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QUALIFICATIONS

1989 CTEFLA (RSA), International House London
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PROFESSIONAL BIODATA

Gavin Dudeney specialises in data analysis and project management and logistics across MEL programmes, primarily in the Global South. As the Director of Technology of The Consultants-E (TCE) since 2003, he has undertaken programme evaluation and research, and has worked across all educational sectors as a teacher, teacher educator, course designer, consultant and evaluator. He has also published widely on learning technologies in language learning and teaching (see his Publications). His MEL work includes a focus on equity and technological solutions in digital education programmes, particularly in the Global South, and he has worked on large- and small-scale evaluations in the Americas, Sub Saharan Africa (SSA), Southeast Asia and Europe. His MEL work typically involves project management and logistics, technology solutions, platforms and implementation, quantitative data analysis and reporting. His extensive experience with process, summative and impact evaluations in developing contexts including SSA, enables him and the TCE team to design, develop and evaluate educational approaches and solutions that are equitable, inclusive and contextually relevant.

SELECTED MEL PROJECTS

Multi-country evaluations in SSA undertaken for the British Council which are relevant to TCE's bid for inclusion in the *SSA Regional Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Procurement Framework* are summarised below. Gavin has worked on many more evaluations, and a full portfolio of his MEL work, for the British Council and other funders, is available on the TCE website.

SSA English Connects Localisation: 2024

TCE undertook a summative evaluation of the first formal year of implementation of localised English Connects projects in SSA. The aim of the evaluation was to assess achievements, and to support overall learning and improvement around programme implementation for the British Council. Five projects were evaluated, spanning over 20 countries in SSA:

Female Voices (Ethiopia, Nigeria, Senegal, South Africa and Sudan): aimed to increase female participation in localised activities by building capacity of 25 female teachers.

Teacher Champions (from 20 countries in SSA): aimed to strengthen the capacity of individual teacher educators and teachers to develop the skills of other teachers in their networks

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ELTAs (Ethiopia, Nigeria and Senegal): aimed to financially support English Language Teaching Associations as local partners/influencers to promote, use and adapt TeachingEnglish Africa resources.

Two communities of practice (CoPs) - a WhatsApp CoP for teachers and a Telegram CoP for teacher educators. Each CoP aimed to offer an online professional development community for educators in SSA to promote TeachingEnglish Africa online resources and support CPD opportunities.

Role: MEL Lead Consultant (with Dr Nicky Hockly) with responsibility for: quantitative and qualitative data

collection and analysis; systematic chat analysis; project management and technology integration procedures; AI protocols for data analysis; producing inception and evaluation reports, and reporting to stakeholders.

Outputs: Inception and final evaluation reports; online PowerPoint presentation to key stakeholders. Evaluation beneficiaries included: 55 outstanding educators (training participants) in over 20 countries in SSA; three ELTAs and hundreds of their members; thousands of educators involved in the two CoPs.

SSA English Connects: 2019 – 2022

The English Connects programme aims to connect the UK to beneficiaries in francophone and lusophone Africa through English; to improve the employability, resilience, and networks of young people; and to support senior policy makers in this endeavour. Using mixed methods approaches, TCE undertook impact evaluations of two consecutive phases of the multi-strand English Connects programme in 12 countries in SSA: Angola, Benin, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Gabon, Guinea, Mali, Mozambique, Niger and Senegal.

Role: MEL Director with responsibility for: quantitative and qualitative data analysis; project management and technology integration procedures; AI protocols for data analysis; reporting of findings, and recommendations to inform future *English Connects* programmes in SSA.

Outputs: A new theory of change and multi-strand programme log frame; inception, interim and final evaluation reports; presentations to key stakeholders. Evaluation beneficiaries included: 42 Ministry of Education (MoE) officials in 12 countries; 250 MoE trainers; 15,000 English language teachers; 2,000 English Clubs attendees; 9,000 online language learners.

STEP, STRIDE & SPRINT (Nigeria): 2021 – 2024

These three teacher development programmes, offered in conjunction with *the MoE*, aim to develop teachers' language, pedagogical and digital skills. TCE's initial design evaluation (2021-2022) developed theories of change and log frames for each programme. Subsequently, three mixed-methods process and impact evaluations were undertaken for the three programmes.

Role: Joint MEL Lead Consultant (with Dr Nicky Hockly) with responsibility for: quantitative and qualitative data analysis; project management and technology integration procedures; training and supporting teams of local Nigerian consultants for in-person fieldwork (including FGDs, KIIs, class observations); and reporting of findings and recommendations to inform continuation of the STEP, STRIDE and SPRINT programmes.

Outputs : MEL Toolkits (2024) for STEP and STRIDE. Evaluation beneficiaries to date have included thousands Nigerian state schoolteachers and teacher educators, Colleges of Education and the NCCE.

Learn English by WhatsApp MEL: 2020 – 2021

Funded jointly with the FCDO and supported by the South African Department of Basic Education (DBE), the British Council's *Learn English by WhatsApp* programme aimed to support the remote delivery of English language teaching and learning during Covid-19 through a WhatsApp API. TCE undertook a summative evaluation examining the impact of the programme on digitally excluded and disadvantaged learners, with a particular focus on female-headed households, in five countries in Southern Africa: Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa and Zimbabwe.

Role: MEL Lead Consultant (with Dr Nicky Hockly) with responsibility for: quantitative and qualitative data analysis; project management and technology integration procedures; AI protocols for data analysis; statistical analyses of WhatsApp API data; producing progress and evaluation reports.

Outputs: A new theory of change and programme log frame; a literature review of the effects of Covid-19 on education in five countries in Southern Africa; final evaluation report; online presentation to key stakeholders. Evaluation beneficiaries included: 22,700+ learners in five countries in Southern Africa; thousands of learners in digitally excluded or disadvantaged circumstances.