



Getting kids back to school

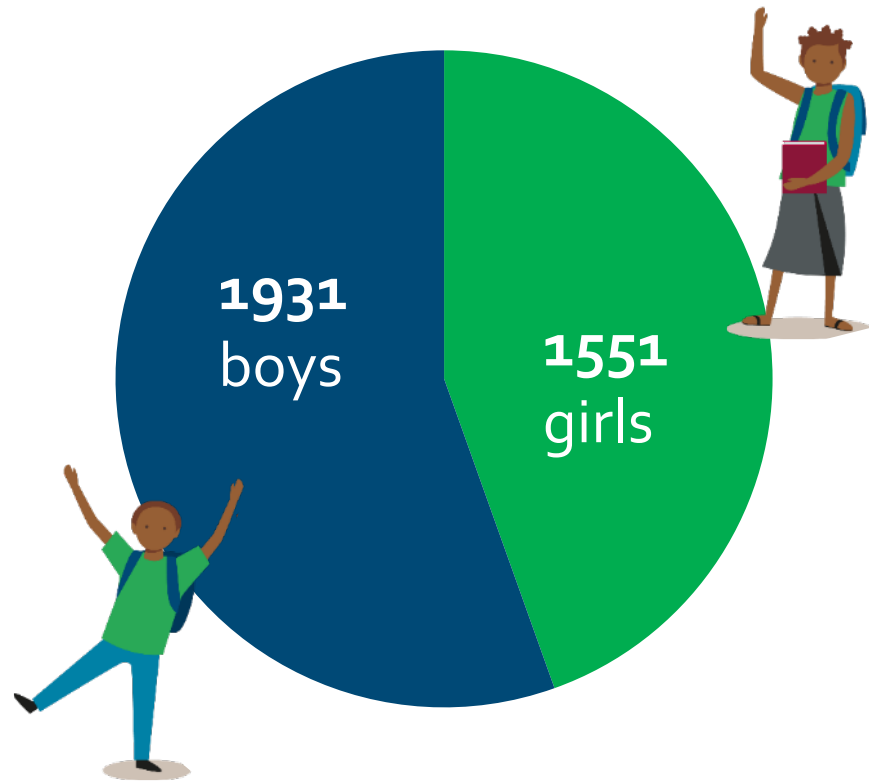
What we've learned
as a Nestlé-ICI-TRECC partnership
from 131 bridging classes

September 2022



Bridging classes are an accelerated learning programme to get out-of-school children back into mainstream education.





3482
kids attended

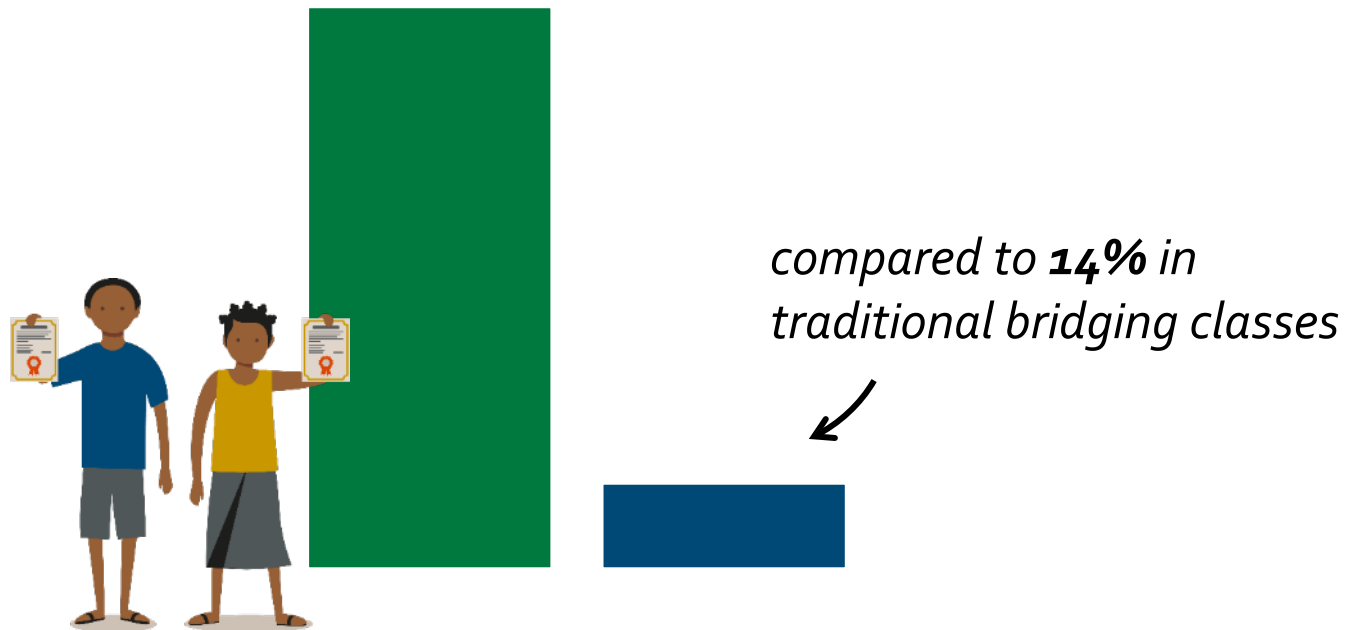
131
bridging classes
supported by Nestlé
in Côte d'Ivoire
from 2016 to 2022

Results

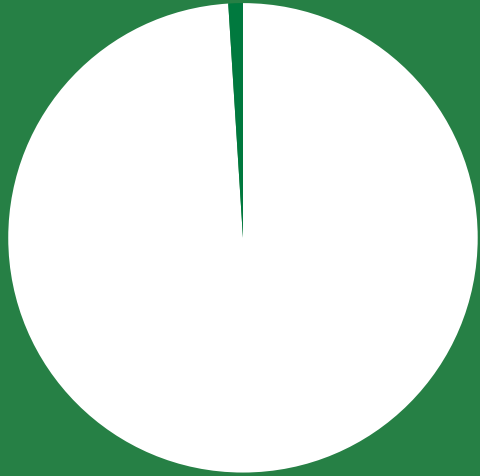


Child-centred approaches helped kids learn fast

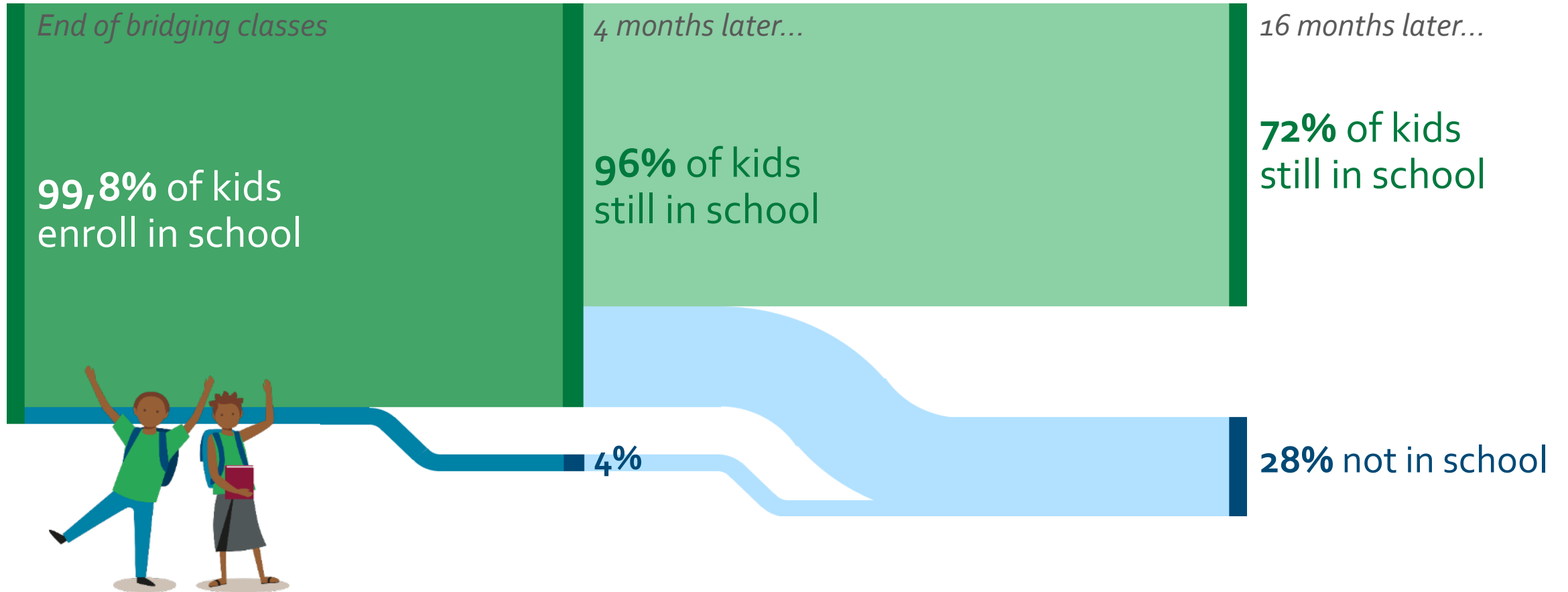
91% of kids scored average grades or above



99,8%
kids completed
the classes and
re-joined school



Once back in school, most kids stayed





Although some
kids dropped out

Most common reasons
for not staying in
school:

1. Don't like school
2. No school meals
3. Parents moved away
4. Family can't afford school supplies or fees

Child labour fell by more than half

63% kids in
child labour
before



23% kids in child
labour *after*
bridging classes



A challenging context:

- Results were achieved despite the covid pandemic, which placed additional strain on households and kids and causing child labour to *increase* in many communities.
- **Entering formal school can be tough**, especially for kids much older than their peers, who faced bullying.
- **Teacher turnover** in bridging classes was initially high, but increased wages helped retain staff.





Next steps:

- Child-centred teaching methods are being scaled-up through CLEF, a national programme to improve education quality in Côte d'Ivoire. Nestlé has joined many others to support this.
- ICI and Nestlé will continue to provide bridging classes in cocoa communities, as well as other support to help kids get a quality education
- ICI and Nestlé will continue to follow-up and support kids through child labour monitoring & remediation systems