

Khat use is linked to Intimate Partner Violence



LOCATION:

Dollo Ado Refugee
Camps, Ethiopia

TIMELINE:

2016-2018

PARTNERS:

WAHA Ethiopia
Addis Ababa University
Harvard Medical School
J-PAL Europe

METHODS:

30 IDIs
10 FGDs

“... as the man chews the khat he hallucinates... once he reaches the woman, if she returns any word, he beats.” (IDI, male refugee, 45 years)

DISPLACEMENT-RELATED FACTORS

Increased poverty,
stress, loss of
livelihoods ==>
increased khat use

1

DIRECT MECHANISM

Khat use leads to anger,
physical aggression,
physical IPV

2

DIRECT MECHANISM

Khat use leads to
increased sexual desire
and sexual IPV

3

INDIRECT MECHANISM

Increased tensions in
family due to money
spent on khat