

Education in Benin

In Benin, more than 40% of children neither attend primary or secondary school nor have access to vocational training. The PAEFE programme intends to give these children a second chance by providing basic education and training. With an impact evaluation, the SDC monitors the progress and significance of the project and its value for beneficiaries and communities as well as its potential for Benin.

Impact Evaluation

Ground-breaking

Three poverty researchers were awarded the 2019 Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences for their efforts to apply impact evaluations to alleviate poverty.

Two groups measured

Impact evaluations measure specific questions in two different groups. One is the study group taking part in the project. The other is the control group and not part of the project.

Proven method

Due to their study-design, impact evaluations deliver reliable answers regarding the best ways to fight poverty and therefore foster evidence-based policymaking and aid effectiveness.

Multi-dimensional

The impact evaluation in Benin surveyed a total of 2564 children and interviewed 120 stakeholders.

PAEFE

stands for «Programme d'Appui à l'Éducation et à la Formation des Enfants Exclus du Système Éducatif».

4894

children

attended the programme between 2011 and 2019, according to monitoring data collected by the project partner.

37%

of children

feel better prepared for the future after receiving education and training with PAEFE.

Impact on:

(measured between end of 2017 and spring 2019, increase in percentage points)

understanding local language

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reading local language

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reading skills

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understanding and reading French

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+ 14%

of girls

view marriage before 18 more critically after the training.

Recommendations

→ Connection

The evaluation recommends promoting interactions with the formal education sector and fostering the transition from education centres to secondary schools and vocational training.

→ Promotion

Awareness campaigns on the role of secondary education, gender equality in career choices and sexual and reproductive health are recommended.

→ Extension

To gain a broader understanding of the impact of PAEFE over a longer time period, an additional survey is highly recommended in one or two years.

