

BEFIT — Building Education Foundations through Innovation & Technology: AI-adaptive foundational literacy and numeracy for Malawi's primary schools

AI in Education · Good practice · Malawi

Quality score: 73/100

Evidence strength: Randomised controlled trial

Summary

Malawi national programme deploying onecourse (onebillion) AI-adaptive tablets for Standards 1–4 literacy and numeracy across all 6,000 public primary schools by 2029. Nine RCTs back the software (ES 0.34–0.37 in literacy); Year 1 (2023–24): 500 schools, 18 districts.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of learning impact	3/3
Equity & inclusion	2/3
Transparency, ethics & data protection	2/3
Teacher capability & pedagogy	1/3
Scalability & sustainability	3/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-06-25

[Ministry of Education, Malawi; Imagine Worldwide; onebillion](#) — accessed 2026-06-25

[GPE country journey: Malawi tech boosts literacy and numeracy](#) — accessed 2026-06-25

[GPE blog: Improving foundational learning in Malawi](#) — accessed 2026-06-25

[UNESCO BEFIT in digital education financing toolkit](#) — accessed 2026-06-25

[onebillion: impact and evidence page](#) — accessed 2026-06-25

[Imagine Worldwide research summary \(Dec 2024\)](#) — accessed 2026-06-25

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