



Catalyzing Multisectoral Collaborations to Prevent Early Marriage and Female Genital Mutilation in Ethiopia

The Experience of Transform: Primary Health Care Project

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Background

Project Goal: **Prevent maternal and child deaths in Ethiopia.**

- Early marriage and female genital mutilation/cutting (FGM/C) **negatively affect maternal health.**
- **Regional variations and diverse drivers and protective factors** contribute to the **prevalence rates** of both practices.
- Both practices have been **outlawed since 2005.**



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Background (continued)

Interventions focus on:

- Changing social norms
- Empowering girls
- Providing incentives to families to keep girls in school
- Strengthening law enforcement

Existing gaps include:

- Capacities, linkages, and coordination of prevention actors and response efforts among state and non-state actors



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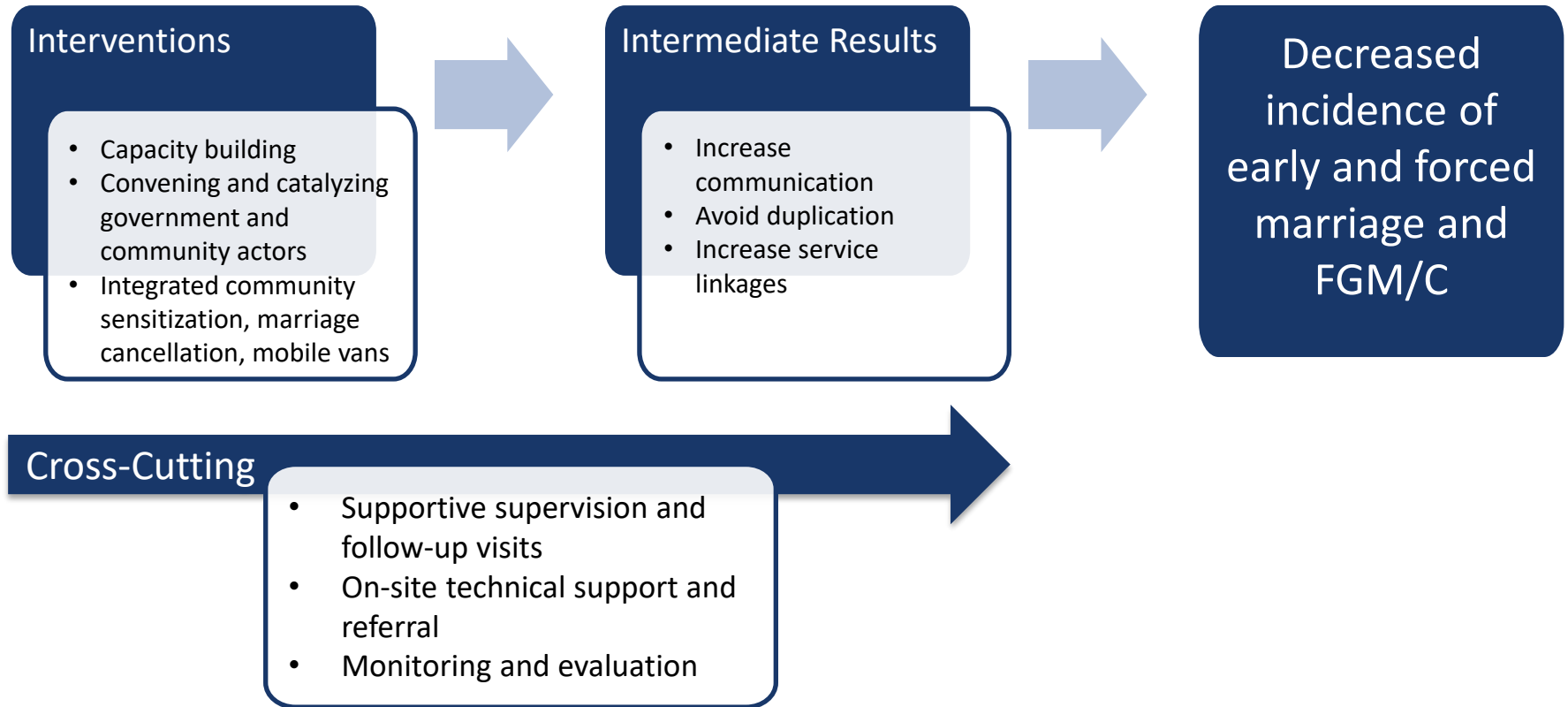
Approaches

- Shift from **blanket coverage** to targeting **hot spot districts** based on emerging evidence
- Focus on **system level** to enhance capacities and create **platforms for coordination and collaboration**
- Ensure **sustainability** of gains and prevention of relapse



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Intervention Model



Emerging Results

- **Regular review meetings** among multisector actors to target specific challenges and propose solutions using **Root Cause Analysis**
- **Effective system-level coordination** in place in the hot spot districts for the prevention of early marriage and FGM/C

