GiveDirectly Unconditional Cash Transfers and Partner Violence — Randomised Trial in Rural Western Kenya

Gender Equality · Good practice · Kenya

Quality score: 78/100

Evidence strength: Strong

Summary

Randomised trial of GiveDirectly's unconditional cash transfers (avg. USD 709 PPP) to ~1,500 households in western Kenya. Transfers to women cut physical and sexual partner violence by 0.26 and 0.22 SD; transfers to men cut physical violence by 0.18 SD.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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