

Study Design

The mixed-method evaluation will utilize a three-arm cluster Randomized Controlled Trial (RCT). The RCT's baseline, endline and the package monitoring data will be analyzed to understand the impact of the project.

Purpose

To understand the changes taking place in communities related to:

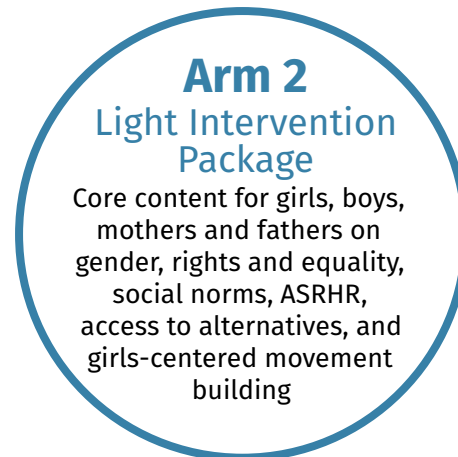
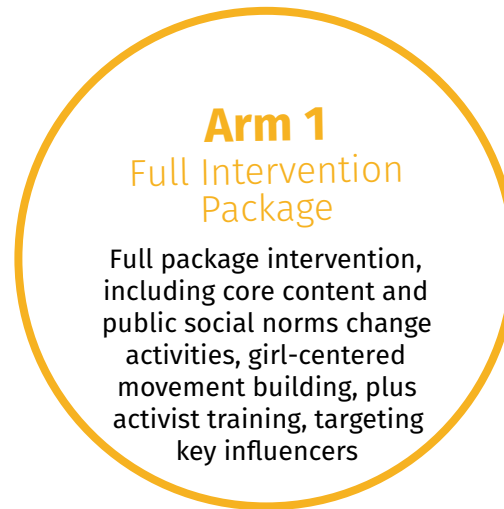
- Child marriage rates
- Social norms that limit adolescent girls' rights and opportunities

To understand changes among participating adolescent girls (and boys, in Nepal) in the following realms:

- Decision-making power over major life decisions (marriage, mobility, education, health including sexual and reproductive health)
- Critical knowledge and positive attitudes towards adolescent sexual and reproductive health and rights (ASRHR)
- Critical awareness of gender and rights
- Aspirations and communication and negotiation skills
- Group cohesion, activism and movement-building for rights fulfillment

Data Collection

Baseline and endline data will be collected in each arm through **household enumeration; surveys** with girls (and boys in Nepal) and adult community members; **focus group discussion (FGDs)** and in-depth interviews (**IDIs**) with adolescent girls and boys, and adult women and men; and **key informant interviews (KIIs)**.



Arm 1:

Full Intervention Package (A1)

In addition to the sessions in the “Light” package for the core participant groups (adolescent girls and boys, and parents), it includes sessions for local government officials, school officials, and religious leaders and influencers. The girls’ groups design and implement public activities aimed at changing the community’s social norms about adolescents. Additional trainings prepare girl activists to organize activities in their communities, and for boys and parents’ activist groups to support the girls as allies.

Arm 2:

Light Intervention Package (A2)

This includes weekly sessions with girls’ and boys’ groups, and monthly sessions with mothers’ and fathers’ groups on the following topics: life skills, adolescent girls’ decision making; adolescent sexual and reproductive health and rights (ASRHR); and social norms driving child marriage and limiting girls’ rights. Girls have the opportunity to join Village Savings and Loan Associations (VSLA), and inter-group dialogue sessions help girls, boys, mothers and fathers understand each other’s perspectives and experience stronger connections.

Arm 3:

Control (A3)

No CARE or partner activities will be implemented