

RobotsMali — AI-Generated Bambara-Language Children's Books After Mali's Language Policy Shift

AI in Education · Good practice · Mali

Quality score: 53/100

Evidence strength: Descriptive / self-reported

Summary

After Mali dropped French as its sole official language in 2023, RobotsMali used ChatGPT, Google Translate and an AI image generator to produce 107 culturally grounded Bambara-language children's books in under a year, reaching over 300 elementary pupils.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-07-18

[RobotsMali](#) — accessed 2026-07-18

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