

Sixth Transfer Project Workshop Overview

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Outline

1. Objectives
2. Why is this workshop different?
3. A bit of history
4. Summary of key agenda items
5. Logistic and tips to making workshop a success
6. Group selfie

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Overarching Objectives

- Increased knowledge among participants of cross-regional evidence on impacts of national cash transfer programs;
 - What is out there and how can it help me?
- Identify gaps for further research that can help inform design and policy dialogue;
 - I still have some unanswered questions
- Increase communication and comraderie between researchers/evaluators, and program managers and policy-makers
 - What kind of evidence can I generate? How can I do it and who can help me? Who is my hotline bling?
- Increase celebration of collective human spirit
 - I want to have fun



What is unique about the Transfer Project style workshop?

- Rigorous evaluation research meets program operations and policy interests (supply = demand)
- Helps identify the important research questions
 - Researchers do not know what these are, need guidance
- Helps interpreting evidence in light of implementation details
 - Researchers not aware of implementation nuances
- Multidisciplinary
- Combination of creativity, rigor, frankness, fun, practice, and unusual behaviour





These people are in attendance today

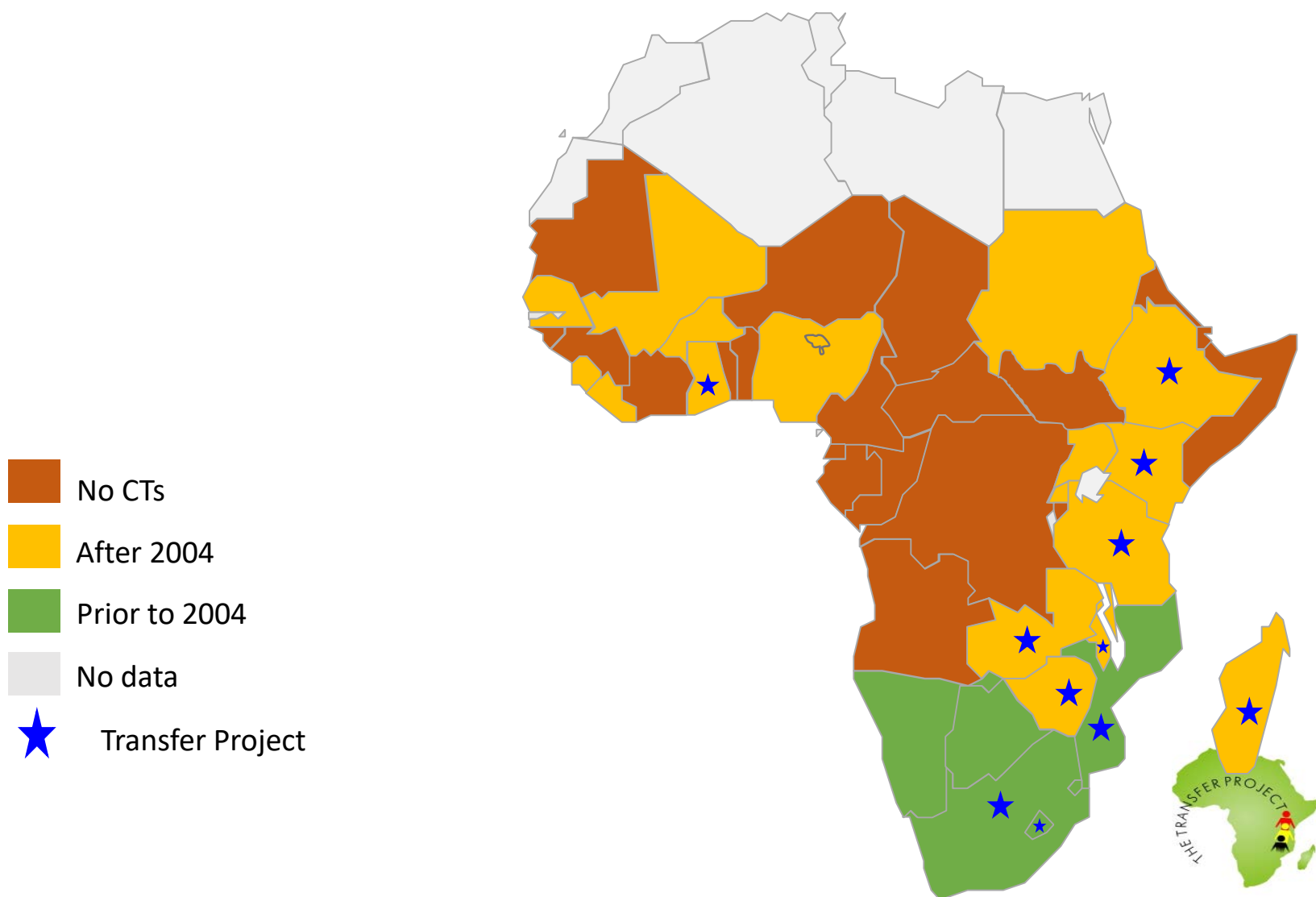
“Unusual behavior”

What is unique about the Transfer Project style workshop?

- Provides ideas to program managers on types of evidence that can be generated with different methods
 - RCT, qualitative study, LEWIE, analysis of administrative records
- Safe space to discuss ‘controversial’ results
 - Examples from past workshops include
 - Ghana LEAP – “implementation issues”
 - Kenya CT-OVC – “child nutrition”
 - Tanzania TASAF Pilot – “underwhelming”
 - Lesotho CGP – “consumption”



Evolution of cash transfer programs in sub-Saharan Africa: The 'quiet' revolution



Rigorous evidence accompanying this expansion is unprecedented

- Nearly twenty rigorous impact evaluations across a dozen countries (government programs only)
- UNICEF Regional Office in Nairobi, FAO-Rome and Save the Children partnered in 2009 to coordinate the evidence generating initiative via Transfer Project
- Sub-Saharan Africa now the global leader in terms of evidence-base on cash transfer programs



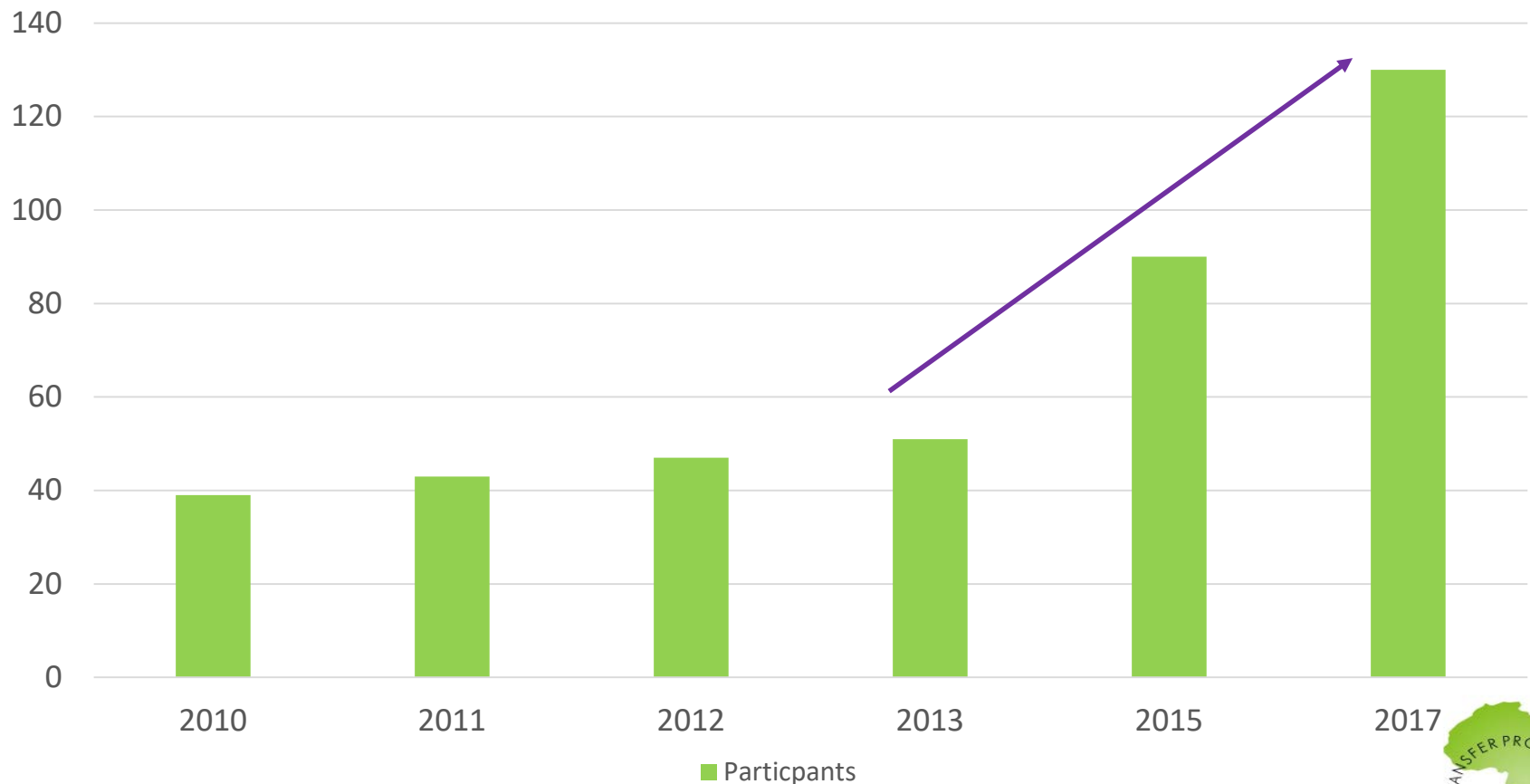


Africa



Interest in Transfer Project model has increased rapidly over last few years

Number of Transfer Project Workshop Participants



Transfer Project Workshop 2011

Cozy atmosphere with
43 people



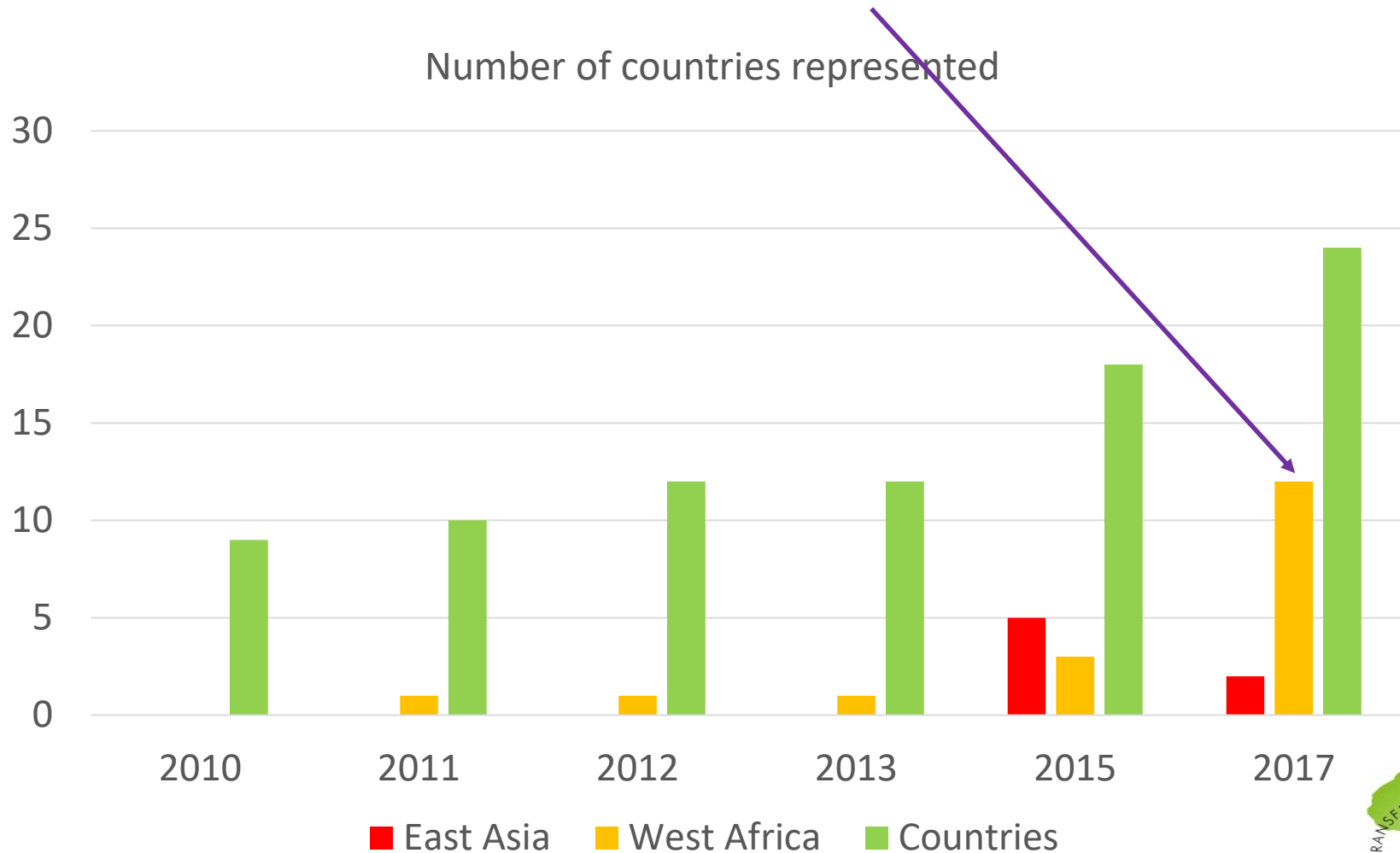
And a few non-traditional
participants



Addis, 2016 – 90 participants



Mostly Countries from Eastern & Southern Africa until this year (12 West African countries)!!



Agenda highlights: Day 1

- Group selfie (in a few minutes)
- Sign-up for simultaneous sessions for Day 2
 - Session leaders will make 'pitch' before lunch today
- Complete short survey at end of day today and place in large envelope – helpful for Friday session
- Poster session at 5:30, followed by Cocktail (!)



Agenda highlights: Day 2

- Simultaneous sessions ALL DAY
- Evening draughts (checkers) tournament at King Fahd Hotel 8-11PM
 - Sign up, no experience necessary
 - Contestants will be placed into groups like World Cup
 - CAF, CONCACAF, CONMEBOL, UEFA, AFC, etc
 - Winners advance
 - All refreshments on Ben and Ashu, spectators welcome



Logistics and important tips

- Coffee and lunch provided, on your own for dinner
- Please wear name tags, state name/affiliation when making intervention the first time
 - Keep interventions concise please
- Speak slowly and into mic for translators
- No program is perfect, lets learn from each other
 - If you don't state the challenges, how can we help you?
 - This workshop is a designated 'safe space'



Logistics and important tips

- Answering email in your room at night is not allowed
 - Please join us in lobby of King Fahd after dinner
 - Ashu has lots and lots of chocolates
- Talk to at least one person you don't know each day
- Awards Committee members please report to Gaby Serdan for instructions
 - Ramadan Oumar Abdoul (Chad)
 - Idrissa Ouili (Burkina Faso)
 - Grace Bruno (Kenya)
 - Stuti Tripathi (India)





Celebration of collective human spirit from past workshops



Addis 2015 Opening Session Selfie

