

Philippines DepEd ARAL — AI reading-fluency recovery for struggling learners via Microsoft Reading Progress

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Quality score: 67/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

DepEd's ARAL programme uses Microsoft Reading Progress to automate reading-fluency assessments; a Cabanatuan pilot reduced at-risk readers from 14 to 0, assessment time fell from 2 days to 2 hours in Bais City (14,000+ learners, 60 schools); rolling out to 1,500 schools in 2026.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-06-24

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