

Evaluating the Effectiveness of the Cash Transfer Programme for Orphaned Children in Zimbabwe

Tawanda Sydesky Nyawasha

*University of Limpopo, Turfloop Campus, Department of Sociology and Anthropology,
P. Bag X1106 Sovenga, 0727 South Africa
E-mail: nyawasha@gmail.com*

KEYWORDS Institutional Care. Child-headed Households. Vulnerable Children. Interventions. Economic Needs. Household Poverty

ABSTRACT Zimbabwe has adopted a comprehensive response to the needs and challenges of orphaned children. The support for orphaned children has seen the collaboration and synergy between government, non-governmental agencies and communities. This article focuses on the results of an evaluation conducted to assess the effectiveness of the cash transfer initiative for orphaned children in a peri-urban district of Zimbabwe. The aims of the evaluation were two-fold: (1) to assess the effective implementation of the cash transfer programme, and (2) to draw up some lessons and recommendations that can improve the implementation and delivery of existing and future initiatives designed for meeting and addressing the needs and challenges of orphans and other vulnerable children in Zimbabwe. Face-to-face interviews and focus group discussions were the main methods used to collect data from children who were under the care of a local palliative care organisation. The results of the study showed that the cash transfer system is useful in addressing a host of challenges being faced by orphaned children.