

**Methodological issues in evaluating the impact of
social cash transfers in sub Saharan Africa**

Agenda

Workshop, January 19-21, 2011

Naivasha, Kenya

DAY 1: Wednesday, January 19

Session I (13:00-18:00)

- Chair: Thilde Stevens (3ie)

Welcome (13:00-13:15)

- Benjamin Davis (FAO) and Julie Lawson-McDowall (UNICEF-ESARO)

Setting the scene (13:15-14:00) Overview of SCT impact evaluations in SSA

- Benjamin Davis and Jill Yablonski (UNICEF-HQ)

Paper presentation #1 (14:00-14:45)

- Evaluation design and methodological challenges in the Kenya CT-OVC impact evaluation
 - Presentation: Alex Hurrell and Luca Pellerano (OPM)
 - Discussant: Carolyn Heinrich (University of Wisconsin)

Paper presentation #2 (14:45-15:30)

- Presentation of main results from the Kenya CT-OVC impact evaluation, and design of next round
 - Presentation: Ashu Handa (UNC), Alex Hurrell, Luca Pellerano (OPM) and Samuel Ochieng (Gov of Kenya)
 - Discussant: Gabriel Demombyne (World Bank)

Break (15:30-16:00)

Paper presentation #3 (16:00-17:00)

- The impact of the Kenya CT-OVC on food security and nutrition
 - Presentation: Tia Palermo (UNC)
 - Discussant: Benedicte de la Briere (FAO)

Paper presentation #4 (17:00-18:00)

- The impact of the Kenya CT-OVC on fertility
 - Presentation: Guy Stecklov (Hebrew University)
 - Discussant: Roger Pearson (UNICEF-Ethiopia)

Dinner (19:00-)

DAY 2: Thursday, January 20

Session II (8:30-13:00)

- Chair: Will Wiseman (World Bank-tbc)

Paper presentation #5 (08:30-09:30)

- Key results and methodological challenges in the Mozambique PSA impact evaluation
 - Presentation: Fabio Veras (IPC)
 - Discussant: Gelson Tembo (University of Zambia)

Paper presentation #6 (09:30-10:30)

- Reworking the Malawi Mchinji impact evaluation analysis
 - Presentation: Katia Covarrubias (FAO)
 - Discussant: Peter Mvula (CRS)

Break (10:30-11:00)

Paper presentation #7 (11:00-12:30)

- A retrospective impact evaluation of the Child Support Program in South Africa
 - Presentation: Carolyn Heinrich (University of Wisconsin)
 - Discussant: Nina Hunter (UKZN)

Lunch (12:30-13:30)

Session III (13:30-17:30)

- Chair: Katie Chapman (DFID)

Paper presentation #8 (13:30-14:30)

- Alternative measures of evaluating targeting effectiveness within the particular context of community based programs in sub Saharan Africa
 - Presentation: Ashu Handa (University of North Carolina)
 - Presentation: Alex Hurrell/Luca Pellerano
 - Discussant: David Seidenfeld (AIR)

Paper presentation #9 (14:30-15:30)

- Methodologies to analyze the local economy impact of SCTs (including social networks)
 - Presentation: Habiba Djebbari
 - Discussant: Isaac Osei (University of Ghana)

Break (15:30-16:00)

Paper presentation #10 (16:00-17:00)

- The impact of social cash transfer on household economic decision making in Malawi, Kenya and Mozambique
 - Presentation: Benedicte de la Briere (FAO)
 - Discussant: Ed Taylor (University of California, Davis)

Paper presentation #11 (17:00-18:00)

- How can we compare the economic impact of fertilizer subsidies and cash transfers
 - Presentation: Ed Taylor (University of California, Davis)
 - Discussant: Benjamin Davis (FAO)

Dinner (19:00-)

DAY 3: Friday, January 21

Session IV (8:30-12:30)

- Chair: Nicola Hypher (Save the Children, UK)

Paper presentation #12 (8:30-9:30)

- HIV/AIDS, cash transfers and impact evaluation in SSA
 - Presentation: Ashu Handa (UNC) and Jennifer Yablonski (UNCEF)

Panel discussion (9:30-10:30)

- Challenge of identifying and implementing methodologically sound research designs within the operational constraints of SCTs in SSA.
 - David Seidenfeld (AIR)
 - Carlos Alviar (UNICEF-Ghana)
 - Gabriel Demombyne (World Bank)
 - Samuel Ochieng (CT-OVC, Government of Kenya)

Break (10:30-11:00)

Panel discussion on future directions of impact evaluation in SSA (11:00-12:30)

- Major themes emerging from the workshop
 - Katie Chapman (DFID)
 - Ashu Handa (UNC)
 - Benjamin Davis (FAO)
 - Nicola Hypher (SCUK)

Lunch (12:30-13:30)

Departure (13:30)