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Evaluating Impact: Turning Promises into Evidence

Project name

Public Works Programme 2010/2011 Zimbabwe

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1. Background

- ❑ The government maintained public assistance, targets-elderly, orphans(ovc),disabled, chronically ill.
- ❑The disabled gets loans/grants and are weaned of from the public assistance
- ❑Some do not graduate because of age, health status
- ❑CTs do not stand alone...its related to other interventions e.g input project, public works, internal lending and savings clubs
- ❑Zimbabwe in the pipeline to develop a social protection national strategy
- ❑Ideal experimental-workfares plus vs cash transfers with same amount.

2. Results Chain



- Funds
- Equipment
- Technical Skills/ Assistance
- Political will

- Workfare + delivery of cash/ food in exchange of work

- Community assets
- Cash delivery

- Nutrition
- weight...
- Assets at households
- Food security
- Number of meals per day
- Anthropometrics of children
- Dietary diversity

- Graduating from paid workfares

3. Primary Research Questions

□ What is the relative effectiveness of eligibility for work fare on the food security of households and children's anthropometrics outcome

4. Outcome Indicators

- Nutritional status
- Weight gain
- Assets at households
- Food security
- Number of meals per day
- Anthropometrics of children
- Dietary diversity
- ...

5. Identification Strategy/ Method

- ❑ Crop assessment to select District for targeting (self targeting
- ❑ Classify the district vulnerability status using the ZIMVAC report
- ❑ ...Self targeting at household level
- ❑ Randomization of wards into the following three categories:
 1. Control Group 20USD/15 days/month for 4 months thus October – January
 2. Treatment group 1 20usd/15 days/month per 8 months October – May
 3. Treatment group 2 20usd/15 days/month per 12 months October – September

6. Sample and Data

- ❑ To decide number of villages in the study sample and the number of households in each of those villages power calculations will be made using the estimated impact size on food security
- ❑ Villages will be randomly selected from the pool of eligible wards within each district
- ❑ Households will be selected in each village in one of the following two methods
 1. Randomly select a large number of households to catch enough workfare beneficiaries, or
 2. Do a listing to determine likely beneficiaries and then sample a smaller number of households from that group.

7. Time Frame / Work Plan

- Two year intervention
- September of year one: baseline data collection
- Annual data collection for two years.

8. Sources of Financing

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