

Safety Nets and Adolescent Girls' Economic Inclusion

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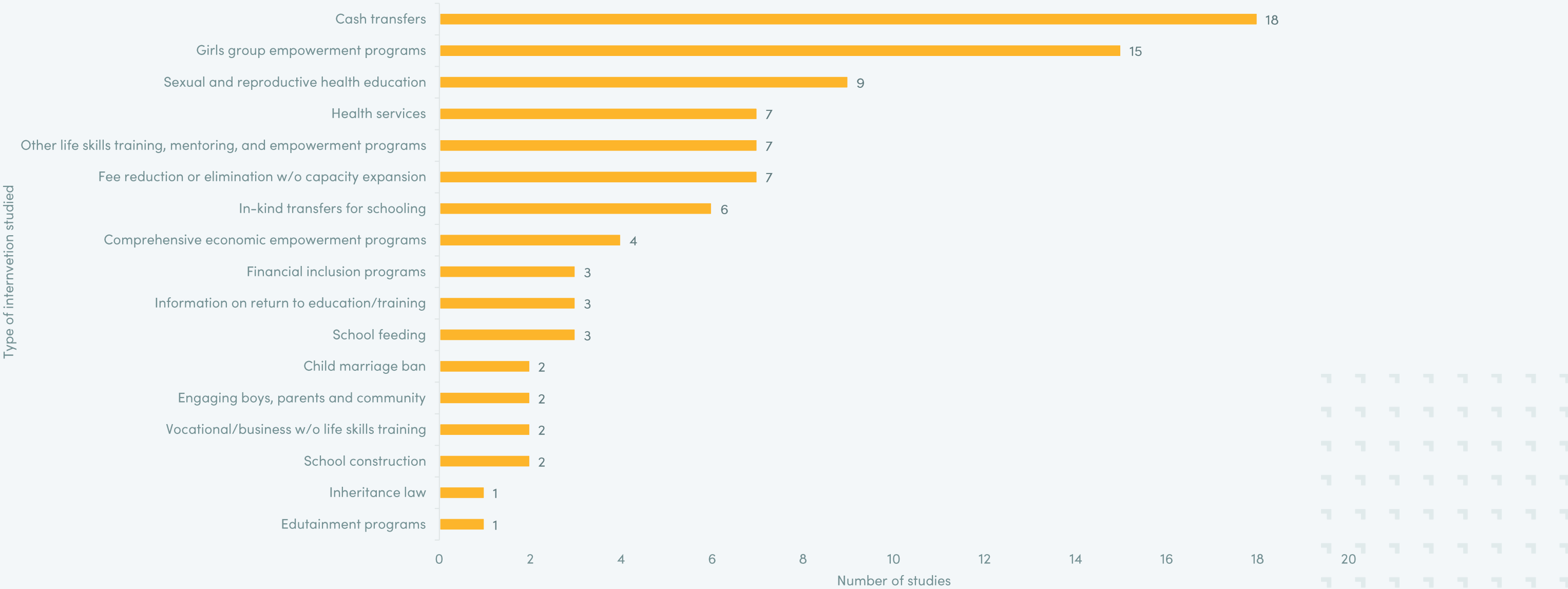
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Forthcoming Report: Pathways to Prosperity for Adolescent Girls in Africa



- Collaboration between CGD, the Population Council, and the World Bank
- Comprehensive narrative review of rigorous evidence on interventions designed to empower adolescent girls in Africa
- Highlights **effective** interventions with robust evidence from Africa
- Examines **promising** interventions based on emerging evidence in Africa or elsewhere
- Discusses interventions with **mixed evidence** but worthy of consideration, potentially with adaptations

Cash transfers are the most evaluated intervention for adolescent girls in Africa



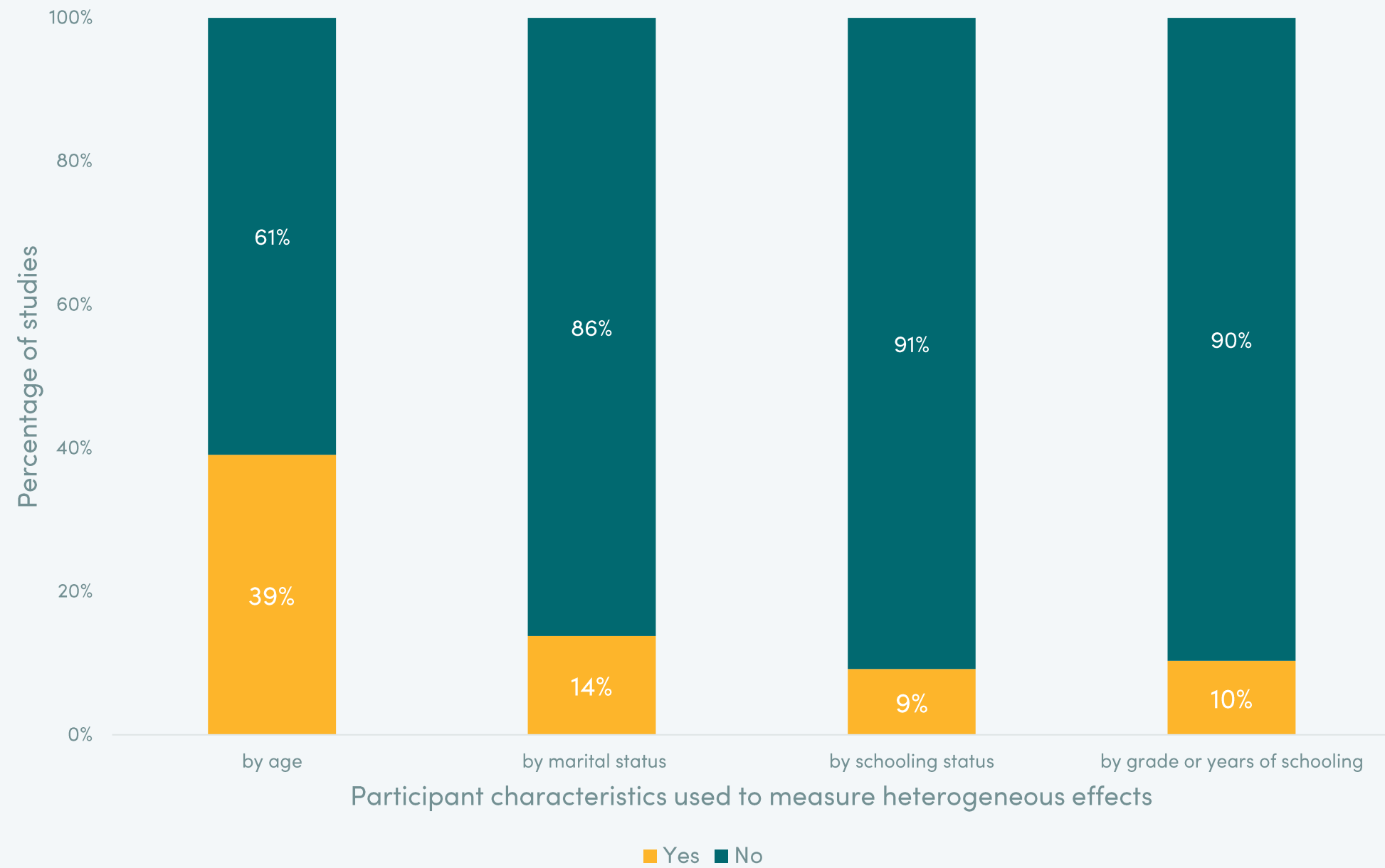
Safety nets can improve adolescent girls' human capital and economic inclusion

Intervention category	Improving human capital fundamentals	Enhancing economic success
In-kind transfers for schooling	Effective	Effective
Comprehensive economic empowerment programs	Effective	Effective
School fee reduction or elimination	Effective	Promising
School feeding	Effective	Effective
Improving quality of instruction	Effective	Effective
Health services	Effective	Effective
Sexual and reproductive health education	Effective	Effective
Cash transfers	Effective	Mixed
Employment opportunities for women	Promising	Promising
Engaging boys, parents, and community	Promising	Promising
Information on return to education or on training	Promising	Promising
Child marriage ban	Promising	Effective
Edutainment programs	Promising	Effective
Inheritance law reform	Promising	Effective
School construction	Promising	Effective
Group empowerment programs for girls	Mixed	Mixed
Other life skills training, mentoring, and empowerment programs	Mixed	Mixed
Financial inclusion programs	Effective	Effective
Traditional vocational and business skills training	Effective	Effective

EFFECTIVE interventions
PROMISING interventions
MIXED evidence
LITTLE/NO evidence



Most studies do not report heterogeneous effects across participant characteristics



Strategies to enhance positive impacts of safety nets for adolescent girls

Cirillo, Palermo, and Viola (2021)

- Modify targeting criteria
- Improve linkages to complementary services and programming
- Expand overall safety net coverage
- Ensure predictability, punctuality, and real value of cash transfers
- Strengthen case management

Thank you



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