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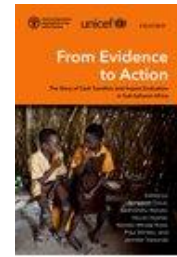
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Overview of Transfer Project Research in sub-Saharan Africa and Highlights from “From Evidence to Action”

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## ***From Evidence to Action: The Story of Cash Transfers and Impact Evaluation in Sub-Saharan Africa***

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Social protection policies continue to expand across sub Saharan Africa. Virtually every nation in the region has some kind of a cash transfer programme, designed to address the specific development needs of their country and accelerate progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals, including social protection target (SDG 1.3). Cash transfers are but one component of more complex and globally recognized social protection systems; these programmes have the power to reduce tackle multiple dimensions of deprivation, help families to build resiliency and break inter-generational cycles of poverty, hunger and exclusion. While evidence of their impacts has been well-documented in some regions, it has only been within the last decade that the success of social cash transfers across sub-Saharan Africa has been evaluated through rigorous research.

[\*From Evidence to Action\*](#) sets out to provide the accumulated evidence base on unconditional cash transfers in eight countries across the region. These transfers have led to a broad range of social and productive impacts, even though they are not tied to any specific behaviour. Documented results have been collected through the experience of the [Transfer Project](#), a joint effort of UNICEF and FAO, along with the University of North Carolina, Save the Children UK, and national governments and research institutions in each country. The strong collaboration among policymakers, development partners and researchers has led to the improved knowledge and practice on social cash transfers in Africa. Furthermore, the research evidence has influenced the wider adoption of social protection policies in the region, moving cash transfer initiatives from donor-funded pilots to domestically funded national programmes.

The book provides:

- Analysis of the role of impact evaluations and evidence informing national policies and expansion of government-run cash transfer programmes
- In-country experiences from 8 African countries: Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe
- Summary of impacts of programmes and how they are improving families' lives

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