From the perspective of improving learning outcomes (in)...

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	Data use challenges	Data systems challenges
Learners	Who gets what services, who gets nothing.	Linking individuals across the schooling and post-schooling sectors. To bring in more analysts: anomymisation of data.
Money	How <u>equitable</u> is funding?	Efficient warehousing of e.g. finance and payroll data, and accurate links to schools.
Learning outcomes of the system	Are provinces and the country making progress? What can traditional examinations data tell us, and not tell us?	Examinations data tend to be good, and are <u>weakly</u> <u>comparable</u> over time. Assessment systems set up to be highly comparable are <u>often</u> <u>weak</u> , because national skills in sampling, test design, etc. weak.
Learning outcomes of schools	What are the levels and trends in individual schools? How does repetition and dropping out confuse matters?	Still <u>major confusion</u> around the trade-offs between sophistication (costs!) and comparability of school results. A key part of the challenge is measures of <u>socio-economic disadvantage</u> per school.



