

Evaluations of Cash Transfer Programs in African Settings



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AUTHORS	COUNTRY	CATEGORIES	KEY FINDINGS
Zambia Cash Transfer Program	Zambia	UCT + CCT, education, girls	- UCT led to greater girls' enrollment and learning outcomes than the CCTs. - At all levels of pregnancy and marriage outcomes, the UCT was better than the CCTs.
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Nigeria Cash Transfer Pilot Project	Nigeria	UCT + CCT, education, marginal children	CCTs were neither more effective nor cost-effective than the UCTs in improving school enrollment for marginal children.
Togo	Togo	CCT + CCT, education, parents	- The CCT program was generally just as effective as the UCT program, and cost less expensive. - CCTs were more effective than UCTs at increasing enrollment in school.
Micromentoring Grants	Ghana	Micromentoring, parents, cash + in-kind grants	- In-kind grants were more effective at increasing profits than cash grants. - In-kind grants had the greatest impact on women and women with businesses that were already making a profit.
CT-ONE	Kenya	CCT, health, WU, UCT	UCTs can lead to reductions in sexual behavior, but not in fertility, and not in reproductive health outcomes, compared to the CCTs.

Types of Cash Transfer Programs

Unconditional Cash Transfer (UCT): 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 meeting vaccination.

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

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