



# Evaluation of Cash Transfer Pilot Project in Western Province, Zambia

Executive Summary

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## 1. Introduction

### 1.1 Overview of cash project

Oxfam GB is providing an unconditional, monthly cash transfer of ZK 90,000 per month (approx. 26 US dollars) to up to 13,500 households (approximately 30% of the rural population) in Kaoma and Mongu Districts, Western Province during the months from November 2005 to March 2006. 200 HHs were provided with cash in Mongu District in October as a test/trial.

#### 1.1.1 Number of beneficiary households and % of total households (HHs) per District

<b>Mongu</b>					
Mongu Rural pop.	117,692				
Av. rural HH size Mongu	6.4				
	# of households (Planned)	# of beneficiaries (planned)	# HHs (actual)	# beneficiaryies (actual)	% total rural HHs
Trial	trial		200		
1. Nov/Dec	6,087	38,957	6,041	38,662	33.8%
2. Dec/Jan	6,556	41,958	6,481	41,478	35.2%
3. Jan/Feb	7,752	49,613	7,762	49,677	42.2%
4. Feb/Mar	7,752		(TBA)	(TBA)	(TBA)

<b>Kaoma</b>					
Kaoma Rural pop.	150,205				
Av. rural HH size Kaoma	7.5				
	# of households (Planned)	# of beneficiaries (planned)	# HHs (actual)	# Beneficiaries (actual)	% total rural HHs
Trial			0	0	0.0%
1. Nov/Dec	4,500	33,750	4,355	32,663	21.7%
2. Dec/Jan	4,500	33,750	4,464	33,480	22.3%
3. Jan/Feb	5,748	43,110	5,725	42,938	28.6%
4. Feb/Mar	5,748	43,110	(TBA)	(TBA)	(TBA)

<b>Total</b>			
Rural pop.	267,897		
Total Planned # of Households	# HHs (actual)	# Beneficiaries (actual)	% total rural HHs
0	200	0	0.00%
10587	10,388	32,663	12.19%
11056	11,069	33,480	12.50%

13500	13,510	42,938	16.03%
13500	(TBA)	(TBA)	(TBA)

The purpose of the project is to support households achieve short-term food security without having to employ harmful coping strategies and to prevent malnutrition, according to the findings of the VAC and INGO assessments conducted in May 2005. The use of cash transfers is as an alternative to food aid and is a relatively new type of intervention. Thus, in addition to post distribution monitoring and planned final evaluation, this mid-term evaluation was carried out.

## 1.2 Overview of mid-term evaluation

The mid-term evaluation was undertaken between 23/01/06 to 30/01/06 by Mpulu Makayi, Oxfam GB Project Officer; Dailes Judge, Oxfam GB Communications Officer; Mark Myungula, Regional Risk Assessment Adviser; Chris Leather, Oxfam GB Humanitarian Dept., Food Security & Livelihoods Adviser.

The stated objectives of the evaluation were to:

- Provide a qualitative picture of the impact that the cash transfers are having in a household, particularly in terms of gender and HIV/AIDS, to complement the quantitative data coming from the PDMs.
- Document the unintended impacts, both positive and negative, that the programme is having. We can specify as much as possible e.g. markets, social relationships, community welfare mechanisms
- Document in general what is working in the programme and what isn't.
- Assess the accountability mechanisms the teams have put in place.
- Provide recommendations for immediate uptake by the programme and for long term learning, as well as areas for examination in the final evaluation.
- Recommend action research that needs to be further undertaken by the programme.

The team visited two communities and one cash distribution. During the community visits the team interviewed groups of men and women and individual HHs representing beneficiaries, non-beneficiaries as well as Village Relief/Development Committees (VR/DCs) and interviewed local traders. The team also observed the cash distributions and interviewed individual HHs and Oxfam GB monitors. In addition, the team held discussions with Oxfam GB senior project staff and with representatives of other aid agencies.

For further details of the project and the evaluation methodology please contact Mpulu Makayi, [mmakayi@oxfam.org.uk](mailto:mmakayi@oxfam.org.uk)



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