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Structured Pedagogy Programmes in South Africa

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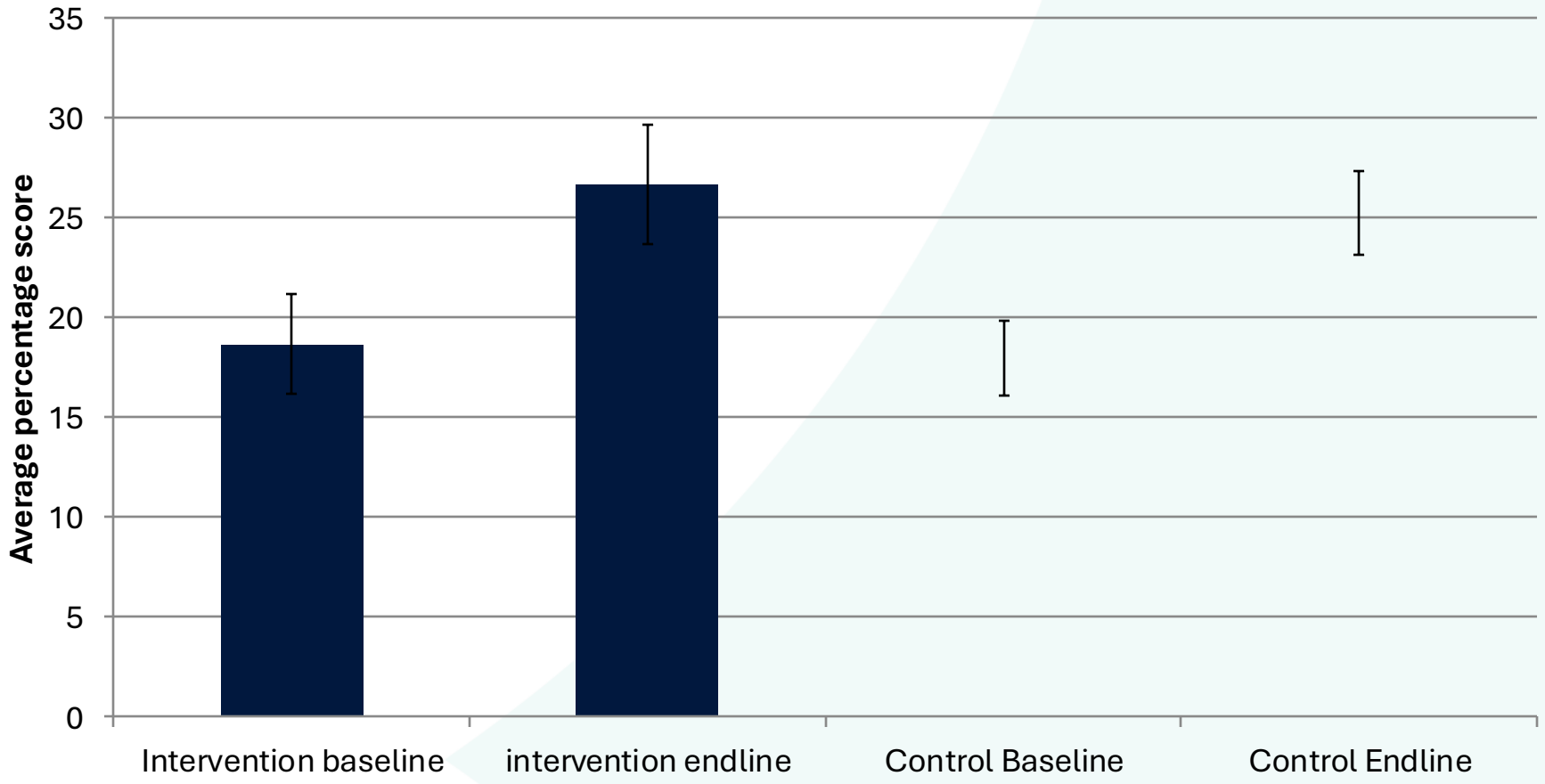
Background: The literacy challenge in SA

1 EFAL catch up in grade 4 (RCUP 2014)

2 Home language in FP (EGRS 1)

3 EFAL in FP (EGRS 2)

Reading Catch Up Programme (2014)



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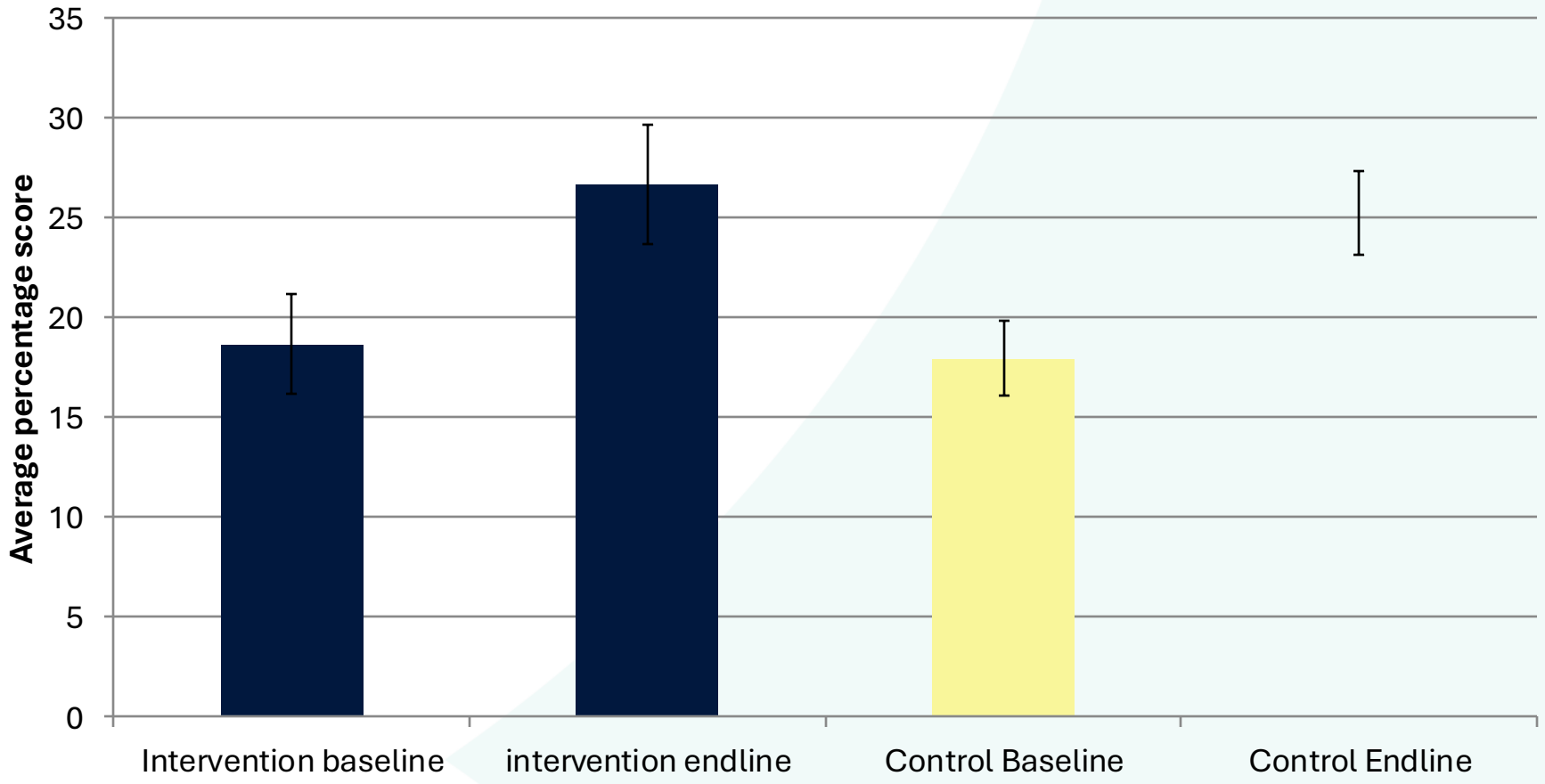

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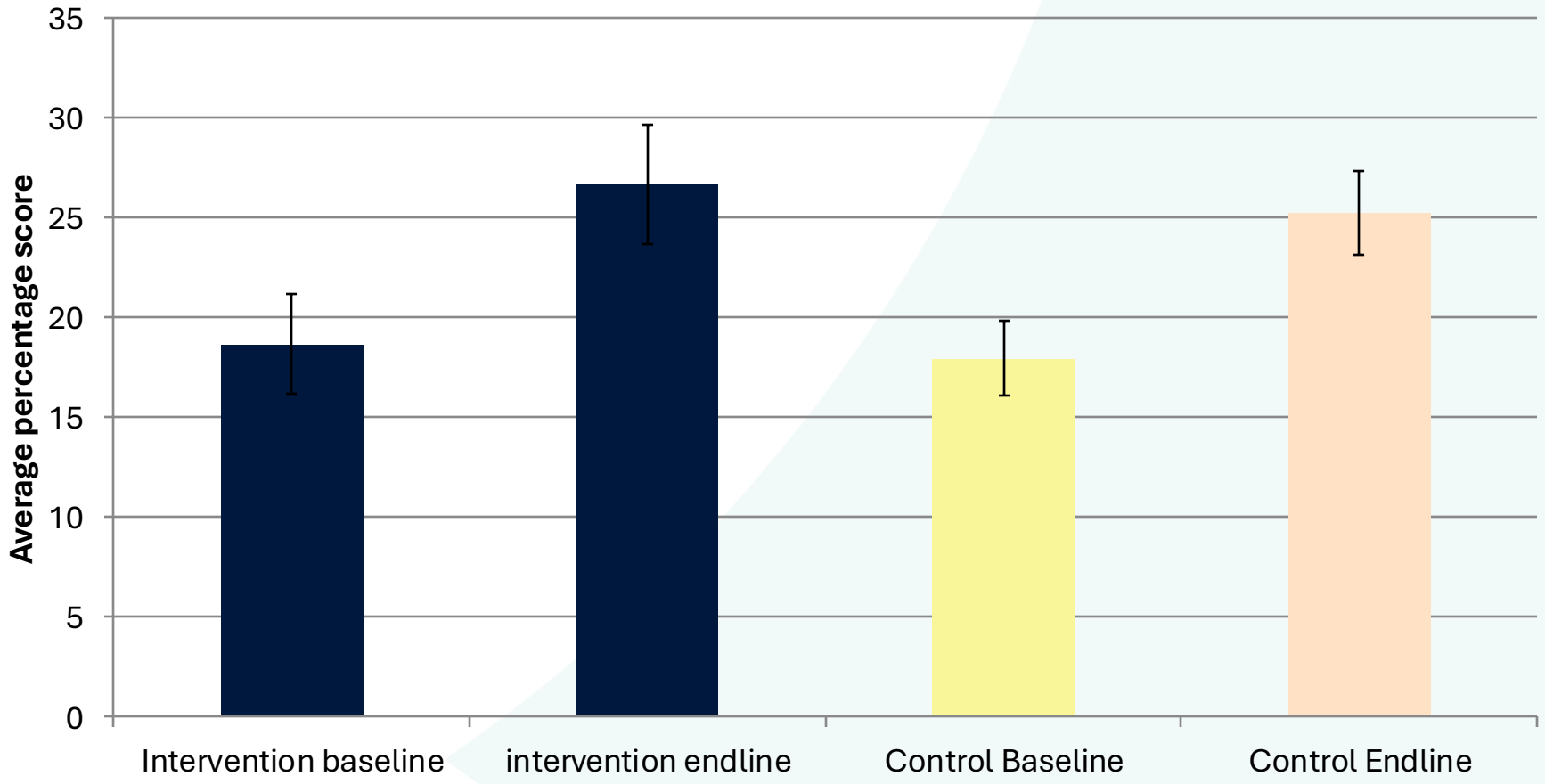

Early Grade Reading Study 1

3 Interventions targeting HL literacy (Setswana) in no-fee schools

Control group	"Training"	"Coaching"	"Parent Involvement"
(80 schools)	Lesson plans, reading materials + central teacher training (50 schools)	Lesson plans, reading materials + on-site coaching (50 schools)	(50 schools)

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Can the impact of coaching be achieved in ways are more “scaleable”?

Virtual Coaching?

Internal coaching by School Head of Department?

Challenges and Opportunities of Scaling
- DH Coaching can work if....

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MORE SUCCESSFUL DH MODEL

EFFECTIVE SUCCESSION PLANNING

Transferring of coaching role

INTEGRATION OF COACHING REQUIREMENTS INTO DH RECRUITMENT AND PROMOTION PROCESSES

REGULAR TRAINING, SUPPORT AND MONITORING

DH TIME CONSTRAINTS ARE ADDRESSED

via trained EAs attached to Foundation Phase DHs

CONDUCIVE INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL ENVIRONMENT

Subject Advisor buy-in, provincial recognition of the DH coaching role, supportive SMT

Costing

Programme		Cost (in ZAR 2025) HL Only	HL + EFAL
Base Programme	*per teacher*	R5 274	R14 023
	per learner	R151	R401
In-person coaching (External) + BP	*per teacher*	R17 063	R25 568
	per learner	R488	R731
Virtual coaching (External) + BP	*per teacher*	R11 522	R20 027
	per learner	R329	R572
DH coaching (Internal, with External support) + BP	*per teacher*	R11 764	R20 268
	per learner	R336	R579
(Any programme) + Extra cost for lesson plans on tablet	*per teacher*	R2 263	R2 089
	per learner	R65	R60

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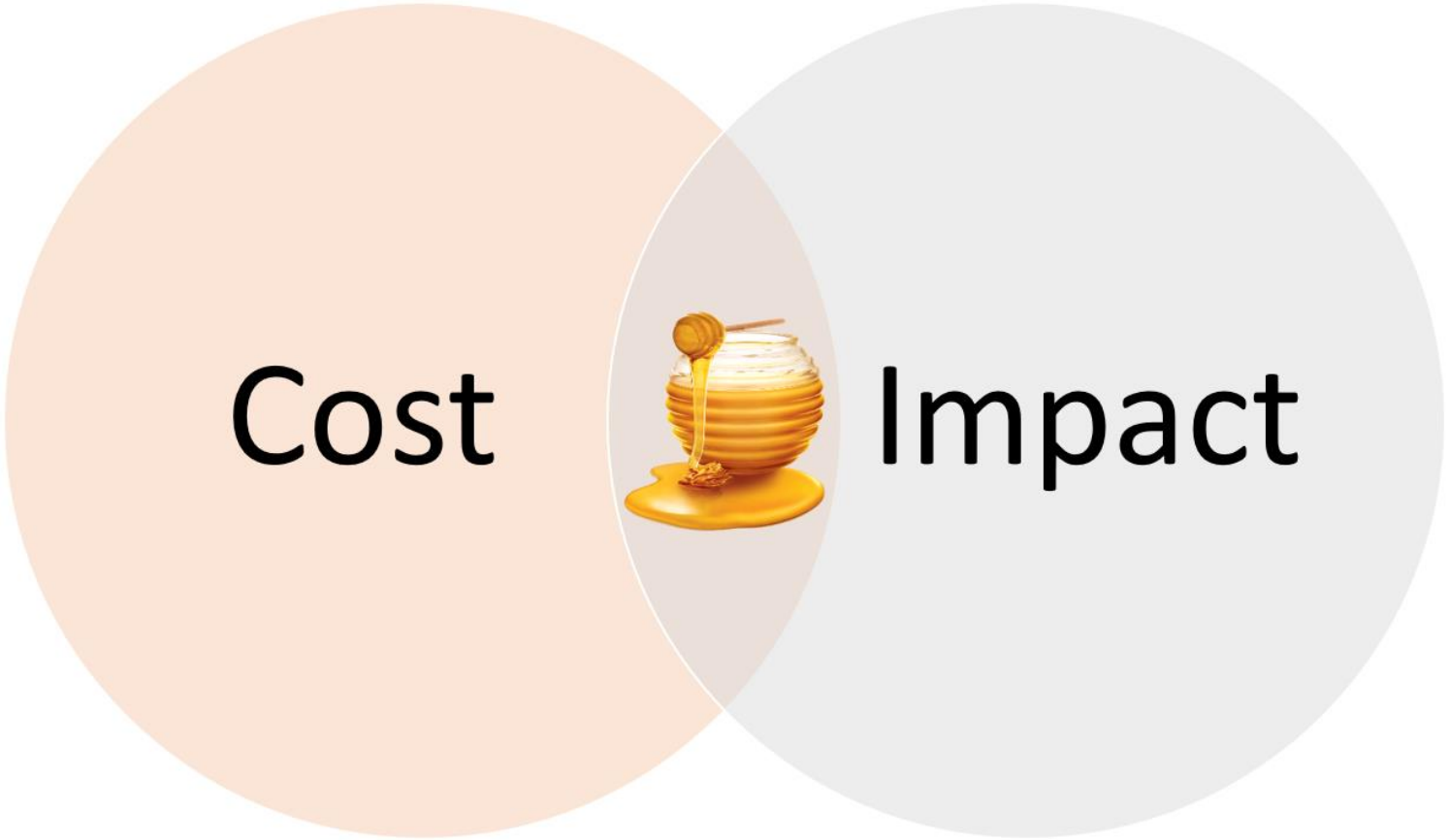


Mapping the work to WWH Framework

Efficacy

- EGRS 1 (plus Long-Term Impact)

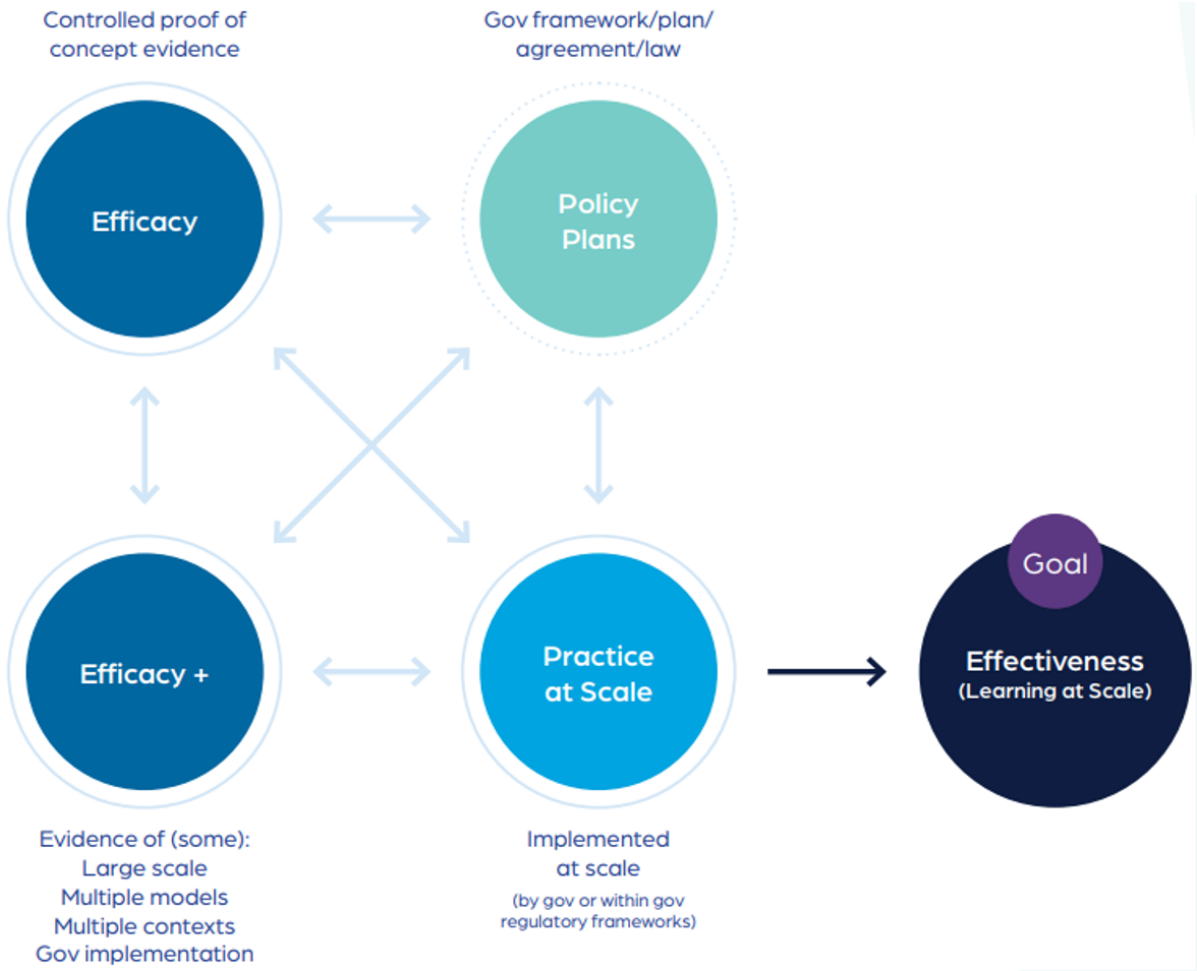
Efficacy +

- EGRS 2, RSP, EGRP1, EGRP2 –

Policy Plans

- SONA
- Reading Benchmarks
- minimum LTSM package

Practice at scale

- Patchy Influence;
- SILOs and SPPs

Effectiveness – Not yet