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# Investing in Government Data Systems to Drive Decision Making

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## on shortage of data

Lots of countries have data but there is shortage of capacity to draw insights from the data (for decision-making). In some instances where data is not collected or reported in a timely manner, the issue the data would have helped to solve get worsened by the time the data is ready. There is generally limited capacity to translate data into actionable insights that can drive change in the (educational) systems.

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## on importance of accurate data

Data accuracy is key and we reckon that different countries are at different levels of quality data production.

One of the aims of the (Tackling Education and Skills Data Challenge in Africa) project is to support countries to improve on their production and utilization of quality data on education and skills for informed decision-making in policy, planning, programme implementation, monitoring and evaluation.

The project is designed to be (national) priority-focused so we work with governments at different levels and with different needs to support them in strengthening their systems ensure that quality data is received in a timely manner.

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## on statistical confidentiality

We encourage more governments to enforce policies they've put in place around data privacy.

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**on the biggest need right now  
where investment in data is concerned**

In terms of investments, there are countries where there's lots of data, but there is the need for investments in data analysis tools, and strengthening capacities within government systems for data analysis.

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