



International Initiative for Impact Evaluation

# Strengthening women's empowerment and gender equality in fragile contexts towards peaceful and inclusive societies

A systematic review

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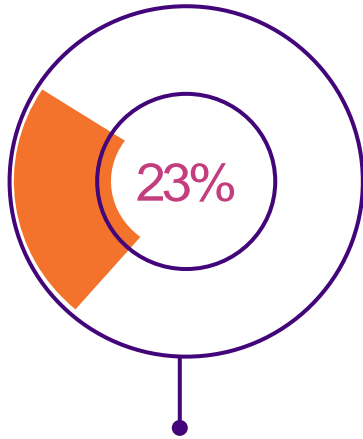
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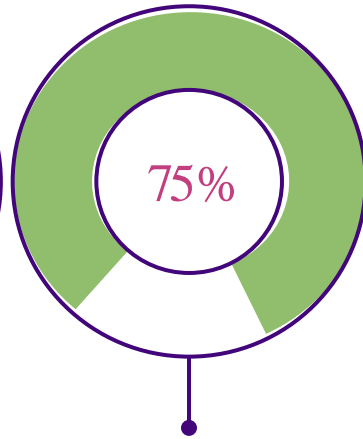


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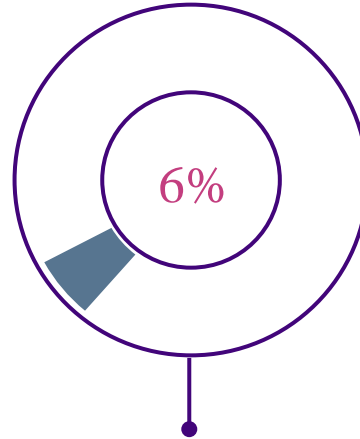
# Women's empowerment in FCAS matters!



World population living in FCAS



Women in FCAS living in extreme poverty

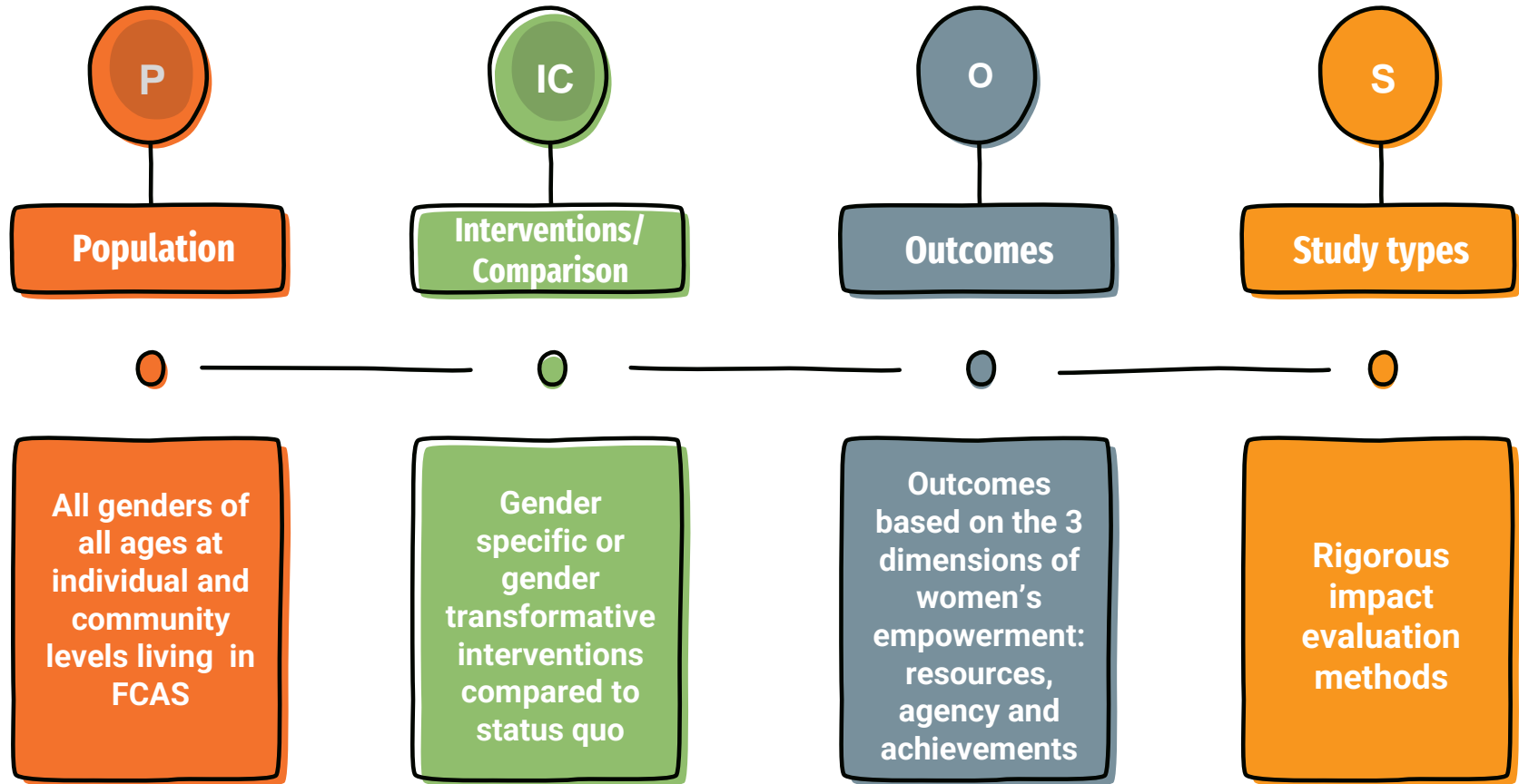


Proportion of bilateral aid to women's empowerment and gender equality in FCAS as principal objective

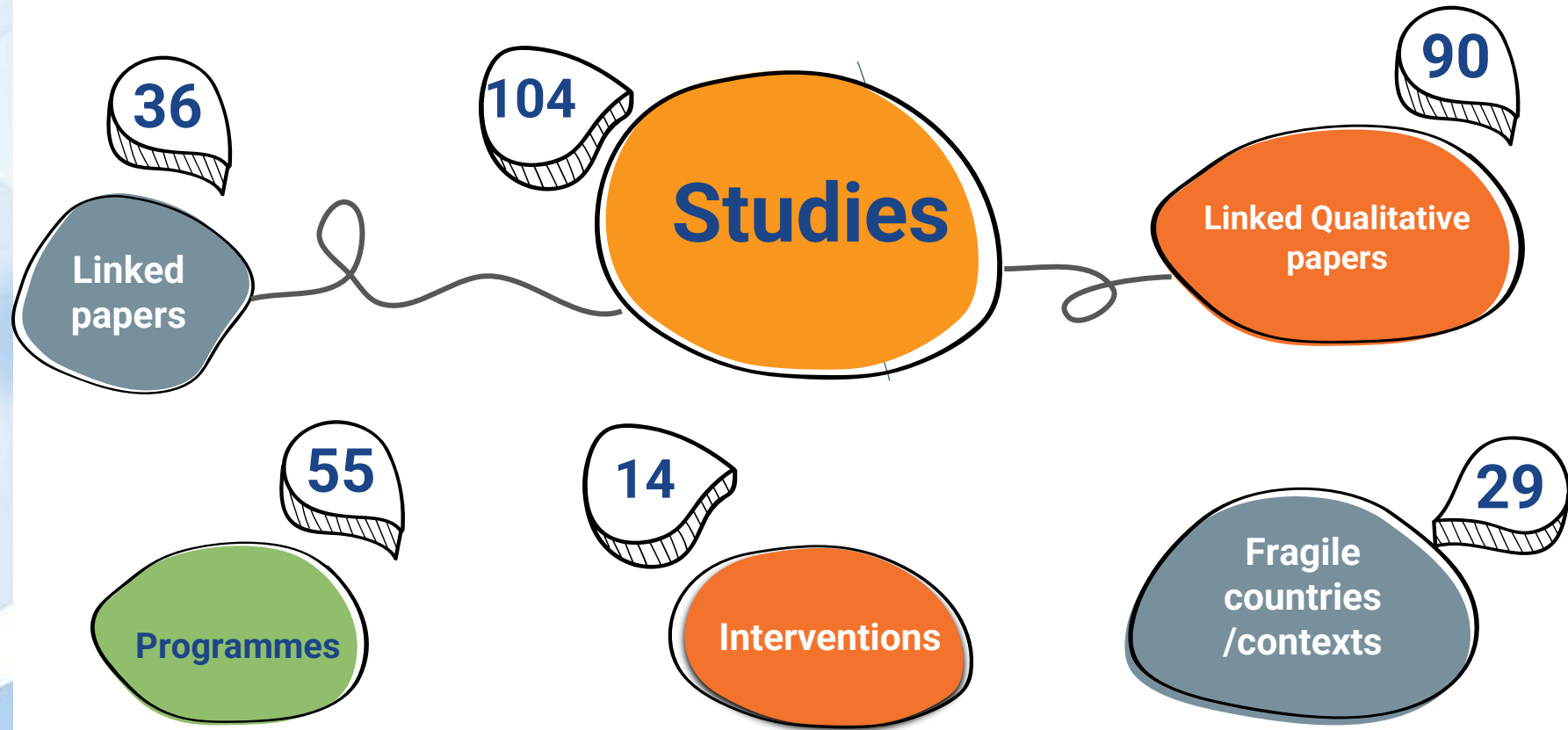
## Top 5 aid recipients for women's empowerment and gender equality

- Bangladesh
- Afghanistan
- Myanmar
- Uganda
- Ethiopia

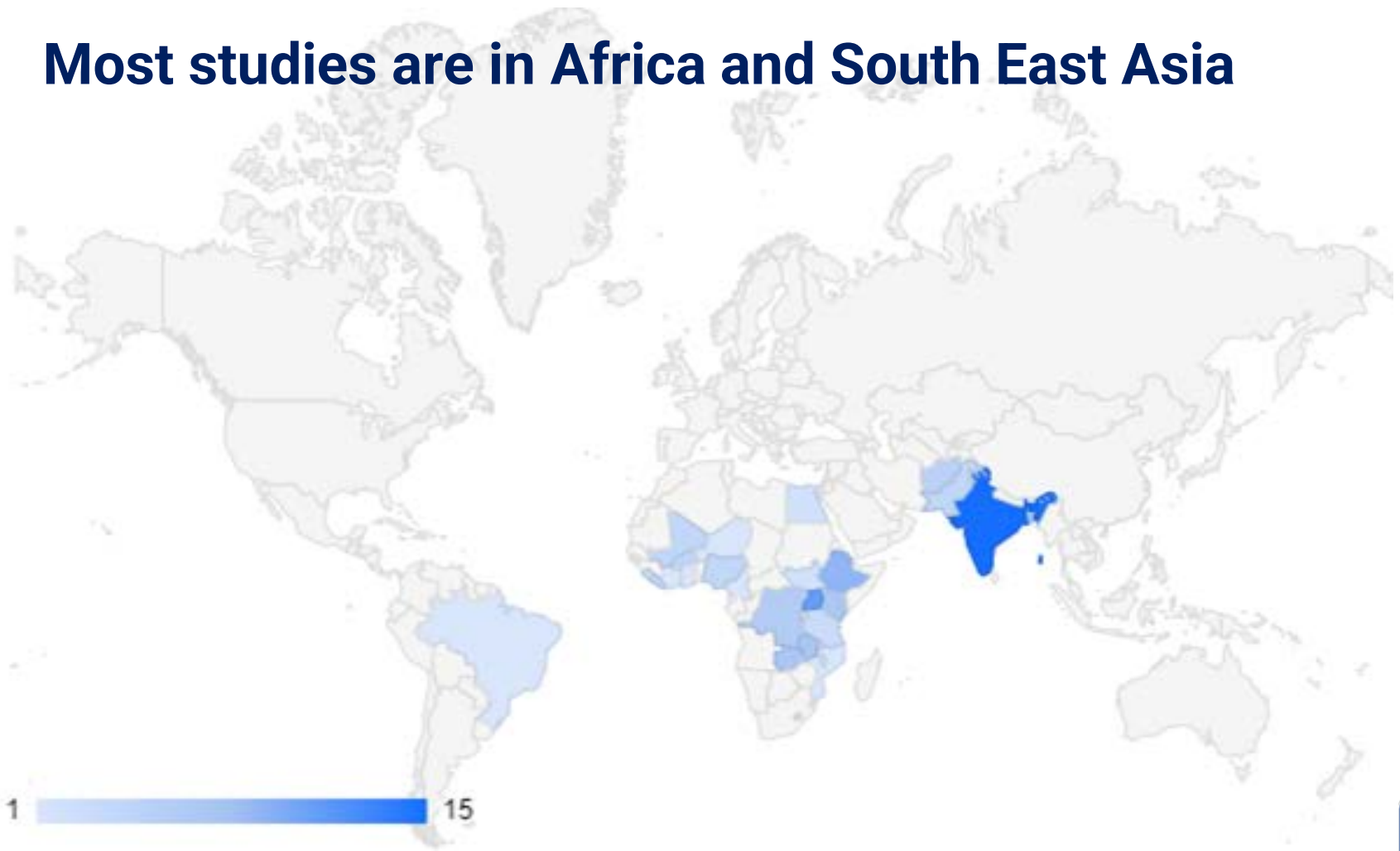
# Our focus: gender specific/transformational interventions in FCAS



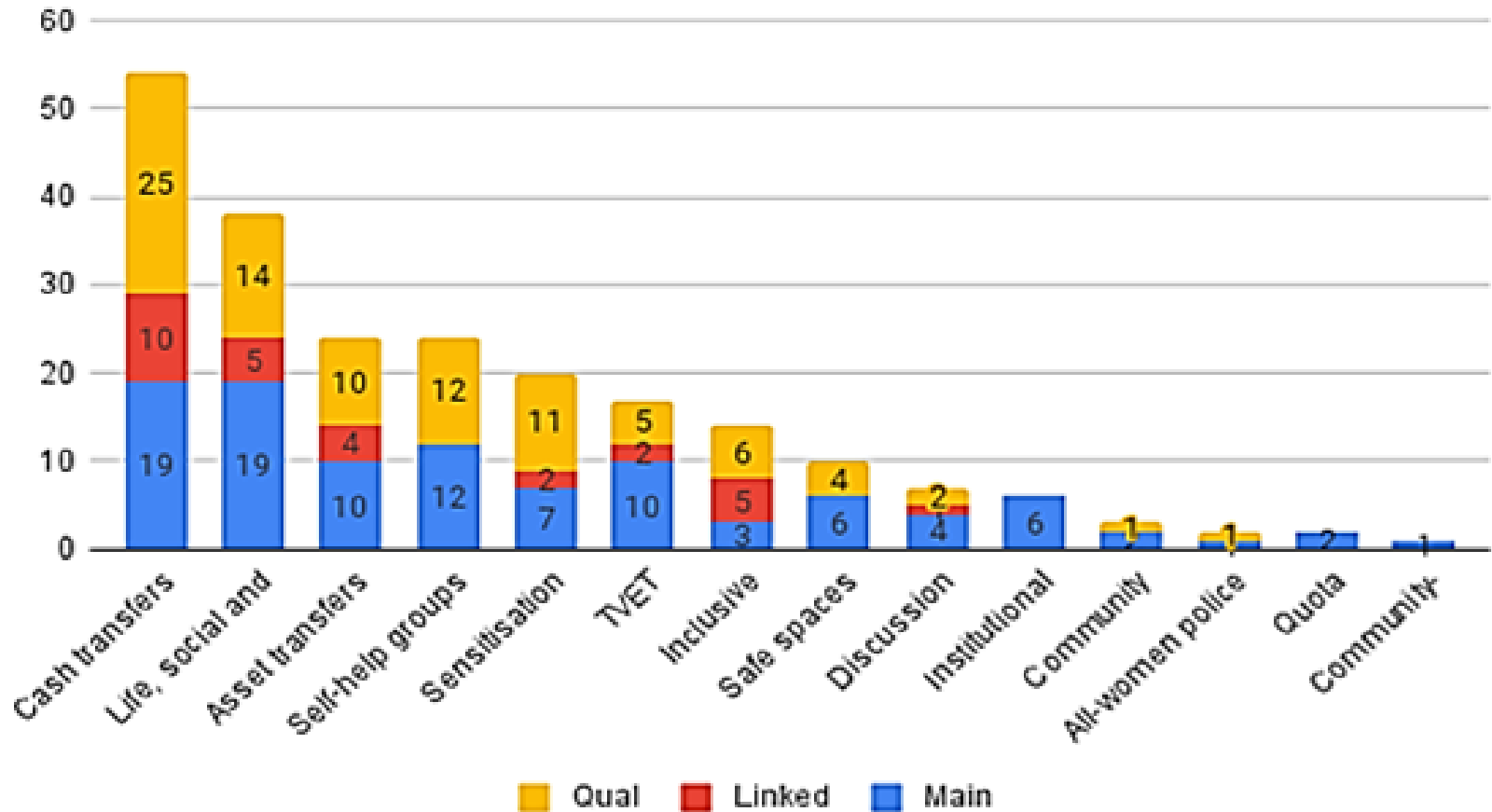
# Overview of the Gender SR



# Most studies are in Africa and South East Asia



# We analysed 14 types of interventions



# Interventions have positive effects overall, but effects can be enhanced

## Positive Effect

Most interventions have significant positive effects on outcomes closely related to the purpose of intervention

## Limitations

Most interventions do not achieve positive and significant effects for downstream behavioural outcomes (e.g. IPV)

## Multidimensional Effect

Some interventions have positive effects across the three dimensions of empowerment: Cash transfers, self-help groups, and TVET

## Social Norms

Norms and restrictive social contexts are barriers to empowerment

## Targeting and design

Targeting the right level of vulnerability is a key driver of success

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# Implications for project design and implementation





# Implications for research

