How decision makers can use data and information

A data-based decision can be made at the confluence of local data, community expertise, and national research findings.

Analysis of local measures/indicators to understand most pressing needs and identify local practices that are leading to improved outcomes.

Base of knowledge to inform local data analysis and community expertise/voice around key levers/factors to have impact.

Anecdotal input that provides meaning and context to interpret local data and contextualize national research.

Decisions are made in the context of larger institutions that shape and dictate: The questions we think to ask and are allowed to ask. The answers we can know. The choices we have presented to us. The decisions we are allowed to make.

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