



Managing Director, Data Driven Districts – Johannesburg, South Africa

About the Data Driven Districts (DDD) Program

The [DDD Program](#) uses technology to support improved learner outcomes through the increased quality, availability, analysis and use of education data. DDD ensures that data insight is at the core of school intervention decisions made by district officials, curriculum providers and educators, supporting positive outcomes for learners. The DDD program currently serves over 22,000 schools and houses data for ~11.6 million South African school children.

The DDD program's current strategic goals are to optimize accessibility of the data, further inspire education officials to take data-driven action, build larger communities of data users, offer efficient and technology enabled supporting services to data users, and chart a course for impact sustainability.

The DDD program was piloted by the Department of Basic Education (DBE) in 2012 in partnership with Michael & Susan Dell Foundation, and is implemented by New Leaders Foundation and technology development partners.

Current opportunity – Managing Director (MD), DDD Program

DDD is seeking to fill a new position for a DDD Managing Director to lead delivery towards the program mission and vision. We require a leader who can champion and steer the now scaled DDD program on a new course towards deeper impact and transformation of the South African education sector, leveraging technology to bring more data insight into education decision-making, and furthering collaboration with government and other sector players.

Responsibilities

Program vision, strategy, and sustainability:

- Carry out the bold vision and mission of the DDD program, and set and refine the program strategy
- Identify and evaluate opportunities where DDD capabilities can accelerate impact for program stakeholders
- Drive a clear path to sustain and deepen DDD's impact within the South African education sector
- Actively monitor the education, data insights and technology landscape to identify opportunities and risks
- Monitor performance towards impact goals and proactively course correct
- Implement governance measures to ensure DDD maintains mission and impact focus

Leadership:

- Build, lead, inspire and motivate a strong and mission-focused managerial team to operationalize the DDD strategy in a technology-enabled, lean, and efficient way
- Integrate and seamlessly coordinate across DDD's technology, innovation, user support and stakeholder engagement functions, ensuring effective delivery despite complexity
- Model and nurture DDD program culture and values including agility, mission-focus, user-focus, problem-solving mindset, and delivery excellence
- With the management team, ensure development and wellbeing of DDD team members



Stakeholder management:

- Manage strategic relationships with key stakeholders including government, regulators, funders, sector partners and implementing partners
- Identify and develop funding opportunities to diversify DDD's funding base and ensure sustainability

Education / experience required

- Relevant postgraduate professional qualification
- Minimum 20 years of professional experience required with recent executive level accountability
- Experience delivering technology-enabled products, data-focused solutions, transformation projects, or managing a large operation in a regulated environment
- Experience leading complex, multifaceted projects, driving large scale systemic change
- Prior knowledge and experience in the education sector in South Africa is strongly desirable

Qualities of a successful candidate

- Strategic visionary able to creatively push boundaries, identify new connections, and develop future solutions that seek to transform the education sector in South Africa
- Complex problem solver able to integrate diverse inputs and cross-sector insights to make decisions in uncertainty and adapt approaches to ensure program outcomes are achieved
- Motivational leader able to inspire results-oriented and coordinated action from diverse teams and functions in a fast-paced environment
- Influential and seasoned professional who is relationship-oriented and able to build strong government and sector relationships
- Passionate and deeply connected to fundamental beliefs in the power of education to lift people out of the cycle of poverty and the ability of data-driven insight to improve outcomes

Applications

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