How do cash transfers affect children’s work?

ICI REVIEWED 21 STUDIES THAT EVALUATED THE IMPACTS OF CASH TRANSFER PROGRAMMES ON CHILD WORK:

7 showed **unambiguous decreases** in child work

7 showed **decreases** in child work for some children, but not all

7 showed **increases** in child work

*We use the broader term child work because most studies do not differentiate between child work and child labour (child work considered as harmful).

CASH TRANSFERS AFFECT CHILDREN DIFFERENTLY, DEPENDING ON A RANGE OF FACTORS...

**Age**
Cash transfers cause greater reductions in work among older children.

**Gender**
Cash transfers cause greater reductions in work for boys, than for girls.

**Poverty**
Cash transfers tend to cause greater reductions in work for children from poorer families.

**Type of work**
Cash transfers decrease paid work more often than unpaid work, like chores or farm work.

Read more: The effects of cash transfers on child labour: a review of evidence from rural contexts.