Berhane Hewan ('Light for Eve') — Delaying Child Marriage Through Girls' Education in Rural Amhara, Ethiopia

Gender Equality · Good practice · Ethiopia

Quality score: 82/100

Evidence strength: Quasi-experimental

Summary

Berhane Hewan (2004–2006) paired mentors, school supplies and a livestock incentive in Mosebo, Amhara, Ethiopia. Participating girls were three times more likely to stay in school and a tenth as likely to marry as girls in a control village.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Transferability / replicability	1/3
Impact on gender equality	1/1
Effectiveness	1/1
Efficiency	0/1
Evaluated outcomes	1/1
Sustainability	1/1
Achievement / evidence	1/1
Gender-mainstreaming embedding	1/1
Curator validation	1/1

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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