

theTeacher.AI — WhatsApp AI teaching assistant for Sierra Leonean teachers in low-connectivity schools

AI in Education · Good practice · Sierra Leone

Quality score: 73/100

Evidence strength: Quasi-experimental

Summary

EducAid and FabData deploy theTeacher.ai, a WhatsApp AI assistant for 529 teachers in 300 Sierra Leonean schools. A World Bank study of 40,350 queries found AI outperforms web search at 98% lower cost; 64.8% of teachers view AI as positive for education.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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

[EducAid](#) — accessed 2026-06-24

[EducAid: How AI is transforming education in Sierra Leone](#) — accessed 2026-06-24

[World Bank working paper: Could AI Leapfrog the Web? \(arXiv 2502.12397\)](#) — accessed 2026-06-24

[World Bank full paper \(PDF\)](#) — accessed 2026-06-24

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