**Education smart buys**

**Key words**

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| Intervention | Smart buy classification | Key words |
| Providing information on the benefits, costs, and quality of education | Great buy (2020, 2023) | Information treatment  Information campaign  Targeted information dissemination  School quality information  Information about earnings  Diagnostic feedback |
| Supporting teachers with structured pedagogy | Good buy (2020)  Great buy (2023) | Structured pedagogy, structured pedagogical interventions  “lesson plans” & “learning materials/student books” & “coaching/instructional support”  Structured lesson plans  Pedagogical guidance  Ongoing teacher support  Standardized approach  Packaged intervention  Lesson sequencing |
| Targeting teaching instruction by learning level, not grade (in or out of school) | Good buy (2020)  Great buy (2023) | Teaching at the Right Level (TaRL)  Targeted instruction  Group by learning level  Level-appropriate instruction  Cach up classes  Interactive pedagogy  Remedial education  Differentiated instruction  Personalized learning |
| Providing parent-directed early childhood stimulation programs (for ages 0 to 36 months) | Promising buy (2020)  Good buy (2023) | Parenting support  Parental coaching  Early childhood stimulation  Home visiting stimulation  Parent-child interaction  Group sessions for parents  Home-based interventions  Developmental support for infants  Parental guidance on early stimulation |
| Providing quality pre-primary education (ages 3 to 5) | Good buy (2020, 2023) | Pre-primary education  Pre-primary intervention  Pre-primary school construction  Preschool  School readiness  Early years education  Preschool teachers  Nursery education  Kindergarten education |
| Reducing trvale time | Good buy (2020, 2023) | Travel time reduction  School proximity  Community schools  Transport assistance / providing transportation  Village-run schools  Safe school travel  “access to schooling” & “remote areas”  Reduce distance to school |
| Giving merit-based scholarships to disadvantaged children and youth | Good buy (2020, 2023) | Merit-based scholarships  Performance-based financial aid  Incentives for academic achievement  Prizes for performance  Targeted scholarships  “Scholarships” & “low income students” |
| Administering school-based mass deworming where worm-load is high | Good buy (2023) | Deworming  Treatment for parasitic worms |
| Using software that allows personalized learning and adapts to the learning level of the child (where hardware is already in schools) | Good buy (2020)  Promising buy (2023) | Computer-aided instruction  Computer-assisted learning  Technology-aided instruction  Adaptive learning technology  Personalized learning software  Child-directed adaptive learning |
| Involving communities in school management | Promising buy (2020, 2023) | Linking school committees to authorities  Empowering school committees  Training school committee members |
| Providing mass school-based treatment of specific health conditions | Promising buy (2023) | School-based health interventions  Mass screening in schools  School-based disease control  School health campaigns  Multi-micronutrient supplementation  Provision of eyeglasses  Preventative treatment for malaria |
| Leveraging mobile phones to support learning | Promising buy (2023) | Mobile phone-based learning  Tutoring phone calls  Text message support  SMS learning support  Remote learning via mobile devices  Interactive voice response |
| Safeguarding students from violence | Promising buy (2023) | School violence prevention  Anti-bullying  Student safeguarding  School safety  Harassment prevention in schools |
| Teaching socio-emotional and life skills | Promising buy (2023) | Socio-emotional learning  Life skills development  Emotional intelligence training  Self-regulation and emotional control  Communication and interpersonal skills  Decision-making and problem-solving skills |
| Targeting interventions towards girls | Promising buy (2023) | Gender-targeted interventions  Negotiation skills for girls  Girl-friendly school  “Take-home ration” & “girls enrolment/attendance”  “Information campaign” & “girls’ education” |
| Teacher accountability and incentive reforms | Promising buy (2020) | Tacher accountability  Paying teachers based on student performance  “Diagnostic feedback” & “teacher performance” |
| Cash transfer | Effective but relatively expensive (2023) | Cash transfer  Cash grants |
| School meals | Effective but relatively expensive (2023) | School meals  School feeding  School breakfast/lunch  School nutrition  Take-home ration |