

# Using data to inform policies and interventions



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Shila's role in the Gauteng Department of Education is to gather education data in order to inform policies, intervention strategies and address emerging issues.

## Recommending relevant interventions

**"In my field of work, data is our source of knowledge."** Key education data is used to review policies and ensure they are relevant. The Gauteng Department of Education cannot intervene strategically without researching and ensuring that the strategy is relevant to address the issue. "To find out the relevancy of the strategy, we need to analyse the data. **DDD makes it easy for us as researchers to recommend relevant interventions.**" With **education data for more than 1,7 million Gauteng learners**, Shila can provide a sample that is representative of the province for more targeted, data-driven interventions.

## Saving time and money using the DDD Dashboard

The DDD Dashboard provides Shila with an opportunity to research education data at the click of a button. **"DDD is what we needed. Gathering data from schools is time consuming and travelling to schools was not cost-effective. With DDD we are able to produce our reports on time."**

**"Without data there is no research"**

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