



Transfer Project Workshop

Promoting Equity and Resilience: Cash Transfer Evidence for Action in a Poly-Crisis World

21-23 June 2023, Nairobi, Kenya

Day 1: Introduction + Promoting Equity and Resilience Before, During & After Crises

Timing	Session Outline	Presentations / Participants
08:30 – 09:00	Registration	
09:00 – 09:30	<p>Session 1: Welcome & Icebreaker</p> <p><i>Chair: Ben Davis, FAO</i></p>	<p>Lieke van de Wiel, UNICEF ESARO [5 min]</p> <p>Amanda Marlin, UNICEF Innocenti [5 min]</p> <p>Joseph Mogosi Motari, Ministry of Labour and Social Protection, Government of Kenya [5 min]</p> <p>Icebreaker: Who wants to be a [Transfer Project] millionaire? [15 min]</p>
09:30 – 10:30	<p>Session 2: Introduction to the Transfer Project & workshop theme</p> <p><i>Past, present and future—reflections on what we know, what we don't know and what is on the current agenda.</i></p>	<p>The 10th Transfer Project gathering: Successes, challenges, lessons & what's next. Ashu Handa, AIR & UNC [20 min]</p> <p>Global reflections: COVID-19, adaptation and the future of social protection. Natalia Winder-Rossi, UNICEF [15 min]</p> <p>++ Plus: Group selfie & overview of the agenda</p> <p>Q & A [20 min]</p>
10:30 – 11:00	Group Photo & Tea Break	
11:00 – 11:10	Session 3: Security briefing	UNICEF Kenya



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11:10 – 12:15

Session 4: Social Protection Crisis Response in Practice

Best practice responses to crises are ‘evidence-informed.’ However, it is challenging to build in time for reflection and optimal design in the face of new and uncertain crises like COVID-19. What was the experience (negative & positive) in government response to the pandemic? Do lessons learned resonate, and how can they be applied in the future?

Moderator: Tayllor Spadafora, UNICEF ESARO

Discussion panel:

- **Mekonnen Yaie, Government of Ethiopia**
- **Laurent Kansinjiro, Government of Malawi**
- **Bernadette Malungo, Government of Zambia**

12:15 – 13:00

Session 5: The Investment Case for Expanding Cash Transfers

Demographic dividend presents an opportunity, while debt burden presents a threat. How do we articulate an investment case for social protection? What are the key components and what data can drive analysis at the country-level?

Social protection as an investment to maximize the demographic dividend: A user’s guide. **Frank Otchere, UNICEF Innocenti** [20 minutes]

Discussant: **Prudence Kaoma, Government of Zambia** [5 min]

Discussion [20 min]

13:00 – 14:00

Lunch

14:00 – 15:15

Session 6: Building resilience and productive inclusion through cash transfer programs

Cash transfers have not only protective impacts, but also promotive & productive impacts. Households use the cash to meet, not only their most pressing needs, but invest it in ways that improve their well-being & productive capacity. How can this potential be leveraged further?

Chair: Bintia Stephen Tchicaya, FAO West Africa

Productive impacts of cash transfers, cash plus and graduation programming: A household and local economy overview. **Nicholas Sitko, FAO** [15 min]

Resilience at scale: Productive inclusion through safety nets in the Sahel. **Kelsey Wright, Paris School of Economics & World Bank** [15 min]

The impacts of cash on resilience: evidence from Lesotho and Malawi. **Frank Otchere, UNICEF Innocenti** [15 min]

Discussion [30 min]



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Session 7: Cash transfers, Dignity and Inclusion

Cash transfers have an important role to play in promoting equity, inclusion, cohesion and dignity. This session probes on some of these essential themes and unpacks practical lessons for increasing inclusion in program design and operations.

Chair: Tsarahita Ghisbert Rivomanana, Government of Madagascar

Dignity: What do cash transfers have to do with it? **Tom Wein, IDInsight** [15 min]

Addressing disability in cash transfer programming. **Niger** [10 min]

What do beneficiaries say about social cohesion? **Clare Barrington, UNC** [15 min]

Experiences in cash and social cohesion. **Burkina Faso** [10 min]

Discussion [25 min]

16:30 – 17:00

Session 8: Evidence-informed scale up of NICHE in Kenya

Focus on the in-depth experience of our host currently scaling up a cash plus nutrition pilot of the Cash Transfer for Orphans and Vulnerable Children (CT-OVC).

Chair: Susan Momanyi, UNICEF Kenya

Jane Muyanga, Government of Kenya

17:00 – 17:30

Transition break

17:30 – 19:30

Poster Session & Welcome Reception

Coordinator: Audrey Pereira, UNC

Mingle, discuss, & enjoy the latest from colleagues on social protection & cash transfer programming & evidence over cocktails and oeuvres!

++ From 20:00 onwards, we welcome you to gather on the sky lounge deck to mingle with colleagues and friends!



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Day 2: Latest Evidence Thematic Evidence Across the Region

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9:00 – 09:15	Recap and Re-energizer	
09:15 – 10:30	Session 9: Cash plus programming <i>Integrated or “cash plus” initiatives are popular models to leverage cash for improved sectoral outcomes. How successful have these approaches been in overcome multidimensional health, nutrition and protection risks? Is there evidence of impact and implementation synergies?</i> <i>Chair: Gbetoton Nadege Djossou, Ministry of Development and University of Parakou, Benin</i>	Mozambique’s Child Grant 0-2: Impacts of ‘cash’ and ‘care’. Maria da Gloria Bernardo Siaca & Olivia Faite, Government of Mozambique [15 min] Tanzania’s ‘Ujana Salama’ adolescent cash plus program. Tumpe Mnyawami Lukongo, TASAF & Tia Palermo, University of Buffalo [15 min] Burkina Faso’s Child Sensitive Social Protection Program Kaku Attah Damoah, UNICEF Innocenti [15 min] Discussion [30 min]
10:30 – 11:00	Tea Break	
11:00 – 12:15	Session 10: Cash transfers for gender equality? <i>Does cash promote gender equality and through which pathways? This session explores intended (& unintended) effects of cash transfers on gender equality & fidelity of program implementation to gender objectives.</i> <i>Chair: Amber Peterman, UNC</i>	Assessing the potential of social assistance to support women’s and girls’ improved responses to climate change: A strategic review. Melissa Hidrobo, IFPRI [15 min] ‘Joy not sorrow’: Men’s perspectives on gender, violence and cash transfers targeted to women in Ghana. Raymond Aborigo, NHRC [15 min] The implementation of gender provisions in Ethiopia’s PSNP: What works, how and why? Nyasha Tirivayi, UNICEF Innocenti [15 min] Speed pitch: Gender Integration in TRANSFORM. Tia Palermo, University of Buffalo [5 min] Discussion [20 min]



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Session 11: Keynote

While the transformation of agri-food systems has fed the world and massively reduced poverty, it has also contributed to negative environmental and health trends. The current narrative on agri-food systems focuses on producing enough nutritious food in an environmentally sustainable way, while facilitating equitable livelihoods. What is the role of social protection in this new perspective?

The Future of Food: The role of social protection. **Ben Davis, FAO**

12:45 – 14:00

Lunch

14:00 – 15:30

Session 12: Evidence consensus, key knowledge gaps and strategic directions post-COVID-19 [Small Groups]

Building on discussions from Day 1, small groups convene to frame evidence consensus, define key knowledge gaps and prioritize strategic directions for research-implementation partnerships

Discussion and report back to plenary

Coordinator: Gustavo Angeles, UNC

1. Climate resiliency and natural disasters [**Nicholas Sitko, FAO**]
2. Gender-transformative and child-sensitive models [**Nyasha Tirivayi & Lauren Whitehead, UNICEF & UNICEF Innocenti**]
3. Targeting, reassessment and registries [**Ashu Handa, AIR & UNC**]
4. Productive impacts and local economy effects [**Nkatha Ntoburi & Elsa Valli, FAO Somalia & FAO**]
5. Adaptive and shock responsive models in fragile settings [**Nupur Kukrety & Zlata Bruckhauf, UNICEF**]
6. Financing [**Frank Otchere, UNICEF Innocenti**]

15:30 – 16:00

Tea Break

16:00 – 17:30

Session 13: Long-term and sustainability of impacts

Results on the long-term effects of national programs in Africa are now trickling in—what do they say & what lessons do they hold for graduation, sustainability and more?

Chair: Monica Lambon-Quayefio, University of Ghana

Can labour-constrained households graduate? Evidence from two studies in Malawi. **Maxton Tsoka, University of Malawi** [15 min]

Seven-year follow-up of the Ghana LEAP 1000 evaluation: A focus on child labor impacts. **Christian Osei, ISSER** [15 min]

High flyers revisited: Who benefits the most from cash transfers? **Gelson Tembo, University of Zambia** [15 min]

18:30 – 20:00

Reception and special extra-curricular session

*** Join us for a reception in the Sky Lounge and special activity guaranteed to make you smile!*



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Day 3: Evaluation Methodologies + Innovative Programmes on the Horizon + Putting Evidence to Action

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08:30 – 10:00	<p>Session 14: Marketplace -- Making Use of Data Outside of Evaluations</p> <p><i>Cash transfer programs are not always implemented in easy to access settings, especially when responding to emergencies. Yet these programs still undertake data collection in various ways and utilize to inform and/or improve programming. How can we make better use of these data to improve program operations and understand program impact?</i></p>	<p>Market stalls [60 min]:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Post distribution monitoring for program design. Susan Momanyi, Kenya• Making programme decisions using post distribution monitoring (PDM). Getachew Kebede, Ethiopia• Food security and third party monitoring in hard to access areas. Rob Allport, American Institutes for Research (AIR)• Using registration as baseline: Ruth Wutete, Zimbabwe <p>Plenary: Sharing of 'wows' [25 min]</p>
10:00 – 11:00	<p>Session 15: What is cooking?</p> <p><i>Presenters share a quick look at some interesting & innovative new programs and research around the region "in the pipeline"</i></p> <p><i>[5 min each, 3 slides maximum]</i></p> <p><i>Chair: Peter Otieno, African Population and Health Research Center</i></p>	<p>Inclusive climate action: Combining social protection and agricultural Support in Kenya. Winnie Mwasiaji, FAO Kenya</p> <p>Cash plus and women's empowerment in Mali. Valeria Groppo, UNICEF Innocenti</p> <p>Ghana's Cash Plus Integrated Social Services. Christiana Gbedemah, UNICEF Ghana</p> <p>Cash-based humanitarian response plan in Somalia. Elsa Valli, FAO</p> <p>Zambia Harmonized Social Cash Transfer. Bernadette Mulongo, Government of Zambia</p> <p>Cash plus nutrition in DRC. Selim Barkan, UNICEF DRC.</p> <p>Q&A [30 min]</p>



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Session 16: Evidence to action [Panel]

Impact evaluations & related studies are ultimately done to influence decision-making. But 'evidence-uptake' is difficult & requires other conditions as well. What is the experience (negative & positive) in using evidence to influence decisions? What are the barriers? What lessons can we uncover for the group?

Chair: Ashu Handa, UNC & AIR

Engaging policymakers around research. **Théophile Azomahou, African Economic Research Consortium**

Collaborating with the IMF around transfer value. **Christiana Gbedemah, UNICEF Ghana**

Using evidence to inform program reform in the Malawi SCTP **Anastazio Matewere, Government of Malawi**

How to improve the effective use of evidence in policymaking. **Chris Chibwana, Hewlett Foundation**

Discussion [25 min]

12:45 – 13:30

Session 17: Closing, next steps & awards ceremony

The final session will encourage a reflection on what has been accomplished so far within the Transfer Project, a summary of the workshop, & what is the next frontier of research. Audience members will be encouraged to share concluding thoughts & ways forward for social protection on the continent. We will also have our traditional awards ceremony with prizes.

Chair: Ben Davis, FAO

Takeaways and reflections: **Transfer Project team & workshop participants**

Awards ceremony. **Gaby Guerrero Serdan, UNICEF Kenya**

13:30 – 14:30

Lunch & Depart