

# Mitigating Risks, Building Livelihoods



Question: Does earning income make young women and girls safer?



# Livelihoods and Risks



# Risk Factors – Underlying Causes

1. Social and cultural acceptance of inequalities and discrimination against girls.
2. Shifts in power dynamics caused by displacement.



# Risk Factors – Situational Causes

1. Informal sector work
2. Girls entering into public sphere
3. Limited economic resources
4. Weak systems of justice



# Mitigating Risks – An Overview

Protection Strategies include:

1. Addressing situation-specific factors in livelihood programs
2. Involving men and boys
3. Addressing social norms in livelihood programs



# Addressing Situation-Specific Factors



# Involving Men and Boys



# Addressing Social Norms in LLH Programs

## IRC Burundi VSLA + Model

### Results:

1. Increase in young, married women's economic resources
2. Young, married women's increased role in household decision-making
3. A greater drop in tolerance and incidences of domestic violence





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