



Leveraging Early Adolescence for Development: Longitudinal and Experimental Evidence from Ghana

Fact Sheet

Project Information

LEAD

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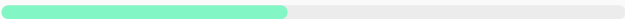
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Investment in EU policy priorities

Digital agenda		Clean air	
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Project description

Investigating dynamic complementarities of adolescence and early childhood for development

Early adolescence is a time of major mental, physical and social changes. The ERC-funded LEAD project will focus on supporting the development of young adolescents in low-resource settings. In 2015, 2 500 preschoolers participated in a trial evaluating quality preschool education in Ghana. LEAD will now re-randomise this sample (now aged ~12 years) to test a parenting skills programme to enhance early adolescent development. The children and their parents will be interviewed when the children are 13, 15 and 17 years old to measure children's social-emotional and academic skills, health (including stress), and adult-life transitions. This data will allow testing dynamic complementarities between interventions during early childhood and early adolescence, or whether interventions in adolescence might compensate for earlier adversity.

Keywords

Human development

Early adolescence

Early childhood

Intervention research

Child development

Child poverty

Inequality

Learning

Social-emotional skills

Health

Health behaviour

Low- and middle-income countries

Gender

Social policy for children and adolescents in developing countries

Child development in context

Risk and resilience for children in situation of adversity

Lifecourse

Programme(s)

[HORIZON.1.1 - European Research Council \(ERC\)](#)

MAIN PROGRAMME

Topic(s)

[ERC-2021-STG - ERC STARTING GRANTS](#)

Call for proposal

Funding Scheme

[HORIZON-ERC - HORIZON ERC Grants](#)

Host institution



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