

Speaking Books — Sound-Chip Audiobooks for Low-Literacy Health Education

Digital Inclusion · Good practice · South Africa

Quality score: 52/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

South African NGO Speaking Books embeds sound chips in illustrated 16-page books that narrate health information aloud in a reader's own language, reaching people who cannot read; it reports 200,000+ books across 35+ countries and 40 languages, though independent outcome evaluati

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Innovation level	3/5
Sustainability (ongoing)	1/1
Evaluation evidence	0/1
Demonstrated reach	1/1
Documented learning	0/1

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-29

[Speaking Books](#) — accessed 2026-08-29

[Speaking Books — Impact](#) — accessed 2026-08-29

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