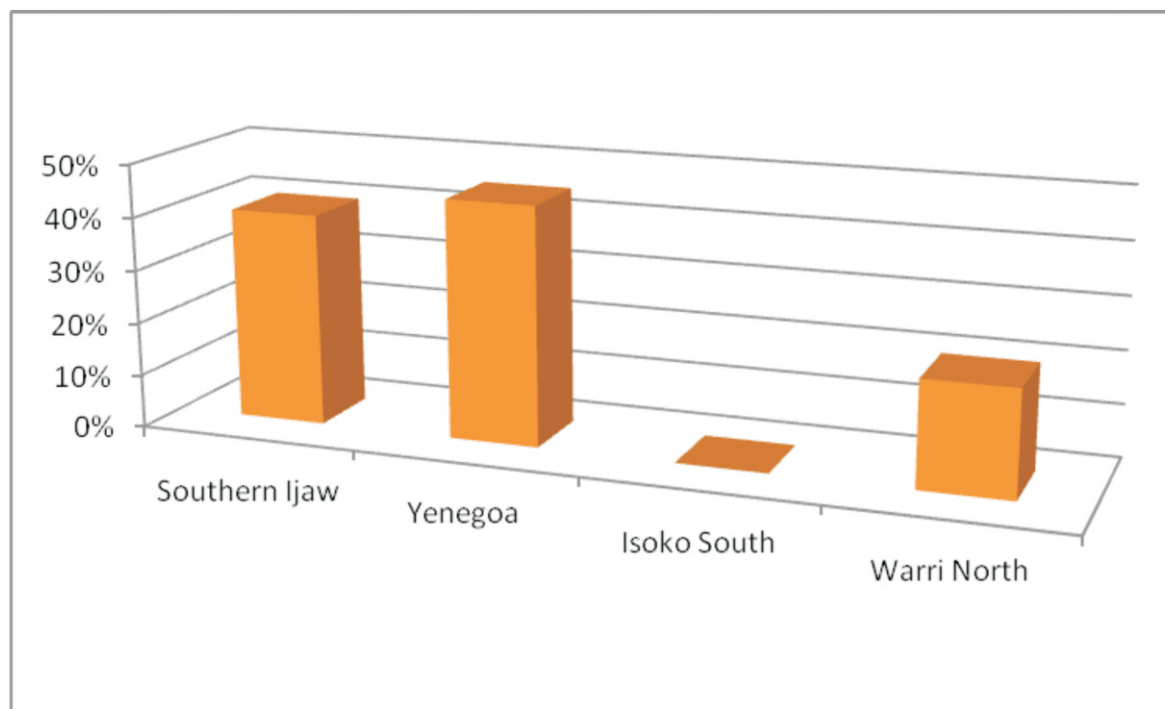
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FOR CHILDREN (LGA-to-LGA Comparison)



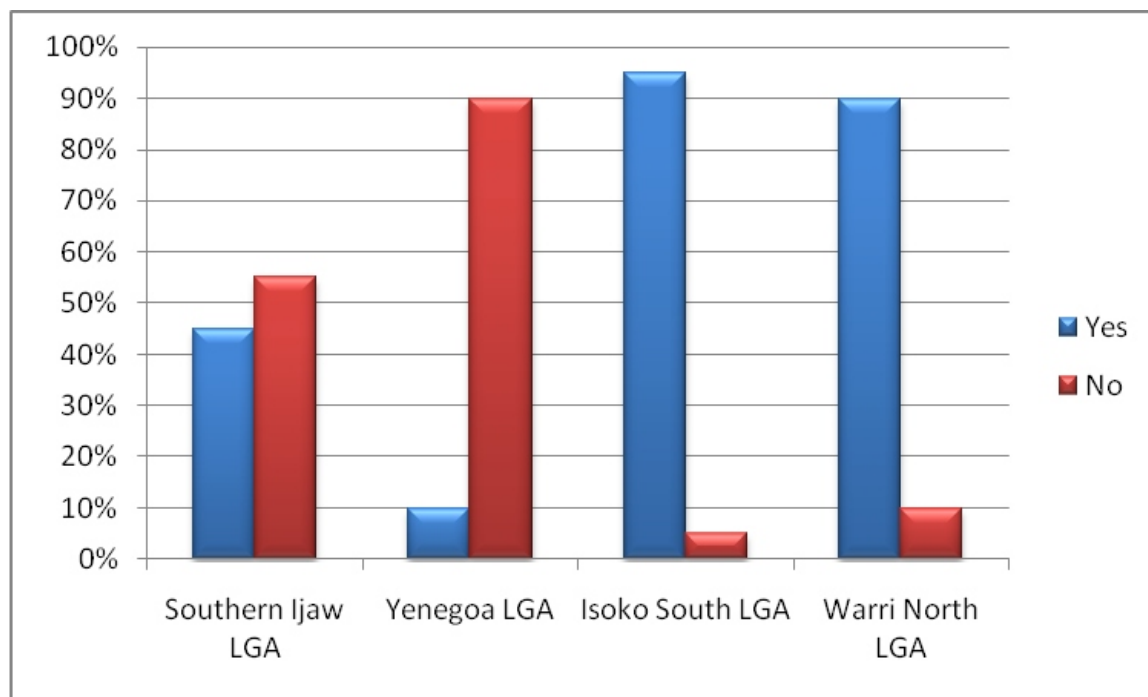
PERCENTAGE OF COMMUNITIES SURVEYED IN WHICH PRIMARY SCHOOL HAS A DESK
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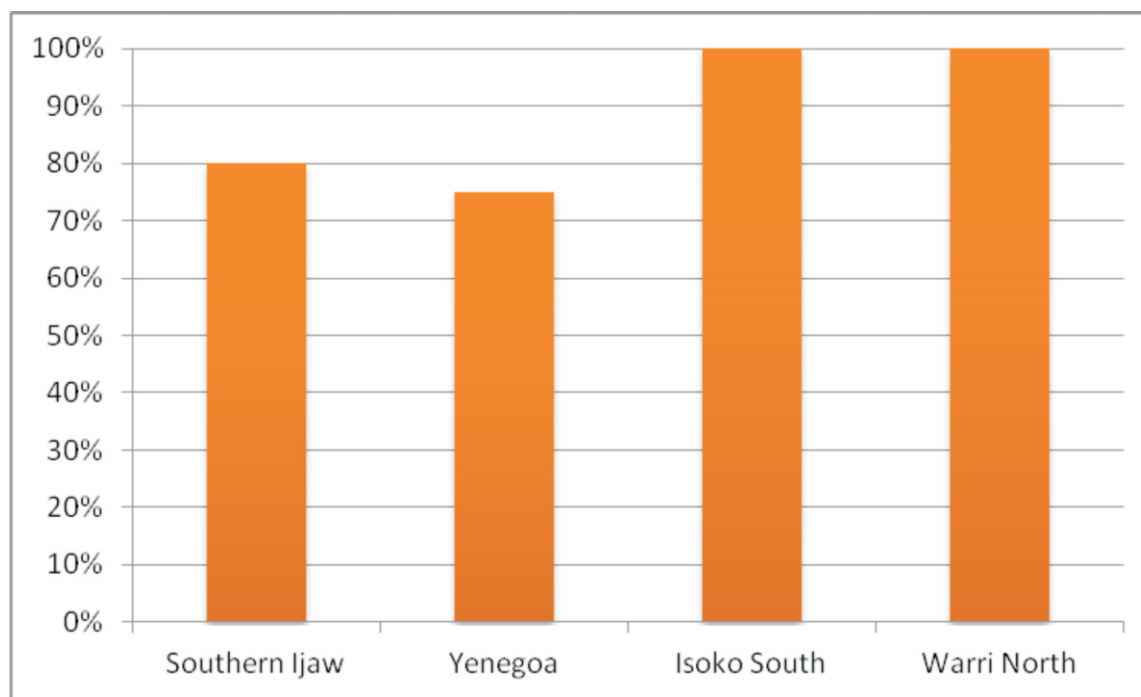
PERCENTAGE OF COMMUNITIES SURVEYED THAT HAS TEACHER'S QUARTERS
(LGA-to-LGA Comparison)



FOCUS GROUP QUESTION: Do parents pay any money for text books where their children attend primary school?



PERCENTAGE OF COMMUNITIES SURVEYED WHERE PARENTS PAY SCHOOL LEVY
FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL (LGA-to-LGA Comparison)



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□ BY STATE, LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA AND COMMUNITY

- **Bayelsa State**
 - Southern Ijaw LGA
 - Yenagoa LGA

Note: None of the schools visited in Yenagoa and Southern Ijaw has a functional library, Science laboratory equipment and toilets for their students.



COMMUNITIES IN WHICH READING ABILITY OF THE YOUNGER GENERATION APPEARS TO HAVE FALLEN BELOW THE READING ABILITY OF THE OLDER GENERATION



Southern Ijaw LGA

- Ekowe
- Ezetu



Yenagoa LGA

Younger women's reading ability appears to have fallen below older women's reading ability in

- Zarama

*Based on individual participants responses in focus group

Focus Group Question and School Administrator/ Teacher Interview: Does your community have a primary school? If yes, how many students (boys/girls) and how many teachers?

LGA	COMMUNITY	PRIMARY SCHOOL	# OF STUDENTS	# OF GIRLS	# OF BOYS	# OF TEACHERS	STUDENT /TEACHER RATIO
Southern Ijaw	Angjama	Yes	220	120	100	8	28 to 1
	Ekeni	Yes	256	108	148	3	85 to 1
	Ekowe	Yes	186	61	125	7	27 to 1
	Ezetu	Yes	203	96	107	8	25 to 1
	Oporoma	Yes	930	224	706	10	93 to 1
Yenagoa	Akaibiri	Yes	200	80	120	8	25 to 1
	Ayama	No	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Okolobiri	Yes	440	240	200	21	21 to 1
	Okutukutu	No	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Zarama	Yes	192	107	85	6	32 to 1

Focus Group Question: Do all Children in Primary School have a desk and chair? Are the textbooks in Primary School free to the students? Does the Primary School have a functional library? Toilets for children? What is the monthly salary of Primary School teachers? Is it paid regularly?

LGA	COMMUNITY	DESK AND CHAIRS FOR EVERY CHILD	DO PARENTS PAY FOR PS TEXT BOOKS?	FUNCTIONING LIBRARY?	TOILETS FOR PUPILS?	MONTHLY SALARY OF PS TEACHERS (in Naira)	ARE TEACHERS PAID REGULARLY?
Southern Ijaw	Angiama	No	Yes	No	No	40,000-50,000	Yes
	Ekeni	No	Yes	No	No	35,000	Yes
	Ekowe	No	Yes	No	No	40,000	No
	Ezetu	Yes	Yes	No	No	25,000	No
	Oporoma	No	Yes	No	No	48,969	Yes
Yenagoa	Akaibiri	Yes	No	No	No	40,000	Yes
	Ayama	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Okolobiri	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	40,000 -50,000	Yes
	Okutukutu	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Zarama	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	40,000	Yes

Focus Group Question and School Administrator/ Teacher Interview: Does your community have a Secondary school? If yes, how many students (boys/girls) and how many teachers?

LGA	COMMUNITY	SECONDARY SCHOOL	# OF STUDENTS	# OF GIRLS	# OF BOYS	# OF TEACHERS	STUDENT /TEACHER RATIO
Southern Ijaw	Angjama	Yes	160	90	70	4	40 to 1
	Ekeni	Yes	433	250	183	7	62 to 1
	Ekowe	Yes	250	90	160	14	18:1
	Ezetu	Yes	106	30	76	16	7 to 1
	Oporoma	Yes	280	100	180	10	28 to 1
Yenagoa	Akaibiri	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Ayama	No	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Okolobiri	Yes	330	180	150	12	27 to 1
	Okutukutu	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Zarama	Yes	387	203	184	8	48 to 1

Focus Group Question: Toilets for children? What is the monthly salary of Secondary School teachers? Is it paid regularly?

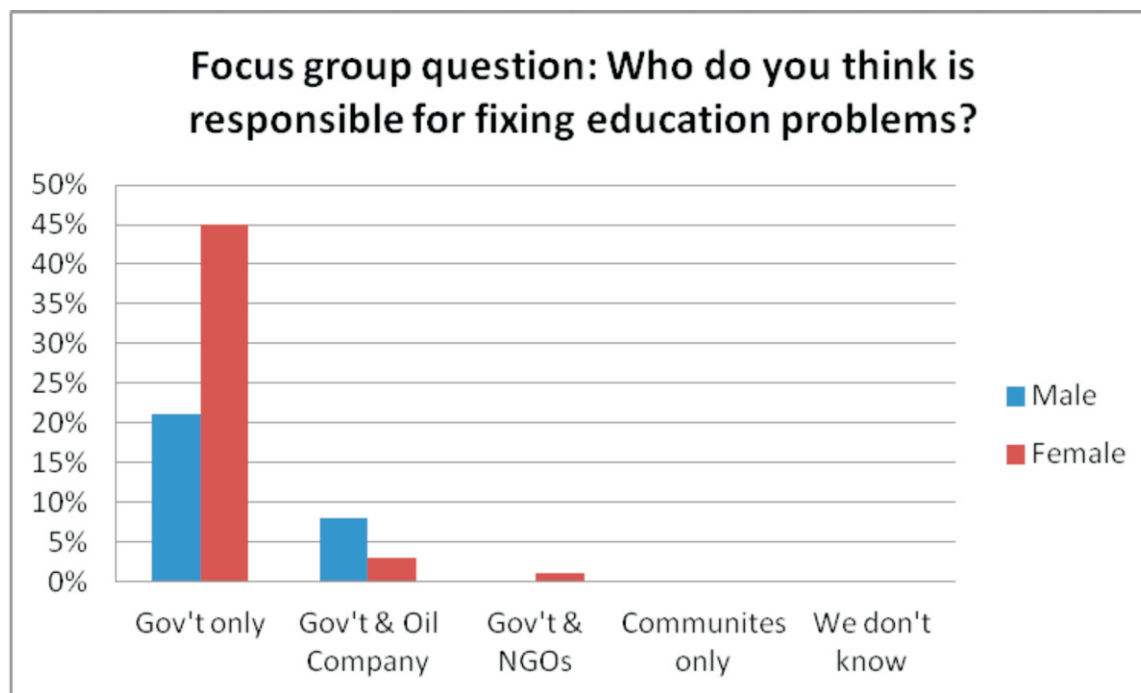
LGA	COMMUNITY	DESK AND CHAIRS FOR EVERY CHILD	DO PARENTS PAY FOR SS TEXT BOOKS?	FUNCTIONING LIBRARY?	FUNCTIONAL SCIENCE EQUIPMENT?	TOILETS FOR STUDENTS?	MONTHLY SALARY OF SS TEACHERS (in Naira)	STUDENT /TEACHER RATIO
Southern Ijaw	Angiama	No	Yes	No	No	No	50,000-60,000	Yes
	Ekeni	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	48,000	Yes
	Ekowe	No	yes	No	No	No	47,000	Yes
	Ezetu	No	Yes	No	No	No	No response	n/a
	Oporoma	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	80,000	Yes
Yenagoa	Akaibiri (does not have SS)	No	No	No	No	No	na	n/a
	Ayama (does not have SS)	No	Yes	No	No	No	n/a	n/a
	Okolobiri	No	Yes	No	No	No	50,000-60,000	Yes
	Okutukutu (does not have SS)	No	Yes	No	No	No	n/a	n/a
	Zarama	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	45,000	Yes

Focus Group Question: (Younger Women's Focus Group) Do teachers try? Teach regularly (Monday to Friday, Morning to Afternoon). Are their teachers' quarters available?

LGA	COMMUNITY	TEACHERS TRY	TEACH REGULARLY	TEACHERS QUARTERS
Southern Ijaw	Angiama	Yes	Yes	No
	Ekeni	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Ekowe	Yes	Yes	No
	Ezetu	Yes	Yes	No
	Oporoma	No	Yes	No
Yenagoa	Akaibiri	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Ayama (ps not in community)	No	No	No
	Okolobiri	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Okutukutu (ps not in community)	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Zarama	Yes	Yes	Yes

BAYELSA STATE (40 Focus Groups)

Focus Group Question: Who do you think is responsible for fixing the education problems?			
WHO IS RESPONSIBLE	MALE FOCUS GROUP	FEMALE FOCUS GROUPS	TOTAL NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF ALL FOCUS GROUPS
Government Only	17 or 21%	18 or 45%	35 or 87.5%
Government and Oil company jointly responsible	3 or 8%	1 or 3%	4 or 10%
Government and NGOs	0	1 or 3%	1 or 3%
Communities only	0	0	0
We don't know	0	0	0



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□ BY STATE, LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA AND COMMUNITY

- **Delta State**
Isoko South LGA
Warri North LGA
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Focus Group Question and School Administrator/ Teacher Interview: Does your community have a primary school? If yes, how many students (boys/girls) and how many teachers?

LGA	COMMUNITY	PRIMARY SCHOOL	# OF STUDENTS	# OF GIRLS	# OF BOYS	# OF TEACHERS	STUDENT /TEACHER RATIO
Isoko South	Aviara	Yes	321	168	153	21	15 to 1
	Enwe	Yes	600	330	270	26	23 to 1
	Idheze	Yes	166	65	101	19	9 to 1
	Oleh	Yes	688	325	363	52	13 to 1
	Uzere	Yes	150	80	70	14	11 to 1
Warri North	Jakpa	Yes	28	15	13	5	6 to 1
	Gbodka	Yes	245	125	120	6	41 to 1
	Ogbinbiri	Yes	80	34	46	5	16 to 1
	Ogbudugudu	Yes	170	90	80	4	42 to 1
	Opuama	Yes	287	143	144	3	96 to 1

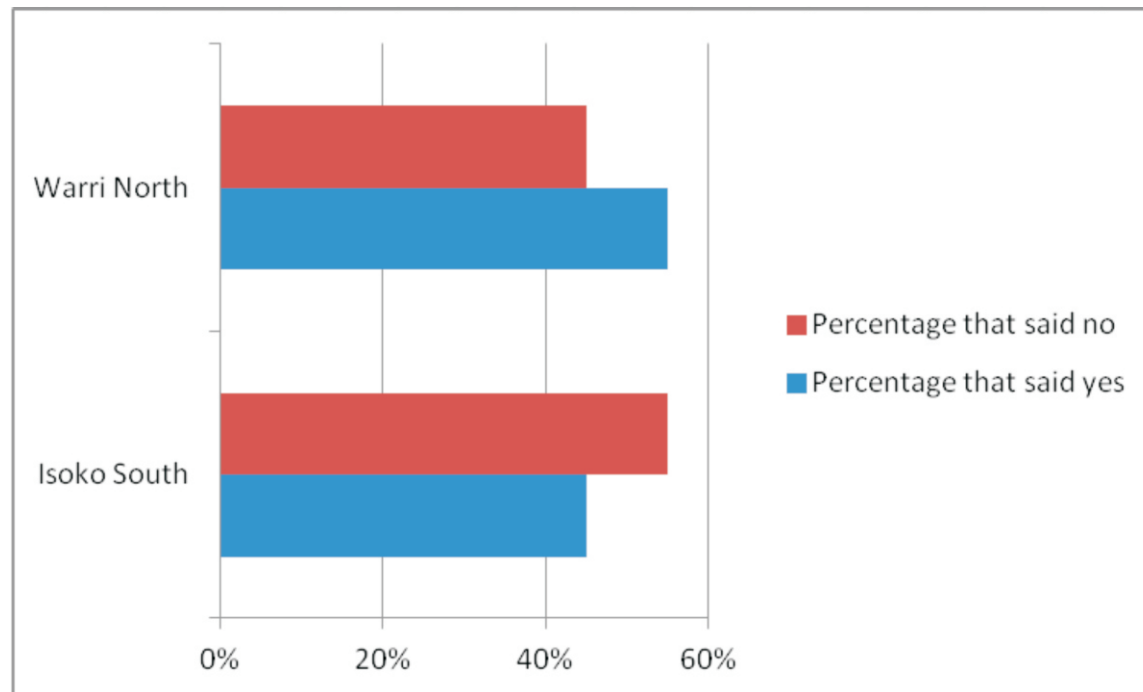
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LGA	COMMUNITY	SECONDARY SCHOOL	# OF STUDENTS	# OF GIRLS	# OF BOYS	# OF TEACHERS	STUDENT /TEACHER RATIO
Isoko South	Aviara	Yes	395	220	175	28	14 to 1
	Enwe	Yes	442	No response	No response	15	29 to 1
	Idheze	Yes	129	60	69	19	7 to 1
	Oleh	Yes	1796	971	825	50	36 to 1
	Uzere	Yes	601	295	306	34	18 to 1
Warri North	Jakpa	No	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Gbodka	Yes	42	20	22	14	3 to 1
	Ogbinbiri	Yes	74	36	38	10	7 to 1
	Ogbudugudu	Yes	115	61	54	10	11 to 1
	Opuama	Yes	374	182	192	9	41 to 1

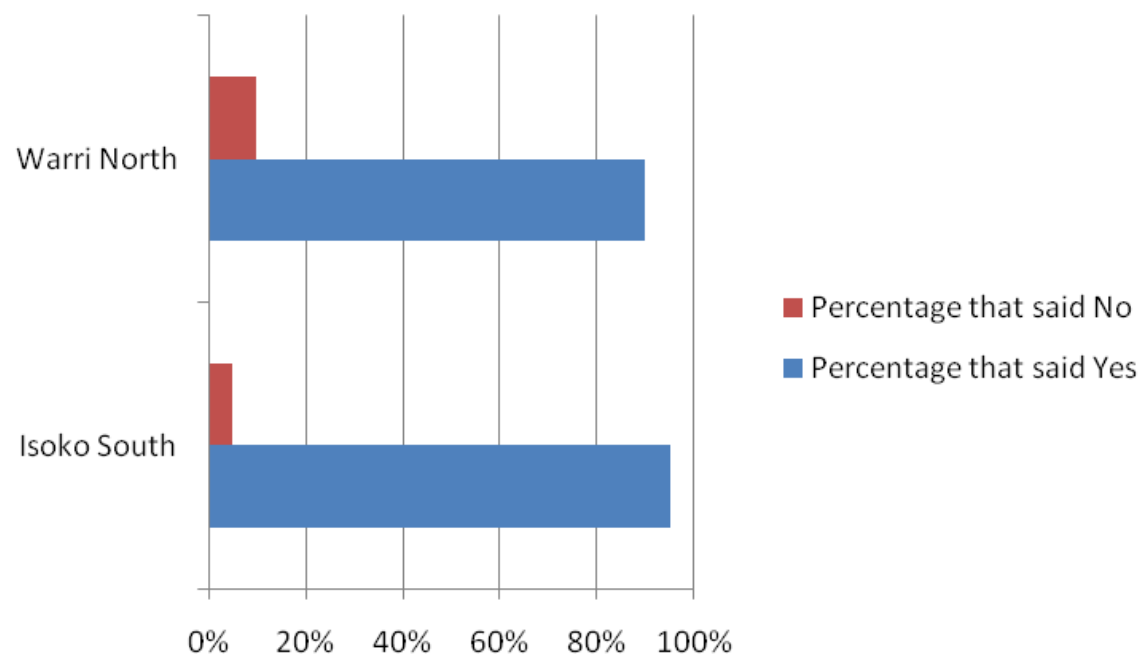
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LGA	COMMUNITY	DESK AND CHAIRS FOR EVERY CHILD	DO PARENTS PAY FOR PS TEXT BOOKS?	FUNCTIONING LIBRARY?	TOILETS FOR PUPILS?	MONTHLY SALARY OF PS TEACHERS (in Naira)	ARE TEACHERS PAID REGULARLY?
Isoko South	Aviara	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	18,000	No
	Enwe	No	Yes	No	Yes	15, 250	Yes
	Idheze	Yes	Yes	No	No	11,084	Yes
	Oleh	No	Yes	No	No	20, 392	No
	Uzere	Yes	Yes	No	No	24,158	Yes
Warri North	Jakpa	Yes	Yes	No	No	23,000	Yes
	Gbodka	Yes	Yes	No	No	37,000	Yes
	Ogbinbiri	Yes	Yes	No	No	19,000	No
	Ogbudugudu	Yes	Yes	No	No	15,000	Yes
	Opuama	No	Yes	No	No	45,000	No

PERCENTAGE OF COMMUNITIES SURVEYED IN WHICH PRIMARY SCHOOL HAS A DESK AND CHAIR FOR EACH CHILD (LGA-to-LGA Comparison)



PERCENTAGE OF COMMUNITIES SURVEYED IN WHICH PARENTS PAY FOR
PRIMARY SCHOOL TEXT BOOKS (LGA-to-LGA Comparison)



Focus Group Question: Do all Children in Secondary School have a desk and chair? Are the textbooks in Secondary School free to the students? Does the Secondary School have a functional library? Functional science equipments? Toilets for children? What is the monthly salary of Secondary School teachers? Is it paid regularly?

LGA	COMMUNITY	DESK AND CHAIRS FOR EVERY CHILD	DO PARENTS PAY FOR PS TEXT BOOKS?	FUNCTIONING LIBRARY?	FUNCTIONAL SCIENCE EQUIPMENTS	TOILETS FOR PUPILS?	MONTHLY SALARY OF PS TEACHERS (in Naira)	ARE TEACHERS PAID REGULARLY?
Isoko South	Aviara	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	36, 097	Yes
	Enwe	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	18,092	Yes
	Idheze	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	37,507	Yes
	Oleh	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No response	Yes
	Uzere	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	37,000	Yes
Warri North	Jakpa (does not have SS)	None	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Gbodka	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	40,000	Yes
	Ogbinbiri	No	Yes	No	No	No	40, 590	No
	Ogbudugudu	No	Yes	No	No	No	No response	Yes
	Opuama	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	39,000	Yes

Focus Group Question: (Younger Women Focus Group) Do teachers try? Teach regularly (Monday to Friday, Morning to Afternoon). Are their teachers' quarters available?

LGA	COMMUNITY	TEACHERS TRY	TEACH REGULARLY	TEACHERS QUARTERS
Isoko South	Aviara	Yes	Yes	No
	Enwe	Yes	Yes	No
	Idheze	No	Yes	No
	Oleh	Yes	Yes	No
	Uzere	Yes	Yes	No
Warri North	Jakpa	Yes	Yes	No
	Gbodka	Yes	Yes	No
	Ogbinbiri	Yes	Yes	No
	Ogbudugudu	Yes	Yes	No
	Opuama	No	Yes	Yes

DELTA STATE (40 Focus Groups)

Focus Group Question: Who do you think is responsible for fixing the education problems?			
WHO IS RESPONSIBLE	MALE FOCUS GROUP	FEMALE FOCUS GROUPS	TOTAL NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF ALL FOCUS GROUPS
Government Only	13 or 33%	6 or 15%	19 or 48%
Government and Oil company jointly responsible	5 or 13%	13 or 33%	18 or 45%
Government and DESOPADEC	1 or 3%	0	1 or 3%
Communities and Oil companies	1 or 3%	1 or 3%	2 or 5%
We don't know	0	0	0

DELTA STATE: WHO DO YOU THINK IS RESPONSIBLE FOR FIXING THE EDUCATION PROBLEMS OF THE COMMUNITY?

