Rwanda: Indashyikirwa

Overview
Many women were not fully benefiting from Village Savings and Loan Associations (VSLAs) in Rwanda due to household gender inequalities. Indashyikirwa worked with couples where one was a member of a VSLA to reduce intimate partner violence so women could fully benefit from the opportunities presented by VSLAs.

Results
Women who participated in the couples’ curriculum experienced less violence than women who only joined VSLAs.

- **55%** reduction in the odds of experiencing physical and/or sexual violence from their partner

Men who participated in the couples’ curriculum were less violent towards their partners.

- **47%** reduction in the odds of having perpetrated physical and/or sexual violence against their partner

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