

REFERENCE SHEET: CASH TRANSFER IMPACTS IN AFRICA

Studies represent Transfer Project work and other review articles from 2013 onward. Classifications are illustrative of the state of evidence and do not always originate from systematic review or meta-analysis examining each outcome. For further research by theme see the [Transfer Project webpage](#).

CHILD & ADOLESCENT OUTCOMES

CHILD MATERIAL WELLBEING (INCREASE)

- De Hoop, J (2018). Effects of Social Cash Transfers on Education Outcomes. [Presentation](#).
- Handa S, Natali L, Seidenfeld D, Tembo G, Davis B on behalf of the Zambia Cash Transfer Evaluation Study Team. (2018). [Can unconditional cash transfers raise long-term living standards? Evidence from Zambia](#). *Journal of Development Economics*,133: 42-65.

CHILD ANTHROPOMETRICS (WEAK/INCONSISTENT IMPACTS)

- de Groot R, Palermo T, Handa S, Ragno LP and Peterman A. (2017). Cash transfers and child nutrition: Pathways and Impacts. *Development Policy Review* 35(5): 599-720
- Owsus-Addo E, Renzaho AMN and Smith BJ (2018). The impact of cash transfers on social determinants of health and health inequalities in sub-Saharan Africa: a systematic review. *Health Policy and Planning*: 1-22.

INFANT & YOUNG CHILD FEEDING (WEAK/INCONSISTENT IMPACTS)

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SECONDARY SCHOOL-AGE ENROLLMENT (INCREASE)

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- Baird S, Ferreira F, Özler B and Woolcock M. (2014). [Conditional, Unconditional and Everything in Between: A Systematic Review of the Effects of Cash Transfer Programmes on Schooling Outcomes](#). *Journal of Development Effectiveness* 6(1): 1–43.



SPENDING ON SCHOOL INPUTS (INCREASE)

- Kilburn K, Handa S, Angeles G, Mvula P and Tsoka M. (2017). “Short-term Impacts of an Unconditional Cash Transfer Program on Child Schooling: Experimental Evidence from Malawi.” *Economics of Education Review*, 59: 63–80.
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SAFE TRANSITIONS TO ADULTHOOD (WEAK/INCONSISTENT IMPACTS)

- Handa S, Peterman A, Huang C, Halpern CT, Pettifor A and Thirumurthy H. (2015). [Impact of the Kenya Cash Transfer for Orphans and Vulnerable Children on Early Pregnancy and Marriage of Adolescent Girls.](#) *Social Science & Medicine* 141: 36–45.
- Heinrich C, Hoddinott J and Samson M. (2017). [Reducing Adolescent Risky Behaviors in a High-Risk Context: the Effects of Unconditional Cash Transfers in South Africa.](#) *Economic Development and Cultural Change* 65 (4): 619–52
- Dake F, Natali L, Angeles G, de Hoop J, Handa S and Peterman A on behalf of the Malawi Social Cash Transfer and Zambia Cash Transfer Evaluation Teams. (2018). “Income transfers, early marriage and fertility in Malawi and Zambia”, *Studies in Family Planning* 49(4):295-317.
- Handa S, Palermo T, Rosenberg M, Pettifor A, Tucker Halpern C and Thirumurthy H. (2016). [How does a national poverty program influence sexual debut among Kenyan adolescents?](#) *Global Public Health*, 5: 617-638.
- Handa S, Halpern CT, Pettifor A and Thirumurthy H. (2014). [The Government of Kenya’s Cash Transfer Program Reduces the Risk of Sexual Debut among Young People Age 15-25.](#) *PLoS ONE* 9(1): e85473.

ADULT (CAREGIVER) OUTCOMES

SUBJECTIVE WELLBEING (INCREASE)

- Natali L, Handa S, Peterman A, Seidenfeld D and Tembo G on behalf of the Zambia Child Grant Program Evaluation Team. (2018). “Does money buy happiness? Evidence form an unconditional cash transfer in Zambia.” *Social Science & Medicine – Population Health* 4: 225-235
- Kilburn K, Handa S, Angeles G, Tsoka M and Mvula P. (2018). [Paying for Happiness: Experimental Results from a Large Cash Transfer Program in Malawi.](#) *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, 37(2): 331-356.
- Attah R, Barca V, Kardan K, MacAuslan I, Merttens F and Pellerano L. (2016). [Can Social Protection Affect Psychosocial Wellbeing and Why Does This Matter? Lessons from Cash Transfers in Sub-Saharan Africa.](#) *The Journal of Development Studies*, 52(8).



INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE (DECREASE)

- Buller AM, Peterman A, Ranganathan M, Bleile A, Hidrobo M and Heise L. (2018). “A mixed-method review of Intimate partner violence and cash transfers in low- and middle-income countries.” *World Bank Research Observer* 33(2): 218-258
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FERTILITY (NO IMPACTS)

- Handa S, Daidone S, Peterman A, Davis B, Pereira A, Palermo T and Yablonski J on behalf of the Transfer Project. (2018). “Mythbusting: confronting six common perceptions about cash transfer programs in sub-Saharan Africa.” *World Bank Research Observer* 33(2): 259-298 [[Innocenti Research Brief 2017-18](#)]
- Palermo T, Handa S, Peterman A, Prencipe L and Seidenfeld D. (2016). [Unconditional Government Social Cash Transfer in Africa Does Not Increase Fertility](#). *Journal of Population Economics* 29 (4): 1083–111.

MORBIDITY & HEALTH-SEEKING BEHAVIOURS (WEAK/INCONSISTENT IMPACTS)

- Novignon J (2017). The impact of unconditional cash transfers on morbidity and health seeking behaviors in Africa. [Presentation](#).
- Huang C, Singh K, Handa S, Halpern C, Pettifor A and Thirumurthy H. (2017). [Investments in children’s health and the Kenyan cash transfer for orphans and vulnerable children: evidence from an unconditional cash transfer scheme](#). *Health Policy and Planning*: 1-13.
- Owsus-Addo E, Renzaho AMN and Smith BJ (2018). “The impact of cash transfers on social determinants of health and health inequalities in sub-Saharan Africa: a systematic review.” *Health Policy and Planning*: 1-22.

REDUCTION IN LABOUR (NO IMPACT)

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- Baird SJ, McKenzie DJ and Ozler B. (2018). [The effects of cash transfers on adult labor market outcomes](#) (English). Policy Research working paper; no. WPS 8404. Washington, D.C: World Bank Group.



HOUSEHOLD & COMMUNITY LEVEL OUTCOMES

ALCOHOL & TOBACCO CONSUMPTION (NO IMPACTS)

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- Evans D and Popova A (2017). [Cash Transfers and Temptation Goods](#). *Economic Development and Cultural Change* 65 (2): 189-221.

FOOD SECURITY & DIETARY DIVERSITY (INCREASE)

- Hjelm L (2016). [The impact of cash transfers on food security](#). Transfer Project Research Brief 2016-01. Chapel Hill, NC: Carolina Population Center, UNC-Chapel Hill.
- Brugh K, Angeles G, Mvula P, Tsoka M and Handa S. (2017). [Impacts of the Malawi social cash transfer program on household food and nutrition security](#). *Food Policy*, 0: 1-14.
- Bhalla G, Handa S, Angeles G and Seidenfeld D. (2018). [The effect of cash transfers and household vulnerability on food security in Zimbabwe](#) *Food Policy* 74: 82-99.
- Hidrobo M, Hoddinott J, Kumar N and Olivier M. (2018). [Social Protection, Food Security, and Asset Formation](#). *World Development* 101: 88–103

HOUSEHOLD POVERTY (DECREASE)

- Peterman A. (2018). Results for Poverty Reduction through Social Protection in Africa. [Presentation](#).
- Bastagli F, Hagen-Zanker, Harman L, Barca V, Sturge G, Schmidt T with Pellerano L. (2016). [Cash Transfers: what does the evidence say?](#) Overseas Development Institute

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HOUSEHOLD RESILIENCY, ASSETS & PRODUCTION (INCREASE)

- Daidone S, Davis B, Handa S and Winters P. (2017). [The Household and Individual-Level Economic Impacts of Cash Transfer Programmes in Sub-Saharan Africa: Synthesis Report](#). Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations, Rome.



- Fisher E, Attah R, Barca V, O'Brien C, Brook S, Holland J, Kardan A, Pavanello S and Pozarny P. (2017). *The livelihood impacts of cash transfers in Sub-Saharan Africa: Beneficiary perspectives from six countries*. *World Development*, 99: 299-319.
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HOUSEHOLD & COMMUNITY MULTIPLIERS (INCREASE)

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