

# A new policy solution

The SDGs need countries to reach a wide range of integrated development goals and targets, with limited resources.

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## The first study of its kind

This is the first study to test accelerators. We chose a highly vulnerable group: a thousand adolescents living with HIV in rural and urban South Africa.

At a glance:

# 1063

adolescents living with HIV

South Africa

Eastern Cape



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SDG targets improved

## Accelerator Synergies

Highly effective accelerator combinations improve multiple SDGs for Africa's most vulnerable adolescents.

Greater positive impacts on SDG targets

More SDGs reached



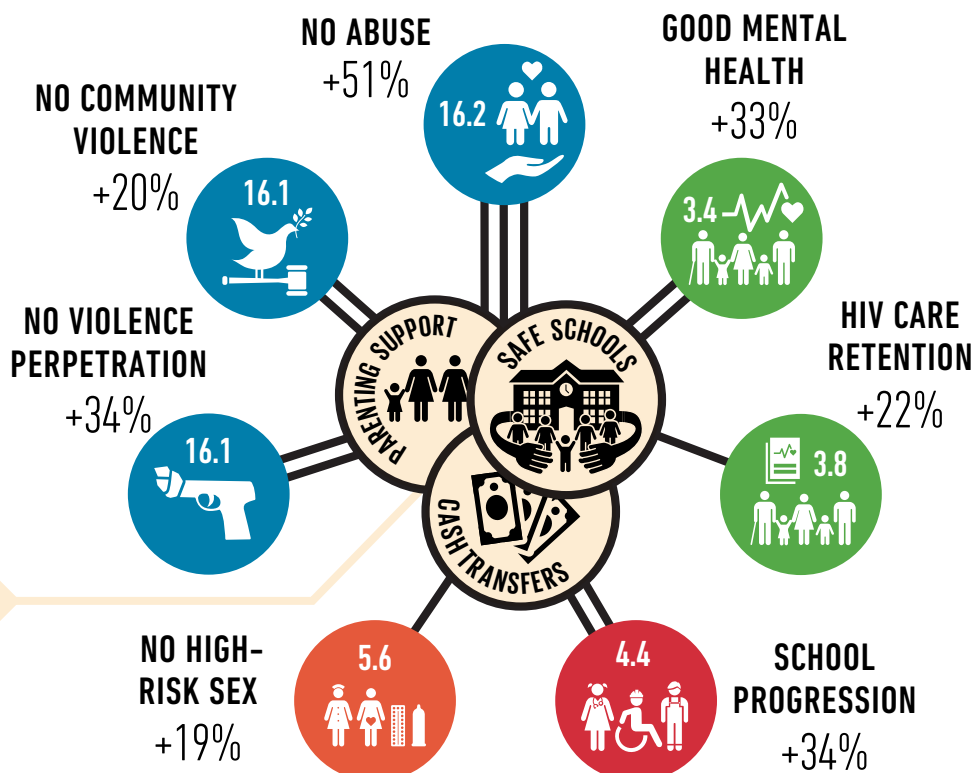
## Adolescents - the future of Africa

There will be half a billion adolescents in Africa by 2050. Their success is key for the future of the continent, but most face severe challenges in reaching the SDGs.



## A UN solution

Accelerators are a UN development system approach for interventions that impact across multiple SDGs and dimensions of development (social, economic, and environmental).



# Gains across multiple development domains

## Accelerator synergy unpacked

Each development accelerator has multiple SDG impacts: together their effect is greatest

## Accelerator 1 Parenting support

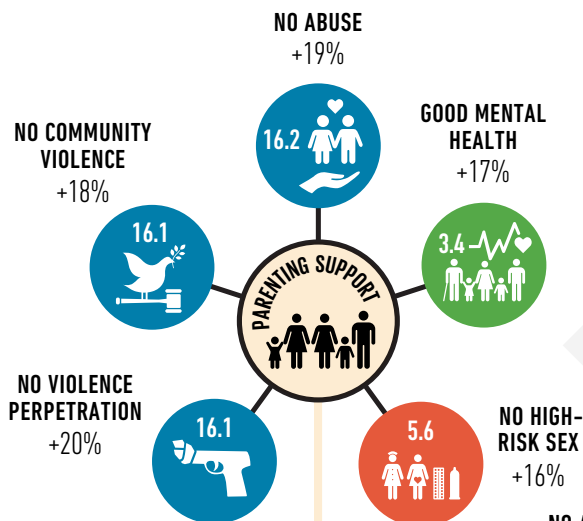
Good supervision of adolescents by a primary caregiver improved incidence of 5 SDG targets in health, sexual risk, violence and abuse prevention.

## Accelerator 2 Safe schools

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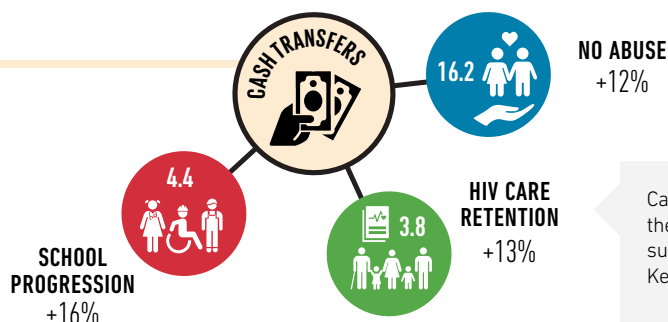
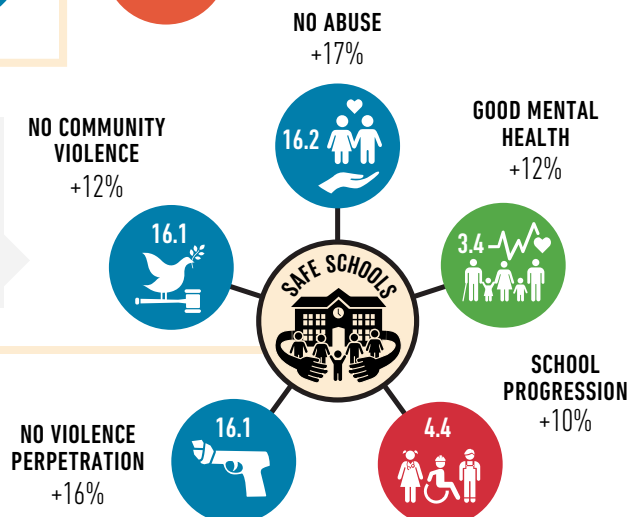
## Accelerator 3 Cash transfers

Small, monthly household cash transfers improved incidence of 3 SDG targets in health, education and abuse prevention.



Supervision included knowing who adolescents' friends are and set times to be home. Free, evidenced-based programmes include Parenting for Lifelong Health, Families Matter! and Families Make the Difference.

Safe schools had no teacher violence or physical bullying. Free, evidenced-based programmes include the Good Schools Toolkit.



Cash transfers include the South African child support grant and the Kenya OVC grant.

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