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Show Me the Money: Essays on the Impact of Cash Transfers on Child Nutrition
and the Role of Intra-Household Dynamics

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1. The pathways of the impact of cash transfers on child nutritional status are poorly understood. (Chapter 2)
2. Increasing household consumption through small cash transfers and improving maternal agency have positive, yet modest, effects on nutritional inputs and outcomes, demonstrating the need for complementary interventions to improve the nutritional status of children. (Chapter 3)
3. Households in Northern Ghana show no clear gender preference towards their children, but fathers are more inclined to invest resources in their daughters compared to their sons. (Chapter 4)
4. An unconditional cash transfer is able to improve food security at the household level, but has a negligible effect on the nutritional status of infants, making the cash transfer more a household benefit than a child-oriented benefit. (Chapter 5)
5. Governments and development partners need to understand and analyse the complex determinants of a development problem when designing and implementing policies.
6. "Just throwing money at a complex problem like poverty does not automatically solve the problem of malnutrition." (Michael Cichon)
7. "To the extent that we know how to remedy poverty, there is no reason to tolerate the waste of lives and talent that poverty brings with it." (Abhijit V. Banerjee and Esther Duflo, *Poor Economics: A Radical Rethinking of the Way to Fight Global Poverty*)
8. "Sometimes the lack of substantive freedoms relates directly to economic poverty, which robs people of the freedom to satisfy hunger; or to achieve sufficient nutrition, or to obtain remedies for treatable illnesses or the opportunity to be adequately clothed or sheltered, or to enjoy clean water or sanitary facilities." (Amartya Sen)
9. "Your standard errors probably won't be quite right, but they rarely are." (Joshua D. Angrist and Jörn-Steffen Pischke, *Mostly Harmless Econometrics*)
10. "No amount of experimentation can ever prove me right; a single experiment can prove me wrong." (Albert Einstein)