TECHO Transitional Housing — A Three-Country Randomised Test of In-Situ Slum Dwelling Upgrades (Montevideo)

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Quality score: 81/100

Evidence strength: Strong

Summary

TECHO volunteers build 18 m² prefabricated houses (<$1,000, family pays 10%) in Latin American slums. A randomised trial in El Salvador, Mexico and Uruguay (2,373 households) found 21–41% higher satisfaction with quality of life, but no effect on jobs or assets.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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