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## **“Is the Emergency Unconditional Cash Transfer a viable complement to the current emergency protocols?”**

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### **Abstract**

Globally, emergency unconditional cash transfer (EUCT) has become part of emergency assistance. Is EUCT applicable to the Philippine emergency setting? The post-Yolanda Eastern Samar research attempts to find out, testing the concept on 4Ps families provided with PhP4,400 EUCT per month for 6 months on top of regular CCT benefits. Results suggest that the EUCT’s principal role was to take care of food and daily needs, drastically reducing food insecurity and enriching children’s schooling experience. While the study found no household expenditure behavior of concern, recipients were marginally better compared to non-recipients in shelter recovery and asset building. Cash infusion stimulated trading and low-level service activities, benefiting business in the localities and neighboring commercial centers, with uncertain sustainability of impact on local commerce. Hitching EUCT on CCT system led to high efficiency in financial implementation. By itself, the EUCT has proven to be a practical complement to current emergency protocols. For greater effectiveness, specific design and structure strengthening measures are recommended.

### ***About the speakers:***

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