DATA DRIVEN INNOVATIONS FOR NGO'S





Innovation – is defined as "new idea, device or method"

It's application of better solutions that meet new requirements, unarticulated needs or existing markets needs.

"The heart and soul of the company is creativity and innovation" – Bob Iger



WHAT IS AN NGO?

Non governmental organizations are highly diverse groups of organizations actively in humanitarian, education, health care, public policy, social, human rights, environmental and other areas to affect change according to their objectives.





ALL THIS PROJECTS AND INTERVENTIONS RESULTS TO ACCUMULATION OF DATA!!!

- Excels, text files etc.
- SQL, Oracles, Postgres databases etc.

- Videos & pictures.
- Audio recording data.

- Data in pdfs, Structured and unstructured data.
- Social media data, open data etc.

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Forward thinking organizations do not just let this data idle within their servers, but rather put it to use but not limited to following.

- Measuring impact.
- Building knowledge management
 platforms for collaboration & information
 sharing.
- Monitoring markets, hence spotting any existing gaps within the industry.
- Transforming and repositioning the organization for the future.

- Effectively communicate aid metrics, hence building trust between the organizations and the donors.
- Create avenues for innovations and disruption.
- Accelerate the speed in which strategies are build and executed.
- Drive strategy and change.

This should not be a **STOP** signal, because of the following perceptions;

- My organizations is too small to think about innovation.
- We do not have the right team and technology to do that.
- Our data is too complicated to handle.
- We don't have the right culture to support data driven environment.

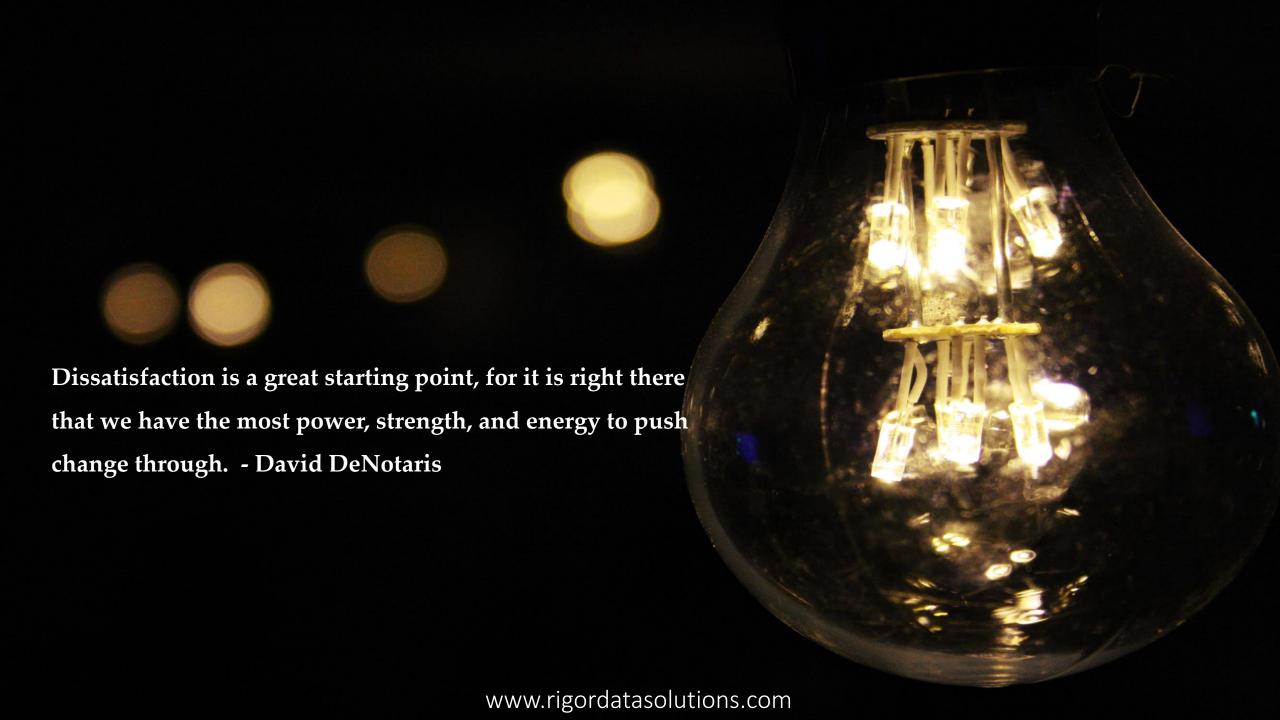


A good place to begin would be.

- Data quality This involves assessing
 whether the data available meets the standard
 to support decision making in terms of
 accuracy, consistency, integrity and
 accessibility.
- Data preparation Data will never exist in its readiness form for use, sometimes data needs to be transformed by either joining with different data sets to enrich its content.
 External data from open data portals could be leveraged too to paint the complete picture.

- With quality and prepared data, next is building knowledge management platform to spur innovations and support daily decision making by management teams.
- External analytical portal could also be launched to support access of information by both donors and other external partners.
 This helps donors remain well informed of the utilizations of their funds hence bosting donor-organizations relationship.

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