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Quick Facts

Countries	Zimbabwe
Financial Institutions	World Bank (WB)
Status	Proposed
Bank Risk Rating	U
Borrower	Government of Zimbabwe
Sectors	Education and Health
Investment Type(s)	Advisory Services
Project Cost (USD)	$ 0.90 million

Project Description

According to bank documents, the project objective is to pilot complementary social protection and WASH dropout prevention interventions for adolescent girls after the COVID-19 pandemic in one district in Zimbabwe.

The project has two component:

1. Component 1: Household-level Interventions- Cash transfer, Income Generating Activities (IGA), hygiene promotion and menstrual hygiene products: This component will pilot test complementary measures to the BEAM fee waiver, and will help 1,500 households in one rural District, thereby discouraging negative coping strategies that impact adolescent girls and their education, such as preventing girls from returning to school.
    a. Cash Transfer: The pilot will test a monthly unconditional cash transfers to at least 1,500 households with adolescent girls who currently benefit from the BEAM program.
    b. Income Generating Activities (IGA): A subset of households receiving the cash transfer (at least 50 percent) will receive an IGA grant to fund business plans developed with the support of the pilot.
    c. Support improvement of water-related hygiene behavior: the focus will be on awareness and safe sanitary practices of households with limited access to potable water and sanitary facilities.
    d. Provision of Menstrual Hygiene Products: Evidence suggests that a lack of menstrual hygiene products impacts girls' school attendance, which is why this activity is essential to combating school dropout among adolescent girls. The pilot will deliver menstrual hygiene kits to girls in cash transfer households.
2. Component 2: School-level Interventions- Sensitization, Capacity Building and WASH Promotion: This component will work closely with public secondary schools receiving BEAM support to test the promotion of positive gender norms, sexual and reproductive health messaging, good hygiene and menstrual hygiene management including raising awareness among adolescent girls.

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Bank Documents

- Concept Environmental and Social Review Summary (ESRS) - Piloting social protection and WASH interve [Original Source]
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