Bono de Desarrollo Humano and Partner Violence — Ecuador's Cash Transfer to Mothers, with Effects That Depend on Women's Education (Cautionary Case)

Gender Equality · Good practice · Ecuador

Quality score: 41/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Ecuador's Bono de Desarrollo Humano pays poor mothers monthly. Its randomised rollout cut psychological partner violence for women with more than primary schooling, but raised emotional violence where less-educated women matched or out-schooled partners.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Transferability / replicability	2/3
Impact on gender equality	0/1
Effectiveness	0/1
Efficiency	0/1
Evaluated outcomes	1/1
Sustainability	1/1
Achievement / evidence	1/1
Gender-mainstreaming embedding	0/1
Curator validation	0/1

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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