What are the impacts of cash transfers on cocoa households?

In a randomized experiment, 644 households in Ghana received monthly cash transfers of around 30 USD, for six months.

Here’s what we learned...

- **Cash transfers reduced child labour**
  Hazardous child labour decreased by 9 percentage points. This corresponds to a substantial reduction from a child labour prevalence of 58% in the sample.

- **Cash transfers made households more resilient**
  Cash transfer recipients were better able to cope with a loss of income due to illness, or a poor harvest, without using negative coping strategies such as reducing meals and using child labour.

- **Cash transfers improved children’s material wellbeing**
  Households invested the cash transfer in basic items for children, such as blankets and clothing, as well as in household goods.