

# Evaluations of Cash Transfer Programs in African Settings



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AUTHORS	COUNTRY	CATEGORIES	KEY FINDINGS
Zambia Cash Transfer Program	Zambia	UCT + CCT, education, gifts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CCT led to greater parent enrollment and learning outcomes than the UCT.</li> <li>• @40% of program and average outcomes with UCT are the CCT are</li> </ul>
Zambia Cash Transfer Program	Zambia	UCT + CCT, education, gifts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CCTs had especially significant impacts on health outcomes (gifts who were already enrolled in school at the start of the program than in gifts who were not enrolled).</li> <li>• Effects of the CCTs on average only slightly more stronger in gifts who were not enrolled in school at the start of the program.</li> </ul>
Nigeria Cash Transfer Pilot Project	Nigeria	UCT + CCT, education, non-pupil children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CCTs were more effective than UCTs at increasing enrollment in school.</li> </ul>
Togo	Togo	CCT + CCT, education, parents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The CCT program was generally just as effective as the UCT program, and neither expensive.</li> <li>• CCTs were more effective than UCTs at increasing enrollment in school.</li> </ul>
Microenterprise Grants	Ghana	Microenterprise, parents, cash + in-kind gifts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In-kind gifts were more effective at increasing profits than cash grants.</li> <li>• In-kind gifts had the greatest impact on income and women with businesses that were already making a profit.</li> </ul>
CI-DNC	Togo	CCT, health, UCT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CCTs can lead to reductions in child deaths in low-income households, even when no HIV or reproductive health messaging accompanied the transfer.</li> </ul>

### Types of Cash Transfer Programs

**Unconditional Cash Transfer (UCT):** cash transfer made without any conditions required for the recipient.

**Conditional Cash Transfer (CCT):** a cash transfer makes the condition that the recipient must meet specific criteria such as school attendance or working activities.

**Labeled Cash Transfer (LCT):** a cash transfer makes which funds are indicated or "labeled" for a specific purpose but the conditions are not enforced.

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