PROPYME innovation fund for SMEs

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Quality score: 57/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Costa Rican fund (Law 8262, 2002) giving SMEs grants of up to 80% for innovation projects. A matched panel evaluation found about 19% higher employment and a 9.6-point higher export probability among beneficiaries, but no effect on wages.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	2/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	2/3
Scalability	1/3
Sustainability / continuity	3/3
Innovation	1/3
Inclusiveness / equity	1/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

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