

## **Search Terms and Inclusion Criteria for Each Topic**

These are organized into two groups, corresponding to each of AidGrade's two rounds of meta-analysis. The first group was started in 2012 and the second in 2013.

Please see the excerpted methodology document for a description of how this was used.

## Topic Search Strings

Table 1: Topic Search Strings: Group 1

Intervention	Search terms
Conditional cash transfer	conditional cash transfer impact
Deworming	deworming randomized; de-worming randomized
Improved stoves	improved stoves
Insecticide-treated bed nets	malaria “bed nets” randomized; malaria “bed net” randomized
Microfinance	microcredit randomized; microfinance randomized
Safe water storage	water diarrhea randomized
Scholarships	scholarships randomized
School meals	school meals randomized
Unconditional cash transfers	unconditional cash transfer
Water treatment	water diarrhea randomized

Table 2: Topic Search Strings: Group 2

Topic	with at least one of the words	with all the words	Google Scholar Search String (generated by advanced search)
Contract teachers	"contract teachers" "contract teaching" "community teachers" "para teachers" "paraprofessional teachers" "temporary teachers"	impact evaluation	"contract teachers" OR "contract teaching" OR "community teachers" OR "para teachers" OR "paraprofessional teachers" OR "temporary teachers" "impact evaluation"
Contract teachers	"contract teachers" "contract teaching" "community teachers" "para teachers" "paraprofessional teachers" "temporary teachers"	controlled trial	"contract teachers" OR "contract teaching" OR "community teachers" OR "para teachers" OR "paraprofessional teachers" OR "temporary teachers" "controlled trial"
Contract teachers	"contract teachers" "contract teaching" "community teachers" "para teachers" "paraprofessional teachers" "temporary teachers"	control trial	"contract teachers" OR "contract teaching" OR "community teachers" OR "para teachers" OR "paraprofessional teachers" OR "temporary teachers" "control trial"
Contract teachers	"contract teachers" "contract teaching" "community teachers" "para teachers" "paraprofessional teachers" "temporary teachers"	quasi-experimental	"contract teachers" OR "contract teaching" OR "community teachers" OR "para teachers" OR "paraprofessional teachers" OR "temporary teachers" quasi-experimental
Contract teachers	"contract teachers" "contract teaching" "community teachers" "para teachers" "paraprofessional teachers" "temporary teachers"	assessment program regression	"contract teachers" OR "contract teaching" OR "community teachers" OR "para teachers" OR "paraprofessional teachers" OR "temporary teachers" assessment program regression

Financial literacy training	"financial literacy training" "financial literacy education" "financial literacy intervention" "financial training" "financial education" "business education" "business literacy training"	impact evaluation	"financial literacy training" OR "financial literacy education" OR "financial literacy intervention" OR "financial training" OR "financial education" OR "business education" OR "business literacy training" "impact evaluation"
Financial literacy training	"financial literacy training" "financial literacy education" "financial literacy intervention" "financial training" "financial education" "business education" "business literacy training"	controlled trial	"financial literacy training" OR "financial literacy education" OR "financial literacy intervention" OR "financial training" OR "financial education" OR "business education" OR "business literacy training" "controlled trial"
Financial literacy training	"financial literacy training" "financial literacy education" "financial literacy intervention" "financial training" "financial education" "business education" "business literacy training"	control trial	"financial literacy training" OR "financial literacy education" OR "financial literacy intervention" OR "financial training" OR "financial education" OR "business education" OR "business literacy training" "control trial"
Financial literacy training	"financial literacy training" "financial literacy education" "financial literacy intervention" "financial training" "financial education" "business education" "business literacy training"	quasi-experimental	"financial literacy training" OR "financial literacy education" OR "financial literacy intervention" OR "financial training" OR "financial education" OR "business education" OR "business literacy training" quasi-experimental

Financial literacy training	"financial literacy training" "financial literacy education" "financial literacy intervention" "financial training" "financial education" "business education" "business literacy training"	assessment program regression	"financial literacy training" OR "financial literacy education" OR "financial literacy intervention" OR "financial training" OR "financial education" OR "business education" OR "business literacy training" assessment program regression
HIV/AIDS education programs	"education program" "prevention program" "STI education" awareness	impact evaluation	"HIV AIDS" "impact evaluation" "education program" OR "prevention program" OR "STI education" OR awareness
HIV/AIDS education programs	"education program" "prevention program" "STI education" awareness	controlled trial	"HIV AIDS" "controlled trial" "education program" OR "prevention program" OR "STI education" OR awareness
HIV/AIDS education programs	"education program" "prevention program" "STI education" awareness	control trial	"HIV AIDS" "control trial" "education program" OR "prevention program" OR "STI education" OR awareness
HIV/AIDS education programs	"education program" "prevention program" "STI education" awareness	quasi-experimental	"HIV AIDS" quasi-experimental "education program" OR "prevention program" OR "STI education" OR awareness
HIV/AIDS education programs	"education program" "prevention program" "STI education" awareness	assessment program regression	"HIV AIDS" assessment program regression "education program" OR "prevention program" OR "STI education" OR awareness

Irrigation programs	"irrigation program" "irrigation intervention" "irrigation canal" "irrigation dam" "micro irrigation" "small scale irrigation" "tube wells" "pump sets" "pump irrigation"	impact evaluation	"irrigation program" OR "irrigation intervention" OR "irrigation canal" OR "irrigation dam" OR "micro irrigation" OR "small scale irrigation" OR "tube wells" OR "pump sets" OR "pump irrigation" "impact evaluation"
Irrigation programs	"irrigation program" "irrigation intervention" "irrigation canal" "irrigation dam" "micro irrigation" "small scale irrigation" "tube wells" "pump sets" "pump irrigation"	controlled trial	"irrigation program" OR "irrigation intervention" OR "irrigation canal" OR "irrigation dam" OR "micro irrigation" OR "small scale irrigation" OR "tube wells" OR "pump sets" OR "pump irrigation" "controlled trial"
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Micro health insurance	"health microinsurance" "health micro insurance" "micro health insurance" "community based health insurance" "community financed health insurance"	impact evaluation	"health microinsurance" OR "health micro insurance" OR "micro health insurance" OR "community based health insurance" OR "community financed health insurance" "impact evaluation"
Micro health insurance	"health microinsurance" "health micro insurance" "micro health insurance" "community based health insurance" "community financed health insurance"	controlled trial	"health microinsurance" OR "health micro insurance" OR "micro health insurance" OR "community based health insurance" OR "community financed health insurance" "controlled trial"
Micro health insurance	"health microinsurance" "health micro insurance" "micro health insurance" "community based health insurance" "community financed health insurance"	control trial	"health microinsurance" OR "health micro insurance" OR "micro health insurance" OR "community based health insurance" OR "community financed health insurance" "control trial"
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Micro health insurance	"health microinsurance" "health micro insurance" "micro health insurance" "community based health insurance" "community financed health insurance"	assessment program regression	"health microinsurance" OR "health micro insurance" OR "micro health insurance" OR "community based health insurance" OR "community financed health insurance" assessment program regression
Micronutrient supplementation programs	"micronutrient supplements" "micronutrient supplementation" "vitamin A supplement" "iron supplement" "iodine supplement" "zinc supplement" "folic acid supplement" "micronutrient fortification"	impact evaluation	"micronutrient supplements" OR "micronutrient supplementation" OR "vitamin A supplement" OR "iron supplement" OR "iodine supplement" OR "zinc supplement" OR "folic acid supplement" OR "micronutrient fortification" "impact evaluation"
Micronutrient supplementation programs	"micronutrient supplements" "micronutrient supplementation" "vitamin A supplement" "iron supplement" "iodine supplement" "zinc supplement" "folic acid supplement" "micronutrient fortification"	controlled trial	"micronutrient supplements" OR "micronutrient supplementation" OR "vitamin A supplement" OR "iron supplement" OR "iodine supplement" OR "zinc supplement" OR "folic acid supplement" OR "micronutrient fortification" "controlled trial"
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Micronutrient supplementation programs	"micronutrient supplements" "micronutrient supplementation" "vitamin A supplement" "iron supplement" "iodine supplement" "zinc supplement" "folic acid supplement" "micronutrient fortification"	quasi-experimental	"micronutrient supplements" OR "micronutrient supplementation" OR "vitamin A supplement" OR "iron supplement" OR "iodine supplement" OR "zinc supplement" OR "folic acid supplement" OR "micronutrient fortification" quasi-experimental
Micronutrient supplementation programs	"micronutrient supplements" "micronutrient supplementation" "vitamin A supplement" "iron supplement" "iodine supplement" "zinc supplement" "folic acid supplement" "micronutrient fortification"	assessment program regression	"micronutrient supplements" OR "micronutrient supplementation" OR "vitamin A supplement" OR "iron supplement" OR "iodine supplement" OR "zinc supplement" OR "folic acid supplement" OR "micronutrient fortification" assessment program regression
Mobile phones	"impact evaluation" "controlled trial" "control trial" quasi-experimental	"mobile phone"	"impact evaluation" OR "controlled trial" OR "control trial" OR quasi-experimental "mobile phone"
Mobile phones	impact evaluation "controlled trial" "control trial" quasi-experimental	"cell phone"	"impact evaluation" OR "controlled trial" OR "control trial" OR quasi-experimental "cell phone"
Mobile phones	impact evaluation "controlled trial" "control trial" quasi-experimental	"text messaging"	"impact evaluation" OR "controlled trial" OR "control trial" OR quasi-experimental "text messaging"
Mobile phones	"mobile phone" "cell phone" "text messaging"	assessment program regression	"mobile phone" OR "cell phone" OR "text messaging" assessment program regression

Performance pay for public servants	"performance * pay" "pay * performance" "merit pay" "pay reform"	"impact evaluation" "public service"	"public service" "performance * pay" OR "pay * performance" OR "merit pay" OR "pay reform" "impact evaluation"
Performance pay for public servants	"performance * pay" "pay * performance" "merit pay" "pay reform"	"impact evaluation" "public sector"	"public sector" "performance * pay" OR "pay * performance" OR "merit pay" OR "pay reform" "impact evaluation"
Performance pay for public servants	"performance * pay" "pay * performance" "merit pay" "pay reform"	"controlled trial" "public service"	"controlled trial" "performance * pay" OR "pay * performance" OR "merit pay" OR "pay reform" "public service"
Performance pay for public servants	"performance * pay" "pay * performance" "merit pay" "pay reform"	"controlled trial" "public sector"	"controlled trial" "performance * pay" OR "pay * performance" OR "merit pay" OR "pay reform" "public sector"
Performance pay for public servants	"performance * pay" "pay * performance" "merit pay" "pay reform"	"control trial" "public service"	"control trial" "performance * pay" OR "pay * performance" OR "merit pay" OR "pay reform" "public service"
Performance pay for public servants	"performance * pay" "pay * performance" "merit pay" "pay reform"	"control trial" "public sector"	"control trial" "performance * pay" OR "pay * performance" OR "merit pay" OR "pay reform" "public sector"
Performance pay for public servants	"performance * pay" "pay * performance" "merit pay" "pay reform"	quasi-experimental "public service"	"public service" "performance * pay" OR "pay * performance" OR "merit pay" OR "pay reform" quasi-experimental

Performance pay for public servants	"performance * pay" "pay * performance" "merit pay" "pay reform"	quasi-experimental "public sector"	"public sector" "performance * pay" OR "pay * performance" OR "merit pay" OR "pay reform" quasi-experimental
Performance pay for public servants	"performance * pay" "pay * performance" "merit pay" "pay reform"	assessment program regression "public service"	"public service" "performance * pay" OR "pay * performance" OR "merit pay" OR "pay reform" assessment program regression
Performance pay for public servants	"performance * pay" "pay * performance" "merit pay" "pay reform"	assessment program regression "public sector"	"public sector" "performance * pay" OR "pay * performance" OR "merit pay" OR "pay reform" assessment program regression
Rural electrification	rural electrification "energy access" "energy program" "energy programme" electricity	impact evaluation	rural electrification OR "energy access" OR "energy program" OR "energy programme" OR electricity "impact evaluation"
Rural electrification	rural electrification "energy access" "energy program" "energy programme" electricity	controlled trial	rural electrification OR "energy access" OR "energy program" OR "energy programme" OR electricity "controlled trial"
Rural electrification	rural electrification "energy access" "energy program" "energy programme" electricity	control trial	rural electrification OR "energy access" OR "energy program" OR "energy programme" OR electricity "control trial"
Rural electrification	rural electrification "energy access" "energy program" "energy programme" electricity	quasi-experimental	rural electrification OR "energy access" OR "energy program" OR "energy programme" OR electricity quasi-experimental

Rural electrification	rural electrification "energy access" "energy program" "energy programme" electricity	assessment program regression	rural electrification OR "energy access" OR "energy program" OR "energy programme" OR electricity assessment program regression
Women's empowerment programs	project training program intervention "gender equality"	women empowerment "impact evaluation"	women empowerment "impact evaluation" project OR training OR program OR intervention OR "gender equality"
Women's empowerment programs	project training program intervention "gender equality"	women empowerment "controlled trial"	women empowerment "controlled trial" project OR training OR program OR intervention OR "gender equality"
Women's empowerment programs	project training program intervention "gender equality"	women empowerment "control trial"	women empowerment "control trial" project OR training OR program OR intervention OR "gender equality"
Women's empowerment programs	project training program intervention "gender equality"	women empowerment quasi-experiment	women empowerment quasi-experiment project OR training OR program OR intervention OR "gender equality"
Women's empowerment programs	project training program intervention "gender equality"	women empowerment assessment regression	women empowerment assessment regression project OR training OR program OR intervention OR "gender equality"

## Inclusion Criteria

Table 3: Inclusion criteria: Group 1

Intervention inclusion criteria	Outcome inclusion criteria
Conditional cash transfer	attendance rates; consumption; enrollment rates; labor force participation; labor hours; pregnancy; retention rates; skilled attendant at delivery; test scores; unpaid work
Deworming	deworming randomized; attendance rates; birthweight; enrollment rates; height; height-for-age; hemoglobin; malformations; mid-upper arm circumference; neonatal deaths; stillbirths; test scores; weight; weight-for-age; weight-for-height
Improved stoves	back pain; chest pain; cough; difficulty breathing; excessive nasal secretion; headache
Insecticide-treated bed nets	anemia; malaria; mortality; parasitemia
Microfinance	assets; consumption; probability of opening business; profits; savings; stress
Safe water storage	diarrhea incidence; diarrhea prevalence
Scholarships	attendance rates; enrollment rates; test scores
School meals	attendance rates; enrollment rates; height; height-for-age; hemoglobin; test scores; weight; weight-for-age; weight-for-height
Unconditional cash transfers	attendance rates; consumption; enrollment rates; labor force participation; labor hours; pregnancy; retention rates; skilled attendant at delivery; test scores; unpaid work
Water treatment	diarrhea incidence; diarrhea prevalence; dysentery

Table 4: Inclusion criteria: Group 2

Topic	Intervention Inclusion Criteria	Intervention Exclusion Criteria	Outcome Inclusion Criteria
Contract teachers	contract teachers; paraprofessional teachers; temporary teachers; volunteer teachers	incentive programs for permanent teachers; monitoring programs; substitute teachers	child employment; graduation/retention rates; parental satisfaction; pupil-teacher ratio; quality of instruction; rural education access; student achievement; student attendance; teacher absenteeism; test scores
Financial literacy training programs	business training programs; financial literacy campaigns through mass media; financial literacy education; financial literacy edutainment; financial training programs; formal business/finance courses	microfinance programs	business formation; debt outcomes; financial awareness; financial skills; household consumption; household income; household savings; investments; stress; use of financial products
HIV/AIDS education programs	HIV/AIDS awareness programs; HIV/AIDS education programs; HIV/AIDS prevention training	antiretroviral therapy without education component; HIV/AIDS prevention only (e.g. distribution of contraceptives); STIs (not HIV/AIDS) education	abstinence rates; demand for or use of contraceptives; HIV/AIDS incidence; pregnancy; sexual behavior; understanding of disease
Irrigation programs	canals; dams; irrigation programs; irrigation technologies; micro irrigation; pump irrigation; pump sets; small scale irrigation; tube wells	water for sanitation, drinking, or cooking	crop price; crop quality; crop yield; market price; productivity

Micro health insurance	community-based health insurance; community financed health insurance; health microinsurance; micro health insurance	formal health insurance	access to medications; access to quality healthcare; percent insured; timely access to health care; treatment of chronic disease
Micronutrient supplementation programs	iodine supplement; iron supplement; folic acid supplement; micronutrient food fortification; micronutrient supplements; vitamin A supplement; zinc supplement	food diversification programs; food fortification programs which do not involve adding micronutrients or ingesting supplements separately	birthweight; educational outcomes; height or weight gain; health outcomes; school attendance
Mobile phones	expanding telecommunication network access; extending mobile banking services; extending mobile phone services; mobile phone donations; mobile phone subsidies; text messaging programs	computer access programs; computer literacy programs; interventions related to health monitoring in the developed world	business outcomes; household consumption; household income; literacy rates; use of financial services; health monitoring and other health services
Performance pay for public servants	bonuses for public servants based on performance; merit pay for public servants; performance pay for public servants; teachers' pay linked to student outcomes		corruption rate; government program outcomes; student achievement; teacher attendance; student attendance; test scores
Rural electrification programs	expanding rural electricity access; expanding rural electricity networks; household electrical generators; rural electrification; rural energy program	urban electrification programs	business outcomes; percentage of households with electricity; technology uptake

<p>Women's empowerment programs</p>	<p>gender equality interventions; self-help programs targeting women; women's business/finance training; women's education programs; women's empowerment programs; women's rights interventions programs</p>	<p>girls' education programs; girls' literacy programs; girls' schools; programs targeting women that do not have an empowerment emphasis (e.g. conditional cash transfers paid to the female head of the household)</p>	<p>business creation; educational outcomes; employment outcomes; health outcomes; household consumption; household income; household savings; rates of crime and violence; women's rights/gender equality outcomes</p>
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