**ABSTRACT**
Cash transfers are an increasingly popular tool in government’s social protection strategies aimed at reducing poverty and improving food security. In addition, improved economic security at the household level may have subsequent effects on the health and well-being of adolescents living in targeted households. Using evidence generated in the Transfer Project, a collaboration aimed at improving the evidence base around government cash transfers in Africa and facilitating uptake by policymakers, this presentation reviews findings on adolescent well-being and pathways of impact.

**OBJECTIVES**
1. Describe impacts of cash transfers on poverty reduction and adolescent health and well-being;
2. Identify pathways of impact between cash transfer programmes and adolescent health;

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