

ADAPTATION OF THE COMMUNITIES CARE: EMPOWERED COMMUNITIES, INCLUDING BOYS AND GIRLS, TO FIGHT VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN SCHOOLS IN SOMALIA.

Phase 1 - Effectiveness Factsheet

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The adaptation of the Communities Care (CC) project is an FCDO (UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office) funded project under the “What Works to Prevent Violence — Impact at Scale Programme” of 48 months (2023-2027) implemented by CISP, an international NGO, and NOFYL, a Somali women led organization, in Banadir and Galmudug regions of Somalia. The intervention is divided in 3-rounds of implementation targeting community members, children in and out of school and GBV service providers.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The project aims to contribute to a reduction in violence against women, boys and girls through creation of safer schools and communities by transforming harmful social norms into positive social norms that uphold the dignity, safety and equity for women, boys and girls and their families in Banadir and Galmudug regions of Somalia.

EVALUATION

An evaluation was carried out by Johns Hopkins University (JHU) using a hybrid type 2 effectiveness-implementation design guided by the RE-AIM framework (Reach, Effectiveness, Adoption, Implementation, and Maintenance). This design simultaneously assesses whether the programme works and how it is delivered, generating evidence relevant to both policy and practice.

STRATEGY



ADULT COMPONENT

116 adults (58% female) participated in 8 community dialogue groups across in Banadir.

116 Adults



58%
female

42%
male



A. Adult CC Participants Improvement in Personal Beliefs

Participants demonstrated significant improvements across all personal belief scales, including greater support for gender equality, reduced endorsement of FGM, child marriage, harsh punishment, and victim-blaming related to sexual violence. Confidence in health care providers to respond to GBV also increased significantly.

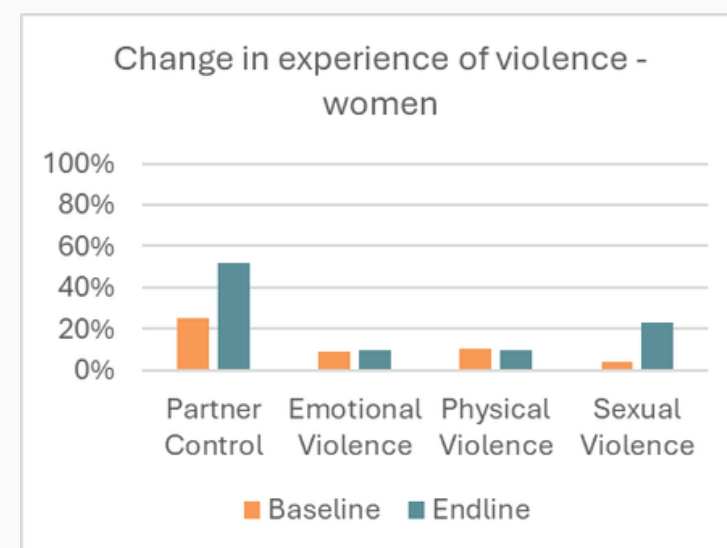
INDICATOR	BASELINE		ENDLINE		CHANGES
Gender Equality	4.01		4.38		More supportive
Acceptability of IPV	1.73		1.52		Less supportive
Child Marriage	2.22		1.89		Less supportive
FGM	2.61		1.94		Less supportive
Sexual Violence	1.61		1.44		Less supportive
Protecting Family Honor	2.30		1.92		Less supportive
Harsh Punishment at Home	2.27		1.84		Less supportive
Harsh Punishment in Schools	2.29		1.67		Less supportive

SCALE

1	Strongly disagree	2	Disagree	3	Neither agree nor disagree	4	Agree	5	Strongly agree
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B. Women's experience of violence

Women reported more violence at endline which could be due the program increasing women's recognition of violence and willingness to report violence.



ADOLESCENT COMPONENT

18 Boys & Girls Networks' meetings were conducted with a total of 277 adolescents. Adolescents were between 12 and 18 years old and were in the 4th through 11th grade (Form 4). 59% were female. 92% completed the endline survey.

277 Adolescents



59% female



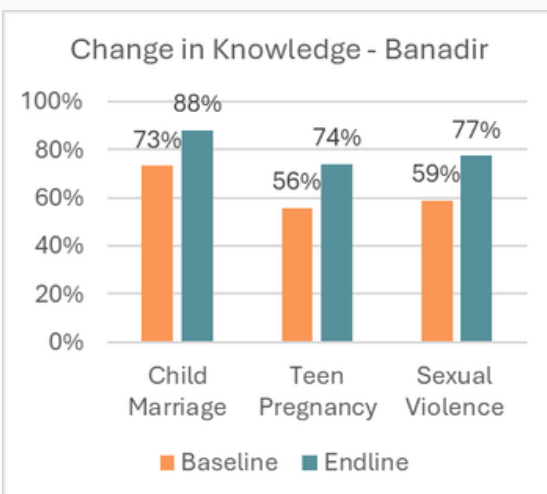
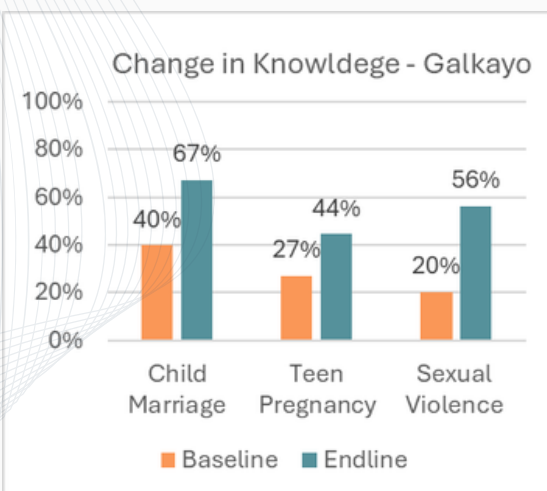
41% male



12 - 18 yrs

A. Knowledge

Adolescents participating in the Boys & Girls Networks improved in knowledge.



B. Adolescents' change in personal beliefs and confidence

At endline adolescents were more supportive of gender equality, less accepting of IPV, less supportive of child marriage and the use of harsh punishment for children, and increased in sexual health confidence.

The improvement from baseline to endline was greater for boys than for girls for knowledge, gender equality, child marriage beliefs and sexual health confidence. Girls had greater improvement in acceptability of IPV (data not shown).

INDICATOR	BENADIR		GALKAYO		CHANGES
	BASELINE	ENDLINE	BASELINE	ENDLINE	
Gender Equality	3.60	3.83	3.78	4.18	More supportive
Child Marriage	2.56	2.49	2.48	1.93	Less supportive
Acceptability of IPV	2.05	1.91	2.11	1.62	Less supportive
Harsh Punishment at Home	2.63	2.30	2.69	1.83	Less supportive
Harsh Punishment in Schools	2.42	2.10	2.72	1.70	Less supportive
Sexual Health Confidence	2.30	2.41	3.03	3.33	More supportive
SCALE 1 Strongly disagree 2 Disagree 3 Neither agree nor disagree 4 Agree 5 Strongly agree					