

Getting Started with the ICAN-ICAR 2025 Dashboard

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The dashboard gives you instant access to foundational learning data from **11 countries and 89,141 children**. Filter, explore, and export. No login is required. Go to the following link to access the dashboard - <https://dashboard.palnetwork.org/>

DASHBOARD OVERVIEW



MPL Results tab

Reading, Math, and Both proficiency rates — filterable by country, grade, age, gender, location, and context.



Reach & Access tab

Enrollment, gender, school type, location, phone access, home language, and parental education — by country.



Data Assistant

AI chatbot (bottom-right). Ask in plain language: "Girls vs boys MPL in Tanzania" — get instant answers.

HOW TO USE IT — STEP BY STEP

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Open the dashboard

Go to **dashboard.palnetwork.org** in any browser. No account or login is required. The language switcher (EN / FR / ES / PT) is in the top-right corner — user can toggle the page in preferred language

2

Choose a tab

Click MPL Results for learning outcomes or Reach & Access for enrollment and household context.

3

Apply filters (left panel — click Apply when done)

Countries, Gender (All / Girls / Boys), Location (Urban / Rural), Age, Grade (Pre-Primary to Grade 8).
 Contextual Variable: one at a time only — School type, Enrollment status, Home language, Parental education, Phone type, or Computer/tablet access.
 Click Reset at any time to clear all filters.

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Compare with Break Down By (above the chart)

Select Country, Location, Gender, Grade, or Age to split the chart into side-by-side grouped bars.
 Example: Country = Uganda + Break Down By = Location → one chart showing Urban vs Rural for Uganda MPLs

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Export (top-right corner of each chart)

↓ PNG — saves the chart as an image, ready to paste into a report or presentation.
 ↓ Excel — saves the filtered data as a spreadsheet for custom charts.

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Use the Data Assistant

Click the  chat bubble icon (bottom-right corner). Ask in plain language and in preferred input language. If you ask the question in 'French', you will get response in French.
 Try questions like: "MPL reading rate in Kenya?" "Compare MPL in South Asia vs East Africa" · "% enrolled in Mali by location" · "Smartphone access in Pakistan"
 Scope: the chatbot covers the 6 contextual indicators in the dashboard. Questions outside this scope return an explanatory message.

Frequently Asked Questions

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Which 11 countries?	Bangladesh, Kenya, Mali, Mexico, Mozambique, Nepal, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Senegal, Tanzania, Uganda.
Is the data reliable?	Yes — all figures are nationally representative with survey weights applied. If a subgroup has fewer than 100 children, the bar is hidden, and a suppression warning appears.
Can I see district-level data?	Most countries are nationally representative only. Two countries have regional-level data — contact the PAL Secretariat for details. District-level breakdowns are not available.
How are regional averages calculated?	The Data Assistant returns a weighted average from the underlying microdata — not a simple average of country percentages, which ensures accuracy.
Why is there only one contextual variable at a time?	Combining two reduces the sample too small for reliable estimates. Basic filters (country, gender, grade, age, location) can be freely combined with one contextual variable.
Why do bars disappear?	Too many filters push a subgroup below 100 children (the minimum required). Try fewer filters, a wider grade range, or remove the age filter.
How do I save a chart?	↓ PNG saves the chart as an image (top-right of each chart). ↓ Excel downloads the filtered data as a spreadsheet for custom visualizations.
How do I access the raw microdata?	Go to the Data First portal - www.datafirst.uct.ac.za Search "ICAN ICAR", register for a free account, and download in CSV or DTA (Stata) format.

Questions or feedback? Contact us at data@palnetwork.org for any questions. Suggestions for new indicators and features are always welcome.