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This paper evaluates the impact of a "labeled cash transfer" (LCT). The program we evaluate features small transfers, targeted to poor communities (with all households eligible in those communities), and paid out to fathers. The program is unconditional but retains an implicit endorsement of education through its school-based encollinent procedure. This program was designed and implemented on a (randomized) pilot basis by Morocco's Ministry of Education. Within the same experiment, conducted over 600 communities, we compared it to three variants: (i) making the transfer explicitly conditional on regular attendance, (ii) making puyments to mothers instead of fathers, and (iii) doing both at the same time.

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