



Private Sector Partnership with Government:
A Case Study of the South African Education
Sector

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Context and Background

SA's NDP, AU's Agenda 2063 and UN's SDGs are mutually reinforcing agendas







Context: South African National Evaluation System





Case Study: Education Sector in South Africa

- Deep Historical Roots: The democratic government sought to undo the past educational inequality
- Partnerships: government, private sector, international development agencies and education institutions
- Numerous public-private partnerships have been established over the years to address the weak schooling system
- Success of SA's PPP: strong policy frameworks and government incentives



- In recognition of the critical role of learner well-being in achieving quality educational outcomes, the Department of Basic Education (DBE) identified hunger and malnutrition as barriers to optimum participation in education
- Rolled out in all the 9 Provinces
- Partners: Private Sector, Donor Agencies, Philanthropic Foundations,
 Research Institutions
- National Evaluation (2015): A key recommendation was that improvement in outcomes can be achieved by enhancing integration between stakeholders





- One of the biggest developmental challenges facing SA is the high number of children who do not learn to read for meaning in the early years of school
- DBE initiated the EGRS in collaboration with DPME and various other stakeholders
- This was the biggest impact evaluation in South Africa and aimed to build evidence to improve the teaching and learning of early grade reading in African languages in the country

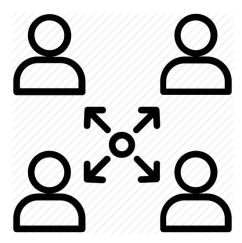
• Implemented: In the Foundation Phase from 2015 – 2017. The 3 interventions were:

"Training"	"Coaching"	
Lesson plans, reading	Lesson plans, reading	
materials	materials	"Parent Involvement"
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central teacher training	on-site coaching	

 Key recommendation: Large-scale implementation should be immediately pursued in all districts

Final reflection

- Strengthening coordination and partnership efforts
- Fortify coordination on SDGs with all stakeholders
- Integrated planning, monitoring and evaluation system for SDGs











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