



Using Data Analytics to Drive Audit Insights and Risk Assessment: A case study of insights driven audits



AGSA Mission and Vision



MISSION

The Auditor-General of South Africa
has a constitutional mandate and, as
the supreme audit institution of South
Africa, exists to strengthen our
country's democracy by enabling
oversight, accountability and
governance in the public sector
through auditing, thereby building
public confidence



VISION

To be recognised by all our stakeholders as a relevant supreme audit institution that enhances public sector accountability



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From CAATs to Insights Driven Audits

Traditional CAATs

ACL as a tool of choice, over 100 licenses, used by IT auditors, Regularity Auditors and Fraud and investigations BU

Tests to support **audit objective** i.e. **Audit assertions**, Risk response, risk materialisation, and control adequacy

Used on over **1000+ auditees**, testing of e.g. COI, SCM, revenue, HR, FI, Data migrations, ACR & GCR testing

Insights driven analytics

Piloted at five (5) auditees – Proof of concept, utilising PowerBI, scale up to 55

Displaying **data visually** - makes it easier to see the bigger picture, etc.

Insights that drives audit decision making, identification of anomalies, trends, patterns, risk assessment, sampling

Continuous audit risk assessment, valuable insights and relevance, improved and insightful conversations with auditees



USE CASE 1: DOUBLE DIPPING CAATS Key Objective





DOUBLE DIPPING CAATS – COVID RELIEF FUNDING (DOUBLE DIPPING)

Legislation/ Rules

One person one grant

- Social grant
- Farmers relief
- TERS relief
- Small business relief
- Sports arts & culture relief
- Tourism relief fund

Data sources

- National Population Register
- Payments data
- Payroll data
- Social Grant
- UIF contributions
- Inmates data
- Student grants
- National Tax register
- Companies registration Register

Outcomes

- Monthly tests (Post payment/ detective control)
- Improved auditee control environment (over time)
- Fraud detection (pursued by auditees)

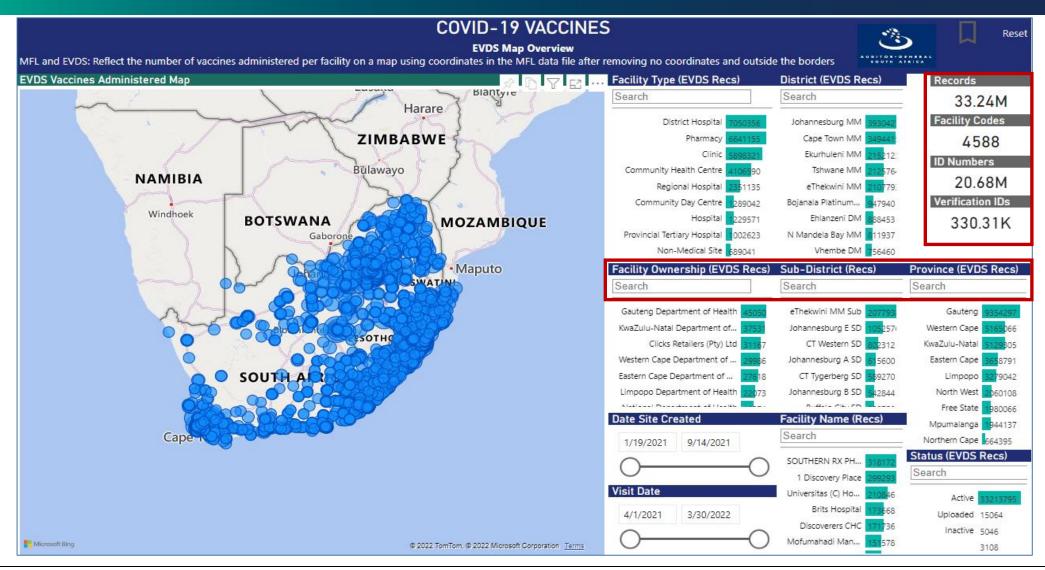


USE CASE 2: COVID VACCINE AUDIT Key Objective



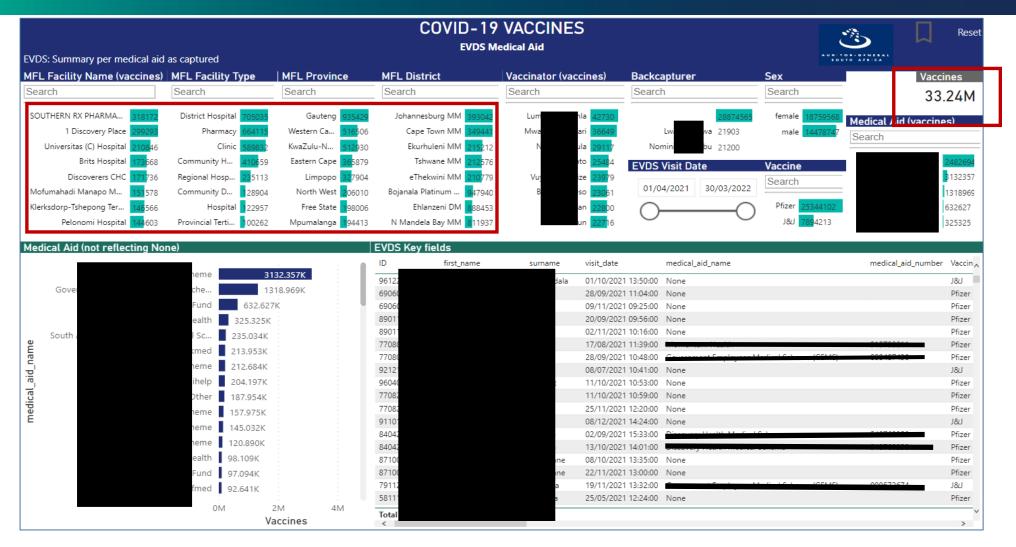


Slide 1: Number of vaccines administered per facility



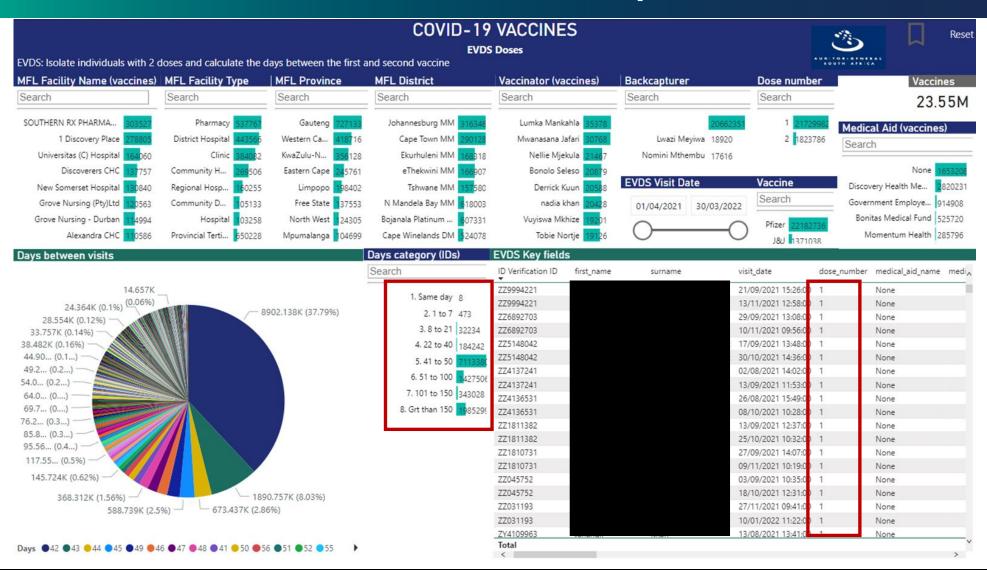


Slide 2: Summary of vaccines per medical aid





Slide 3: Isolation of individuals with 2 doses (date of 1st vs 2nd vaccines)



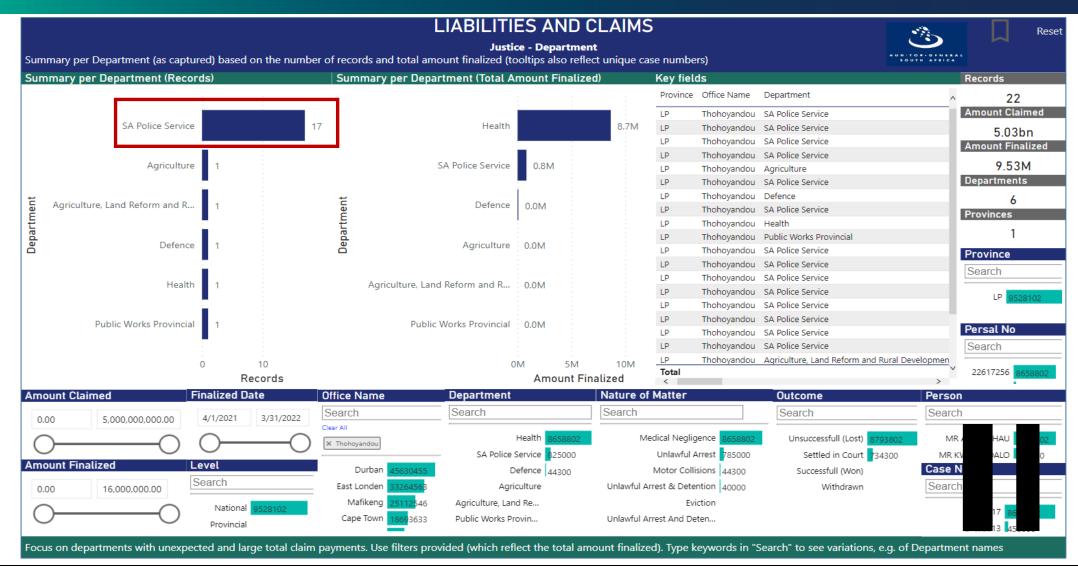


USE CASE 3: CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AUDIT Key Objective



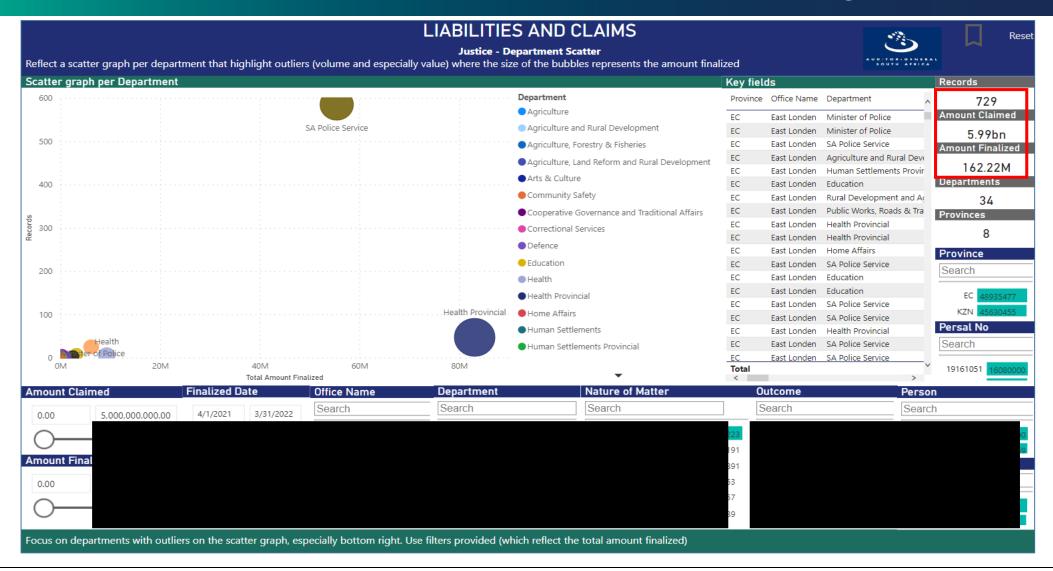


Slide 1 – Number of claims (Volumes) per department



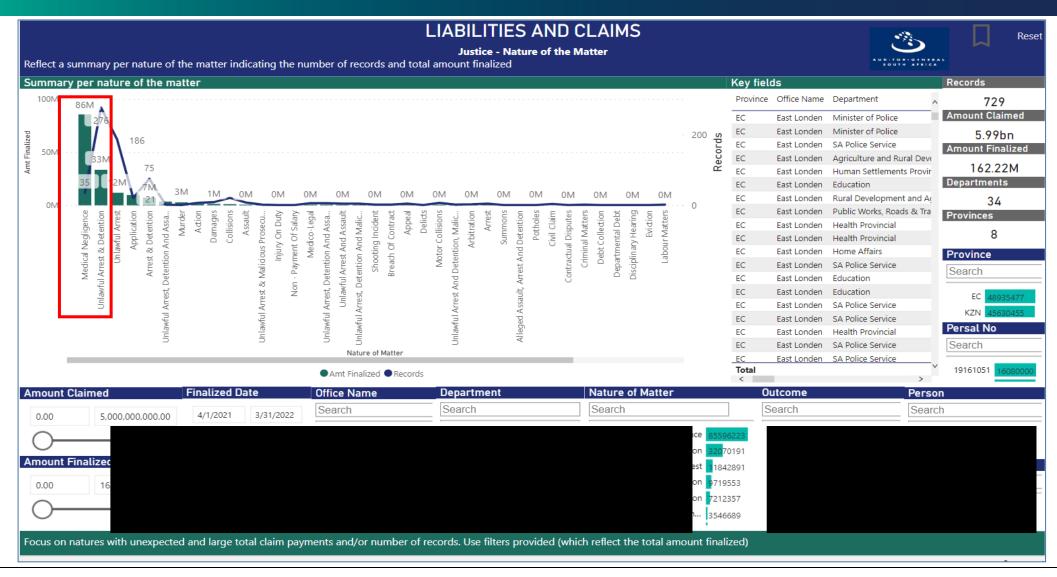


Slide 2: Finalised cases per department on a scatter graph



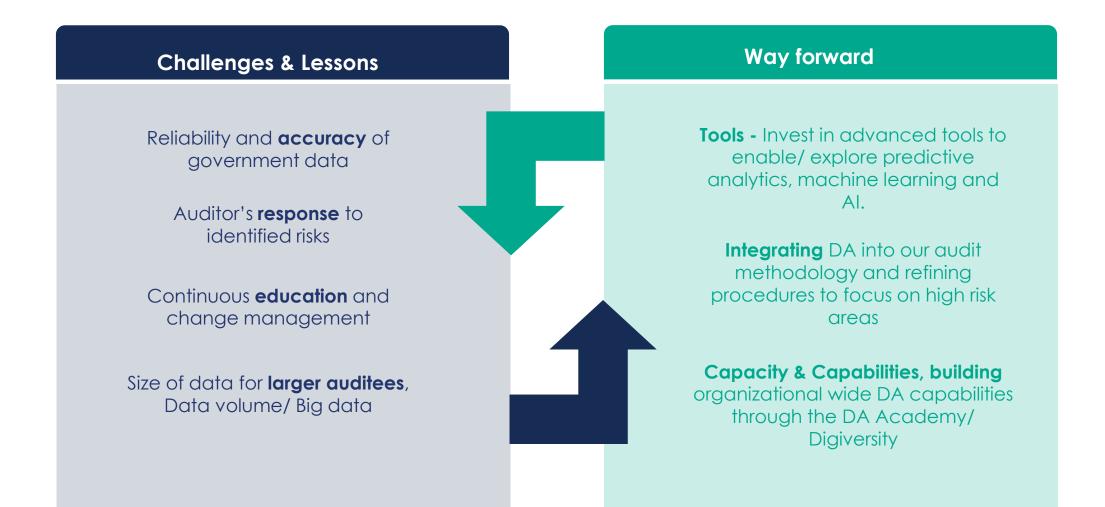


Slide 3: Summary of nature of matter with volume vs value





Key Challenges, Lessons Learned and Way Forward





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