

Fertility and the education of African parents and children

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- ▶ The analyses here contribute clean panel facts on the triangle linking adult education, fertility, and child education.
- ▶ Does not speak to specific causal pathways
- ▶ Open questions:
 - How have family planning programs in Africa affected child investment?
 - How have schooling expansions shaped contemporary fertility trends?
 - Which mechanisms mediate the effect of women's education on fertility?