

The Transfer Project:

Learning how Transfers work in Africa



Background

- UNICEF – Save the Children – UNC Chapel Hill
- Started due to growing programmes & concerns about lack of evidence in SSA
- Originally 6 countries, but expanded given broader interest
- 9-month design phase – country visits, expert consultations, design workshop,



Objectives

- Provide evidence on the effectiveness of social cash transfer programs in achieving impacts for children.
- Inform the development and design of social cash transfer policy and programs
- To promote learning across the continent on social transfers programme implementation, and research & evaluation.



3 Pillars

- **Regional learning, exchange and network/
community of practice**
- **Technical assistance and impact evaluation**
- **Synthesis of regional lessons on programme
design**



Regional learning, exchange and network/ community of practice

- Facilitating learning to inform better design and implementation of social cash transfers
- Engage with policy makers and processes at national, regional and international level
- Policy – research – policy
- Regular meetings, e-communications, and exchanges between project partners to facilitate and promote lesson-sharing between countries
- disseminating findings
- to promote a network of social cash transfer evaluators and implementers across Africa



Technical assistance and impact evaluation

- Rigorous research design
- Quantitative research
- Qualitative research



Synthesis of regional lessons on programme design

- Comparative studies on cash transfers – targeting, economic impacts and cost effectiveness
- Thematic studies – nutrition, education, HIV/AIDs, work and learning, intra-household dynamics



Current Activities I

- Network
 - Implementers Conference Lesotho 2010!!
 - Create community of practice (COP)
 - Website and listserv for information sharing
- Thematic and Synthesis Studies
 - Comparative targeting study
 - Regional economic multiplier study
 - Research workshop 12/2010 to discuss results
 - Suggestions welcome (through COP)



Current Activities II

- Hands-on Support to Impact Evaluations
 - Kenya third round of data collection 6/2011
 - Four year medium term impacts; HIV prevention
 - Malawi evaluation in new districts 8/2011
 - Ghana impact evaluation of LEAP 2010-2012
- Remote Technical Assistance to Evaluations
 - Lesotho, RSA, Mozambique, Ethiopia
 - Helping countries with quality assurance

