

City of Cape Town Open Data Portal

City Innovation Library · Good practice · South Africa

Quality score: 43/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Cape Town's Open Data Portal, live since January 2015 and paired with free public-library access, publishes municipal datasets for reuse — but the only academic impact study found benefits concentrated among specialised users rather than the wider public.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	1/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	1/3
Scalability	1/3
Sustainability / continuity	2/3
Innovation	1/3
Inclusiveness / equity	2/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	1/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-20

[City of Cape Town](#) — accessed 2026-08-20

[City of Cape Town — Open Data Portal](#) — accessed 2026-08-20

[Smart Cities Dive — 6 Benefits of Cape Town's Open Data Policy](#) — accessed 2026-08-20

[Tracing the Impact of the City of Cape Town's Open Data Initiative \(Springer, ICT4D 2019\)](#) — accessed 2026-08-20

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