

Social Safety Nets and Gender

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WHAT
WORKS



SSN & Gender:

What are the findings?

What are the implications?

FINDING 1

Not everyone in the household benefits equally by Social Safety Nets

- Education
- Employment
- Non-contributory pensions

IMPLICATIONS

Consider gender differences...

... in design

... in implementation

FINDING 2.1

Assumption about **mother's role in improving children's outcomes needs to be tested in context**

- Not many studies prove this assumption
- Conditionality may work better
- Assumption may not hold in some cases

FINDING 2.2

Impacts of CCTs on mothers as women need to be better understood

- Do CCTs empower women?
- What are the costs of administering the benefit and enforcing the conditionality?

IMPLICATIONS

**Assess who is the best recipient
of cash transfers**

**Track costs to mothers of
administering the transfer**

FINDING 3

There may be **conflicts between
poverty reduction and
empowering women**

- Fertility
- Domestic violence

IMPLICATIONS

Need to test more on possible conflicts to improve project design

- Fertility
- Domestic violence
- Empowerment
- Quotas in public works

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