

Evaluations of Cash Transfer Programs in African Settings



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AUTHORS	COUNTRY	CATEGORIES	KEY FINDINGS
Zambia Cash Transfer Program	Malawi	UIC + ICT; education, girls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ ICT led to greater gains in enrollment and learning outcomes than the UIC. ➤ Unconditional pregnancy advantage was lower in the UIC arm than the ICT arm.
Zambia Cash Transfer Program	Malawi	UIC + ICT; education, girls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ ICT had especially significant impacts on health outcomes for girls who were already enrolled in school at the start of the program than in privately run non-enrolled. ➤ Most of the ICT arm average only pregnancy one stronger in girls who were unenrolled in school at the start of the program.
National Cash Transfer Pilot Project	India, India	UIC + ICT; education, marginalized children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ ICT marginally shows that marginalized children like girls and young children attended school more than the UIC did.
Tajikistan	Moscow	ICT + ICT; education, parents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The ICT program was generally just as effective as the UIC program, and includes expense. ➤ ICT was more effective than UIC at increasing educational school.
Microenterprise Grants	Ghana	Microenterprise, gender, cash control, parents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Microgrants were more effective at increasing profits than cash grants. ➤ Microgrants had positive effects on income and women self-business that were already making a profit.
CT-DRC	DRC	UIC, health, WASH, UCI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ UIC cash transfer inclusion increased diarrhea risk in a three-day household, even when no WASH or reproductive health messaging accompanied the transfer.

Types of Cash Transfer Programs

Unconditional Cash Transfer (UCT): A cash transfer made without any conditions required for the recipient.

Conditional Cash Transfer (CCT): A cash transfer made on the condition that the recipient meets specified criteria, such as school attendance or visiting vaccinations.

Labeled Cash Transfer (LCT): A cash transfer made which funds are indicated, or "labeled", for a specific purpose but the conditions are not enforced.

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