

# Sonke CHANGE Trial — Community Mobilisation Against Men's Partner Violence

Gender Equality · Good practice · South Africa

Quality score: 26/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

## Summary

A two-year cluster-RCT of Sonke Gender Justice's CHANGE intervention in Diepsloot, South Africa found physical IPV perpetration fell equally (~40% to 25%) in both arms — a cautionary null result for community-mobilisation approaches to men's violence.

## Key dimensions

| Dimension                       | Score |
|---------------------------------|-------|
| Transferability / replicability | 1/3   |
| 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   |

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## Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-29

[Sonke Gender Justice, with the University of the Witwatersrand](#) — accessed 2026-08-29

[Cluster-RCT results \(Trials, Springer Nature\)](#) — accessed 2026-08-29

[Process evaluation of the trial \(PMC\)](#) — accessed 2026-08-29

[Plain-language findings summary \(What Works to Prevent Violence\)](#) — accessed 2026-08-29

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