



Basic Concepts
Building Thinking - Harnessing Potential
foundation

BASIC CONCEPTS ADVOCACY PROJECT

PHASE 1: Pixley Ka Seme & John Taolo Gaetsewe (2019-2021)

Contact 4: Size Refresher

- Name of session facilitator/s:

JTG: Louis Benjamin, Gill Brand

PKS: Louis Benjamin, Gill Brand

- Dates & Duration:

JTG: 7 June 2021 (90 minutes)

PKS: 14 June 2021 (90 minutes)

- General purpose of the refresher:

To assist teachers to prepare for the implementation of the next conceptual domain (size) as well as refresh their understanding of the domain and its associated methodological requirements.

- Method:

It was decided to run the refresher sessions in the two districts on different days. The teachers attended the sessions from a number of different satellite venues in adherence to the COVID-19 protocols.

- Registers with names including all officials:

[Click here](#) to access the GOOGLE SHEET for JTG

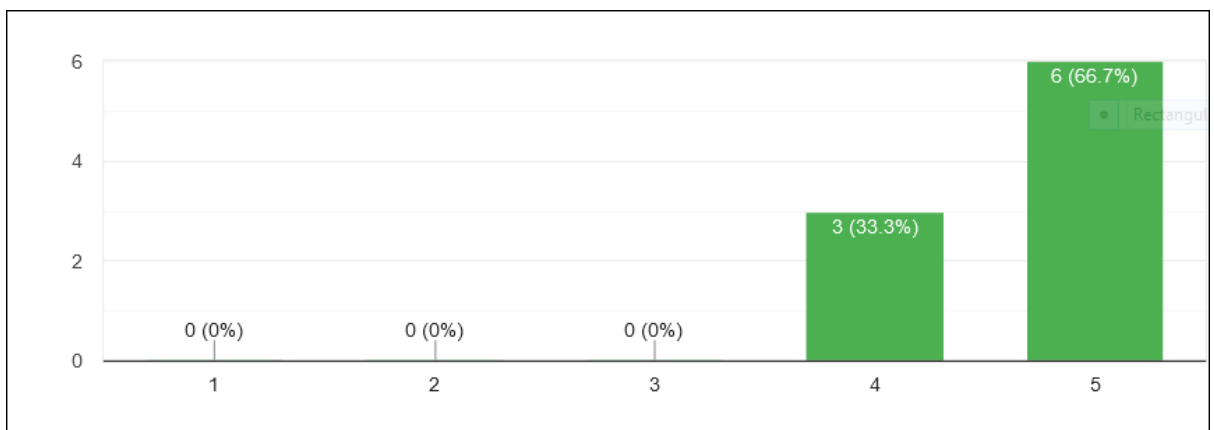
[Click here](#) to access the GOOGLE SHEET for PKS

- Attendance Statistics:

District	Attended	Did not attend	Number of video views to date
PKS	20 (65%)	11 (35%)	
JTG	17 (52%)	16 (48%)	
TOTAL	37 (58%)	27 (42%)	24 (38% of the total number of teachers)

- Summary of findings from the evaluation form

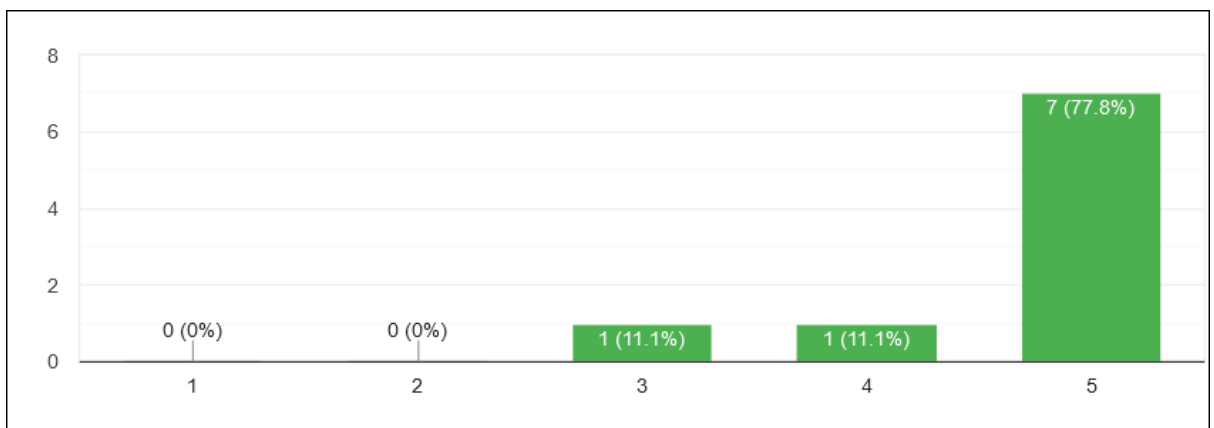
- i) Rate the quality of the information provided at the refresher sessions:



1 very poor | 2 poor | 3 average | 4 good | 5 excellent

100% of the teachers described the quality of the information as either good (33%) or excellent (67%).

- ii) Rate the quality of the internet connection:



1 very poor | 2 poor | 3 average | 4 good | 5 excellent

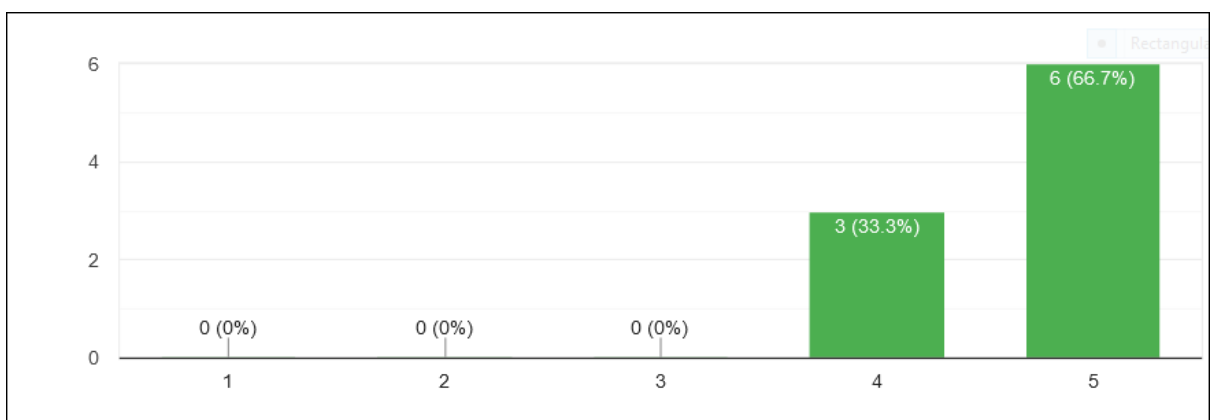
89% of the teachers rated their internet connection as either good (11%) or excellent (78%), while 11% described their connection as average.

iii) What did you find most interesting about today's session?

Verbatim comments from the teachers:-

- *That we are refreshed in how to do the size session and that I gained new knowledge on how to implement it in different methods and use different strategies*
- *The refresher was very good, my mind is really refreshed*
- *The focus on tall and short during the session was new for me*
- *The three principles of size...*
- *More information and it was a good presentation.*
- *I enjoyed the explanation about size*
- *We must give the learners a chance to draw the pictures about the size and we can use our fingers to compare and match (objects that are) thick and thin*
- *The way you have (helped us) ... understand the concept (of size)*

iv) How motivated are you to run the BCP inside your class?



1 not motivated at all | 2 poorly motivated | 3 average | 4 highly motivated | 5 very highly motivated

100% of the teachers were either highly motivated (33%) or very highly motivated (67%) to run the BCP inside their classes.

- *Summary*

While nearly 60% of the teachers attended the refresher session, an additional 38% of the teachers viewed the recording of the session. It is however not possible to identify which teachers viewed the recording. It should also be noted that many teachers were not able to attend the session at the satellite venues because of the COVID-19 crisis. The Northern Cape was experiencing a peak in the number of infected people at the time of the refresher session. Many teachers consequently offered apologies and in fact indicated that they were not well and would attend the session from their home. There was also a miscommunication at a venue where an additional 8 teachers were going to attend, but did not. Notwithstanding, the project team was not completely satisfied with the level of attendance at the refresher sessions. We will follow up with the teachers and ensure that they participate at the following refresher session.

We were however pleased to see that the teachers started to post work from their classes shortly after the refresher sessions -see below. It was particularly pleasing to view the quality of the work that was submitted and we look forward to receiving additional work after the teachers return from their mid-year holidays, which have been extended because of Covid-19.

