What do we know about child labour and microfinance?

Root causes and potential interventions



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Possible Interventions:

- Financial education to understand that school expenditures can be planned;
- Provision of school savings accounts;
 Provision of educational loans (over longer terms);
- Provision of school fees loans (loans to cover associated costs);
- Link social government transfers (G2P) for schooling to bank account.

Possible Interventions:

- Access to protective financial services to provide safety nets against income and expenditure shocks:
 - Savings
 (highly accessible, secure, and liquid)
 - Insurance
 (health, business, credit & death)
 - Emergency loans
- Incentivise innovative distribution channels for insurance and use of technology to minimise admin costs
- Link protective financial services with financial education or business development services.

