CASH TRANSFER PILOT PROJECT

Increasing housing stability and HIV services utilization among street-connected girls and young women

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The Cash Transfer Pilot Project is testing a six-month unconditional cash transfer intervention for street-connected girls and young women (aged 16-29) who are unstably, unsafely, or inadequately housed. The cash transfer is valued at 2000 KSH per month, equivalent to the Government of Kenya cash transfer for orphans and vulnerable children.

The study is investigating the acceptability, feasibility, and sustainability of the cash transfer for street-connected girls and young women as well as the impact of the cash transfer on housing status and engagement in HIV-related health services. The study is funded by the Canadian Institute for Health Research (CIHR).

What are cash transfers?

Cash transfers aim to reduce poverty through direct payments of money to eligible recipients. Cash transfers can help to address the structural factors that increase the risk of HIV, such as poverty and homelessness.



Cash transfer pilot

Recruitment is scheduled to begin in June 2023.

Study population: 120 street-connected girls and young women (aged 16-29) in Eldoret and Kitale who are currently enrolled in the **Peer Navigator Project.**

Data collection:

- Monthly surveys with participants receiving the cash transfer
- Qualitative interviews with participants receiving the cash transfer, healthcare providers, community stakeholders, and government officials

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