

Cash Transfers & Intimate Partner Violence

What does the evidence say?

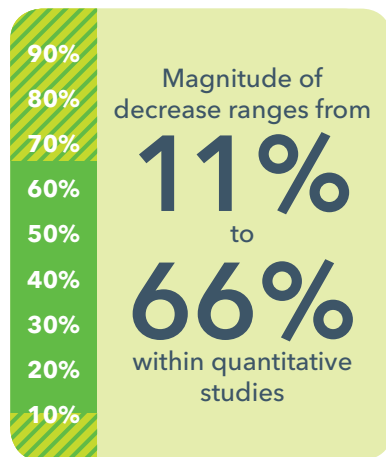
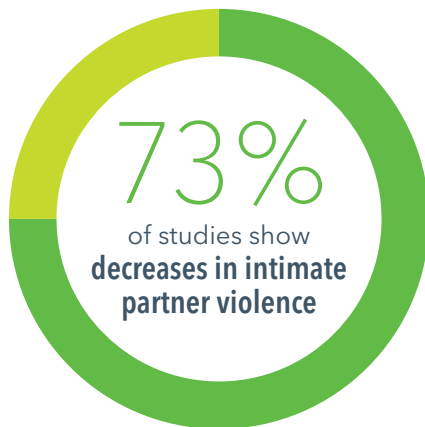
Cash transfers are a popular tool to address poverty and food insecurity, but can they also reduce women's risk of intimate partner violence?

We reviewed quantitative and qualitative evidence from low- and middle-income countries to find out.



CASH DECREASES INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE

We reviewed 22 rigorous studies and found that the majority showed **decreases in intimate partner violence** - representing unintended benefits of programs primarily focused on poverty reduction. There was little evidence of adverse impacts on average, and only two studies showed mixed results.



What are the pathways?

- 1 Economic security and emotional wellbeing
- 2 Changes in intrahousehold conflict
- 3 Women's empowerment

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