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Remote Learning in Bahrain

The government of Bahrain has revealed that more than 140,000 students in the country are being able to continue their education through remote learning initiatives, powered by the country's next generation telecommunications networks.

EXHIBIT 1: Total Number of Students in Government Schools

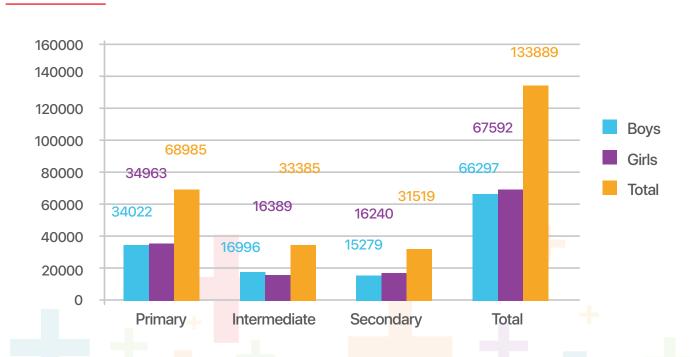
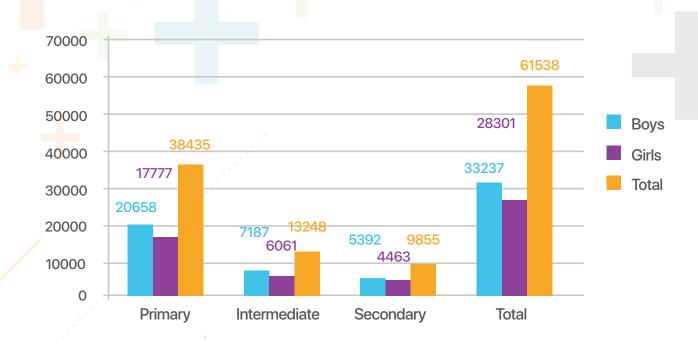


EXHIBIT 2: Total Number of Students in Private Schools



The government has created an education portal which allows schools and educational institutes to continue tuition through online portals and broadcast channels.

Currently, the portal is being used by 146,498 students and over 18,000 teachers and includes 372 e-books, 1030 educational units, 587 e-lessons, 273 educational materials, 754 sample questions and exams, 30793 exercises, 6582 lessons by school teachers.

Bahrain's Ministry of Education together with the Kingdom's Information & e-Government Authority has partnered with Amazon Web Services (AWS) to create a dedicated electronic education portal.

The portal is powered by AWS, which recently opened its first Middle East data region in the Kingdom. AWS is also supporting the Bahraini government in its concerted shift to the cloud – the

Kingdom has mandated the use of Cloud IAAS & SAAS across government, which assisted in the fast roll-out of nationwide distance learning. To put this into perspective, according to a recent study by Teacher Tapp, just one in six schools in the UK had the technology to set and receive work from pupils.

A centrally managed system – in which Ministries are empowered to work in close partnership with the private sector – means GCC countries such as Bahrain have activated solutions faster than nations where the education landscape is more fragmented. This, in addition to government–mandated use of the cloud, means the Kingdom has quickly been able to roll out a solution and ensure continuity of education nationwide. In Bahrain, in the midst of a global crisis, life goes on. Through technology and collaboration – whether across borders or across sectors – it can everywhere else too.