

ONE FOR ALL AND ALL FOR CASH?

AN INQUIRY INTO SUSTAINABLE SOCIAL NETWORK AND COLLECTIVE ACTION EFFECTS OF CASH TRANSFERS IN RURAL UGANDA

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Abstract

Cash transfers (CT) are an increasingly common component of countries' social security and poverty reduction policies. This research is linked to experiments of universal unconditional cash transfer (UCT) carried out by the Belgian non-profit organisation 'Eight', in which every adult (and child, in a reduced amount) in rural Ugandan villages monthly receives a basic income, as explained in more detail in the documentary [Crazy Money](#). Its aim is to make a substantive contribution to the existing literature by focusing on 2 underexplored issues. First, the focus is on changes at the collective level, critical because of their potential to generate collective action and the public goods (e.g. schools, water, roads) needed to sustainably lift citizens out of poverty, even after the end of the programme. Second, long-term effects (i.e. sustainability) of transfers are investigated, potentially feeding into the global discussion on Universal Basic Income (UBI), which, also due to the COVID-19 crisis, is more topical than ever.



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Output so far

- [Preliminary descriptive analysis around impacts on main outcomes of interest](#)
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