



This series of Research Group Fact sheets shows ongoing research projects related to INCLUDE, the Knowledge Platform on Inclusive Development Policies

Breaking the vicious circle of poverty and ill-health

Social protection is increasingly considered a relevant instrument for inclusive growth. This reflects a substantial change of perspective. Good health is an important component of inclusive growth. Cash transfers and social health protection share similar objectives, but the relationship between both has not yet been thoroughly addressed. The research project 'Breaking the Vicious Circle of Poverty and Ill-Health. Are Cash Transfers and Social Health Protection Policies in Ghana and Kenya Complementary?' aims to develop new strategic knowledge on the effectiveness of cash transfer programmes and social health protection policies in Ghana and Kenya. It especially focuses on the accumulation of health related human capital and its spill-over effects on intermediate inclusive growth objectives and, in particular, addresses poor women and children. It seeks to understand if and under which conditions these policies are complementary. The research project extends existing research by combining cost-effectiveness with political-economic considerations. This is achieved by engaging in a multi-level and interactive process of co-production of knowledge between researchers, ministries and practitioners.

Main question	Are cash transfers and social health protection policies in Ghana and Kenya complementary?
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Country focus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ghana • Kenya
Planned activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-production of knowledge between researchers, ministries and practitioners. • Building up of strategic knowledge on the integration of inclusive growth objectives into design and implementation of social protection interventions, focusing on instrument choice and the interaction between different policies integrating technical, financial and political considerations. • Within-country comparison across time using existing household level data. • Assessing factors hindering or facilitating policy change at national or local level by taking a political economy perspective combining a process-tracing and institutional approach. • Comparison of results across countries.