

Samata — Girls' Empowerment and Boys' Sports Groups to Keep Marginalised Girls in School and Delay Marriage, Karnataka (Cluster-RCT, Null Primary Outcomes)

Gender Equality · Good practice · India

Quality score: 30/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

Summary

Cluster-RCT in 80 north Karnataka village clusters: Samata raised girls' exposure to leadership training and empowerment groups, but pathway data showed no arm difference in secondary-school retention or child marriage.

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	0/1
Achievement / evidence	0/1
Gender-mainstreaming embedding	1/1
Curator validation	0/1

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-10-17

[Karnataka Health Promotion Trust, LSHTM \(STRIVE\), University of Manitoba](#) — accessed 2026-10-17

[Journal of Global Health Reports — pathway results](#) — accessed 2026-10-17

[Trial protocol \(PMC\)](#) — accessed 2026-10-17

[STRIVE / LSHTM summary](#) — accessed 2026-10-17

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