What's working in school development

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SACMEQ mean maths score by quintile vd Berg & Louw, 2006

Quintile	1	2	3	4	5	Mean
Botswana	491	499	510	508	557	513
Kenya	540	545	555	565	611	563
Lesotho	443	448	448	445	452	447
Malawi	422	427	435	433	447	433
Mauritius	519	564	587	620	640	584
Mozambique	526	525	531	530	538	530
Namibia	403	402	411	425	513	431
Seychelles	520	541	555	576	579	544
South Africa	442	445	454	491	597	486
Swaziland	506	511	511	513	541	517
Tanzania	484	511	529	528	560	522
Uganda	484	497	498	509	543	506
Zambia	414	425	436	434	466	435
Zanzibar	478	472	478	479	484	478
Mean	468	480	485	492	560	468

Conclusions from SACMEQ

- Poverty is the largest single influence on academic performance
- At every level of SES, SA schools are outperformed by at least 2 other African countries
- SAs mean score is 9th of 14 countries

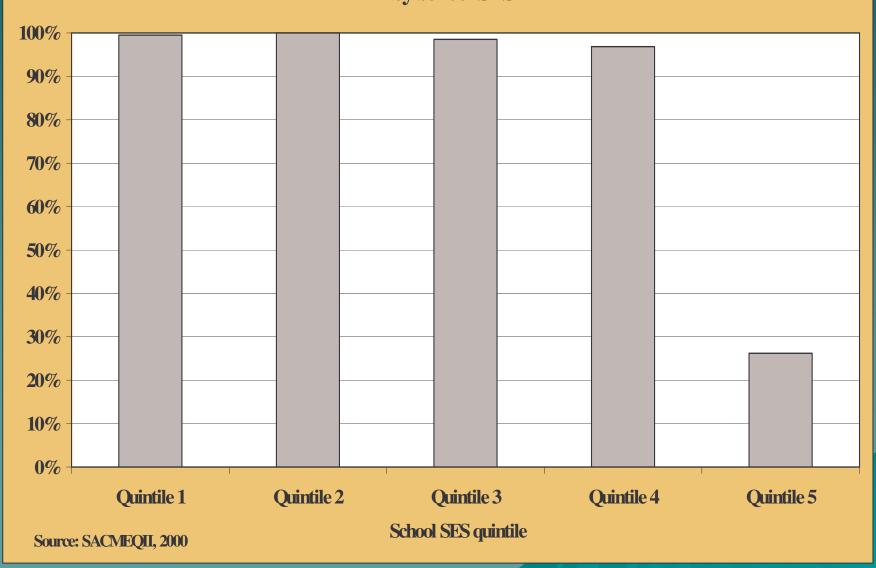
Map of SA schools

High Schools: SC HG math

	Former	African	% Tot	% HGM
Top	380	34	7	66
Moderate	254	573	14	19
Poor	600	4277	79	15

	Time	Teacher Knowledge	Read & Write
Top			
Mod			
Poor			
Solu- tions			

Figure 4: Proportion of schools reporting a teacher absenteeism problem, by school SES



Time in Class

Teachers work an average 41 hours (out of 43)/week

- 41% of this on teaching: 3.4h/day
- 14% devoted to planning and preparation
- 14% on assessment, evaluation, reports and record-keeping

	Time	Teacher	Read &
		Knowledge	Write
Top			
Mod			
Poor			
	Att	itudes + Polic	Sy
Solu-	Leadership		
tions	+ OD		

But who can do OD for 23 000 poorly functioning schools?

 Most district offices are just as poorly functional as the schools

→ Donors abandoning these schools

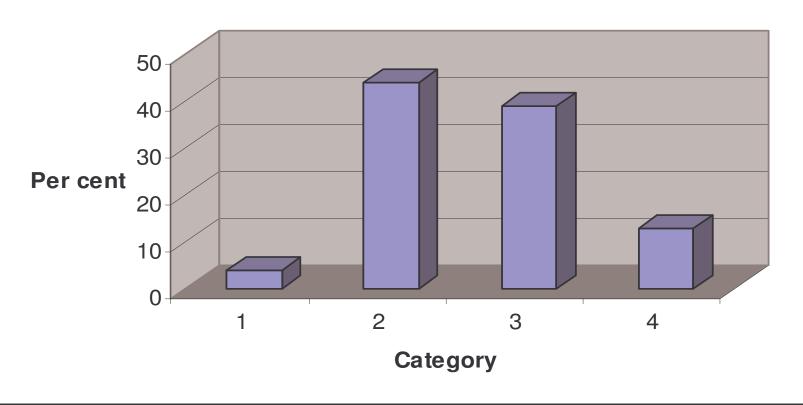
→ Desperately need models of success

Teacher Knowledge

4 year intervention: 20 days residential training

Subject	No tosted		Level of	Teacher scores (%)			
	tested	taught	test	Pre	Post	Min	Max
Literacy	46	1 - 3	1 - 6	70	76	58	94
Maths	63	1 - 3	1 - 4	25	40	14	73
Maths	67	4 - 6	4 - 7	26	33	10	73
Science	66	4 - 6	4 - 7	55	69	47	89

Curriculum coverage: Maths



4: 3/4 or more topics completed over year

3: Between 1/2 and 3/4 topics completed

2: Between 1/4 and 1/2

1: Less than 1/4 covered

Dependency Culture

- No accountability without development'
- Not possible to train 80% of teachers on every aspect of every subject
- Besides, its not necessary
- Teachers do need training, but there is much they can do for themselves

Teacher Knowledge: Solutions

Attitude

"Ask not what your country can do for you but what you can do for yourself to be of service to your country"

Use textbooks

If teachers used a good textbook every day they could teach themselves much of the work AND cover the curriculum

Teacher Knowledge: Solutions

Training needs would be reduced

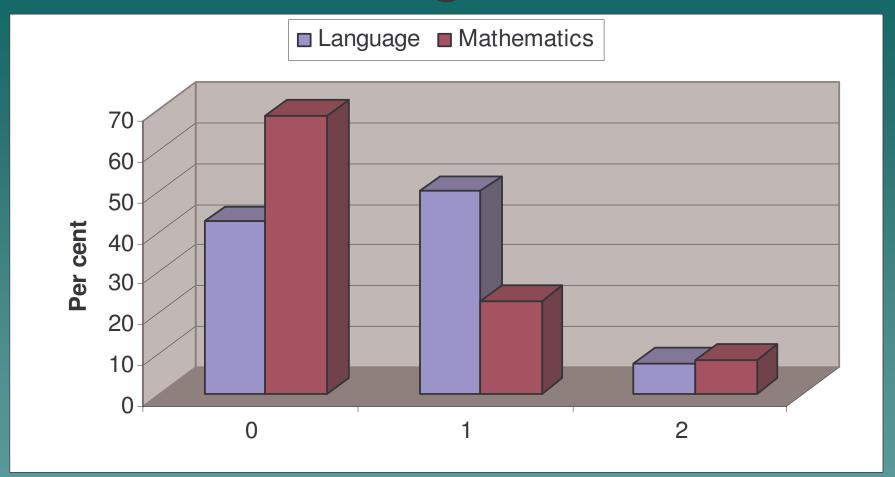
What kind of training?

 NOT 2 day workshops on Principles of OBE or learner-centred teaching

 BUT year long programmes on DISCIPLINARY KNOWLEDGE

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	Att	itudes + Polic	Cy
Solu-	Leadership	Use textbook	
tions	+ OD	→ training	

Reading in class



2: Individual reading

1: Learners follow teacher in chorus

0: No reading

No. of writing exercises per week

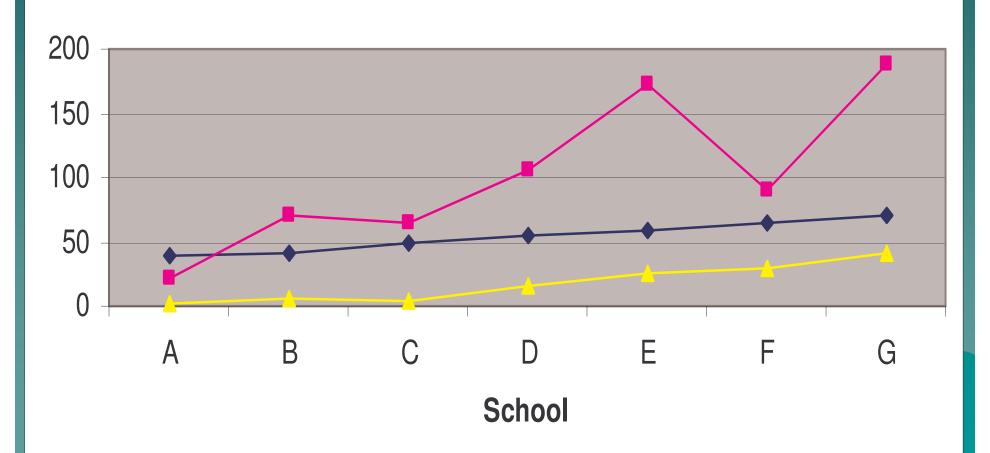
	A	В	С	D	E	F	G
Total	0.75	2.54	2.32	3.79	6.14	3.25	6.75
Extend	0.04	0.21	0.11	0.54	0.93	1.07	1.50

Extended writing exercises:

- expressive, descriptive or transactional
- paragraph or longer

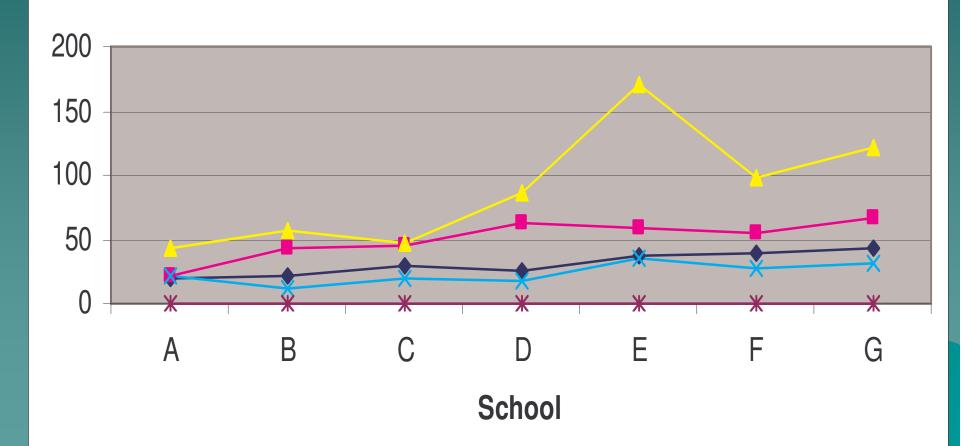
Writing and literacy achievement

G3 Literacy test score — Total writing — Extended writing



Coverage, writing and math achievement





	Time	Teacher Knowledge	Read & Write
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	Att	itudes + Polic	Cy
Solu-	Leadership	Work through	R & W
tions	+ OD	textbook	every day
	Monitor outcomes: test scores + R&W		

Differentiated interventions

	INSTITUTION	CURRICULUM
POOR	Time management get teachers: - into school - into class	
MOD		 Textbooks Teacher training Monitor outcomes: Extended R & W Test scores
TOP		 Textbooks Raise the bar: Higher levels of R&W

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