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# Findings from SHAZ!: A Feasibility Study of a Microcredit and Life-Skills HIV Prevention Intervention to Reduce Risk Among Adolescent Female Orphans in Zimbabwe

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## Abstract

This study tested the feasibility of a combined microcredit and life-skills HIV prevention intervention among 50 adolescent female orphans in urban/peri-urban Zimbabwe.

Quantitative and qualitative data were collected on intervention delivery, HIV

knowledge, and psychosocial factors. Results showed that the intervention was feasible and acceptable. The study was limited by the small sample size and the lack of a control group. The findings suggest that a combined microcredit and life-skills HIV prevention intervention could be a valuable tool for reducing risk among adolescent female orphans in Zimbabwe.

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## Notes

Note. \*Fisher exact test for significance.

\*\*Violence reported at baseline is reported for ever experienced; at 6 months it represents violence during the study follow-up; thus, p-values not presented as time periods are not equivalent.

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