

Harambee's Skills-Information Intervention — Closing South Africa's Youth Job-Matching Gap

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Quality score: 81/100

Evidence strength: Randomised controlled trial

Summary

A randomised evaluation (AER 2022, n=6,891) of Harambee's job-seeker skills certificates found they raised South African youth employment by ~17% and weekly earnings by 34%, by closing the information gap between first-time applicants and employers.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-28

[Harambee Youth Employment Accelerator](#) — accessed 2026-08-28

[J-PAL evaluation summary](#) — accessed 2026-08-28

[American Economic Review 2022 paper \(PDF\)](#) — accessed 2026-08-28

[S4YE Harambee case study \(PDF\)](#) — accessed 2026-08-28

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