



## The Answer Series

The Answer Series was established in 1975. Over the past 40 plus years The Answer Series has developed a formula for making educational material more accessible to high school learners through its structured and user-friendly, conversational styled study guides.

The content of the material offers accurate, comprehensive and up-to-date coverage of the curriculum. Most significantly, the material is created by experienced and successful teachers and can be relied upon for good methods and approaches.

## Project Jika

Jika, meaning *change* or *a turn-around for the good*, is an Answer Series initiative which provides a high school with study guides for all learners across all grades in the subjects that are available.

The Answer Series partnered with a school in the Eastern Cape in 2010 and a school in Limpopo in 2011. Both schools were selected with the help of the Provincial Education Departments from the group of underperforming schools.

“Partnering” with these schools, The Answer Series supplied study guides for the core subjects, with top-ups year-on-year for a 3-year period. This resulted in each learner receiving 3 to 5 study guides each year.

## The results

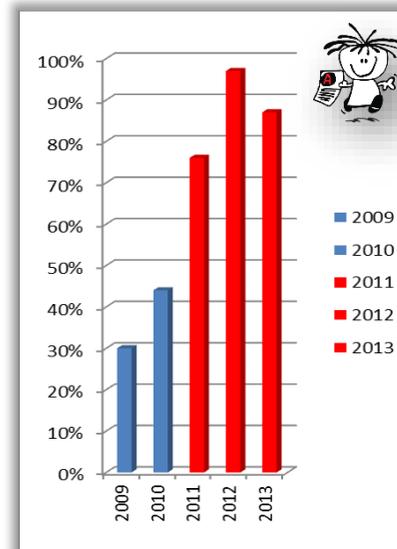
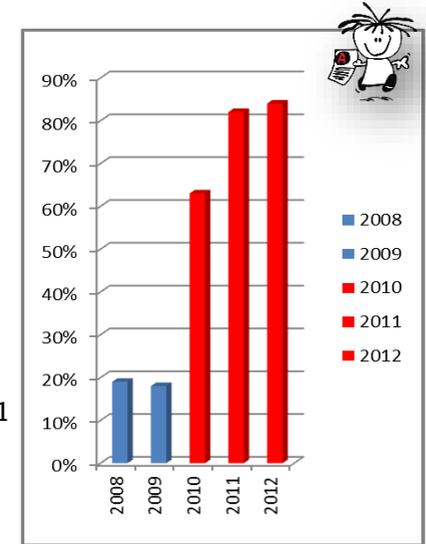
The Jika project was the only intervention at both schools. The results were phenomenal!

### Reuben Ntuli (Eastern Cape)

Their matric pass rate increased from 19% to **84%** by 2012, having received a Jika in 2010.

29<sup>th</sup> in the Qumbu district to being placed 5<sup>th</sup> in 2011 and 2<sup>nd</sup> in 2012.

And, gained top honours for its performance in English FAL in 2011 and moved into a brand new school building in 2014.



### Shayandima (Limpopo)

Their matric pass rate increased from 44% to **97%** by 2012 already, having received a Jika in 2011.

Shayandima was acclaimed the most improved school in Limpopo Province in 2012.

## The benefits of a Jika

The Answer Series material can be used either independently or in the classroom, offering a wealth of practice and reinforcement.

Use of study guides can, therefore, assist teachers in their challenging and important task as educators, as well as inspire learners through the accessible and engaging nature of the content of the study guides.

The Jika project can maximise chances of success and in so doing, have a lasting impact on schools, communities and our country.

## The effect of these Jika projects

If one considers the national pass rate of 73,9% (2012) and then these two previously underperforming schools, Reuben Ntuli Senior Secondary School 84,6% (2012) and Shayandima Senior Secondary School 96,6% (2012), both performed well above national average. Their performances exceeded even the average of the top-performing province for that year, Gauteng, which had a pass rate of 83,9% (2012).

These Jika schools performed way beyond expectations, showing what can be achieved through a dedicated and collaborative partnership.

## Our collective challenge in South Africa

In South Africa, it is widely recognized that if a person hasn't had a permanent job by the age of 25, he/she probably will never have one. This is frightening when one considers that there are approximately 600 000 Gr 10 and 11 dropouts and a further 180 000 matric failures each year! Apart from the devastation for our youth, this statistic is a huge drag on the economy and requires a radical change for South Africa to prosper.

Not only does using The Answer Series improve matric pass rates but it will also improve the quality of the passes. Successful implementation of Project Jika would render thousands more South Africans employable and eligible for further (tertiary) education annually.

The Answer Series admires the words of Nelson Mandela, which strongly support its mission:

*"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world"* – Nelson Mandela.

**ANY UNDERPERFORMING SCHOOL WISHING TO IMPLEMENT A FULL JIKA WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO A 50% DISCOUNT.**

**"Thanks a lot, those study guides worked magic for me during my exams!"**

**"The Answer Series totally rocks 🦹🏻😊😊❤️"**

**Thanks to the amazing study guides my Mathematics mark is 78% (a massive increase) and Physical Sciences mark is 84% 😍😊❤️"**

**"The Answer Series is just phenomenal and the best books that any learner should have! I love it and the people who wrote it with all my heart ... because of them I got level 6 for both Maths and Physics and 88% in English ..."**