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### Study Status

- **Record Verification:** September 2014  
  - **WARNING:** A record for an "Active, not recruiting" or "Enrolling by invitation" study must be reviewed, updated and verified at least once per year.
- **Overall Status:** Active, not recruiting
- **Study Start:** April 2012
- **Primary Completion:** January 2015 [Actual]
- **Study Completion:** December 2016 [Anticipated]

### Sponsor/Collaborators

- **Sponsor:** International Food Policy Research Institute
- **Responsible Party:** Sponsor
- **Collaborators:**  
  - United Nations World Food Programme (WFP)  
  - German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development  
  - Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation  
  - United States Agency for International Development (USAID)  
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### Oversight

- **FDA Regulated?** No
- **IND/IDE Protocol?** No
- **Review Board:** Approval Status: Approved
Approval Number: 03/18/2014
Board Name: Institutional Review Board (IRB IFPRI)
Board Affiliation: International Food Policy Research Institute
Phone: 2028624673
Email: ifpri-irb@cgiar.org

Data Monitoring?: No
Oversight Authorities: United States: Institutional Review Board

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**Study Description**

**Brief Summary:**
This is a randomized control trial in two zones of Bangladesh (north and south). Treatment is assigned at the village level where treatments are: cash transfers (north and south); cash transfers + nutrition behavior communication change (north only); food transfers (north and south); food transfers + nutrition behavior communication change (south only); food-cash split (north and south); and controls (north and south). Within treatment localities, women living in very poor households are targeted to receive benefits for two years.

**Detailed Description:**

*NOTE: Detailed Description: data not entered.*

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**Conditions**

- Improving Pre-school Anthropometric Status
- Improving Household Food Security
- Improving Maternal Nutrition Knowledge

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*NOTE: "Improving household food security" is not a recognized condition
*NOTE: "Improving maternal nutrition knowledge" is not a recognized condition

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**Keywords:**

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**Study Design**

- **Study Type:** Interventional
- **Primary Purpose:** Basic Science
- **Study Phase:** N/A
- **Intervention Model:** Factorial Assignment
- **Number of Arms:** 5
- **Masking:** Open Label
- **Allocation:** Randomized
- **Endpoint Classification:**
- **Enrollment:** 5000 [Anticipated]

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**NOTE:** Intervention 'Behavior Communication Change (BCC)' has not been included in any Arm/Group Descriptions.

### Outcome Measures

**Primary Outcome Measure:**

1. **Child anthropometry**
   - [Time Frame: Baseline. Up to 12 months. Up to 24 months.] [Safety Issue: No]
   - Height for age z scores
   - Weight for height z scores
   - Weight for age z scores
   - Stunting
   - Wasting
   - Outcomes specified in terms of levels one year after intervention started (2013), two years after intervention started and as changes: 2012-2013, 2013-2014 and 2012-2014

2. **Child food intake**
   - [Time Frame: Baseline. Up to 12 months. Up to 24 months.] [Safety Issue: No]
   - Number of unique foods consumed in previous 24 hours
   - Number of food groups consumed in previous 24 hours
   - Consumption of specified food groups - animal source foods, dairy, Vitamin A rich foods etc
   - Caloric consumption in previous 24 hours
   - Outcomes specified in terms of levels one year after intervention started (2013), two years after intervention started and as changes: 2012-2013, 2013-2014 and 2012-2014

3. **Child health**
   - [Time Frame: Baseline. Up to 12 months. Up to 24 months.] [Safety Issue: No]
   - Did mother report child was ill in previous 2 weeks
   - Outcomes specified in terms of levels one year after intervention started (2013), two years after intervention started and as changes: 2012-2013, 2013-2014 and 2012-2014

4. **Distribution of food intake within the household**
   - [Time Frame: Baseline. Up to 12 months. Up to 24 months.] [Safety Issue: No]
   - Consumption of foods by all household members in previous 24 hours as recalled by mothers as measured by yes/no questions on foods, food groups and calories
   - Outcomes specified in terms of levels one year after intervention started (2013), two years after intervention started and as changes: 2012-2013, 2013-2014 and 2012-2014
5. Household food security
   [Time Frame: Baseline. Up to 12 months. Up to 24 months.] [Safety Issue: No]
   Food groups consumed by household in previous seven days Number of unique foods consumed in previous
   seven days Number of food groups consumed in previous seven days Number of food groups consumed in
   previous seven days weighted by nutritional value and frequency of consumption Value of food consumption
   in previous seven days Household caloric availability in previous seven days Outcomes specified in terms of
   levels one year after intervention started (2013), two years after intervention started and as changes:
   2012-2013, 2013-2014 and 2012-2014

6. Maternal nutrition knowledge
   [Time Frame: Baseline. Up to 12 months. Up to 24 months.] [Safety Issue: No]
   Maternal knowledge of infant and young child feeding practices (IYCF) Knowledge, attitudes, practice of IYCF
   Scored as yes/no and as a total score on all questions Levels assessed in 2013 and 2014 and as changes
   between 2012-2013, 2013-2014 and 2012-2014

Secondary Outcome Measure:

7. Household consumption
   [Time Frame: Baseline. Up to 12 months. Up to 24 months.] [Safety Issue: No]
   Value of food consumption in previous seven days Value of monthly non-food consumption Value of monthly
   non-food consumption by specified sub-groups (clothing, medical expenses, education expenses, transport,
   consumables, semi-durables) Value of monthly household consumption (food and non-food) Outcomes
   specified in terms of levels one year after intervention started (2013), two years after intervention started and as
   changes: 2012-2013, 2013-2014 and 2012-2014

8. Household income
   [Time Frame: Baseline. Up to 12 months. Up to 24 months.] [Safety Issue: No]
   Value of annual income derived from agriculture at endline (2014) Value of annual income derived from non-
   agricultural sources at endline (2014) Value of annual total income derived from all sources at endline (2014)
   Change in annual income (agriculture, non-agricultural, total) between 2012-2013, 2013-2014 and 2012-2014
   Outcomes specified in terms of levels one year after intervention started (2013), two years after intervention
   started and as changes: 2012-2013, 2013-2014 and 2012-2014

9. Asset accumulation
   [Time Frame: Baseline. Up to 12 months. Up to 24 months.] [Safety Issue: No]
   Index (z score) of consumer durables Index (z score) of productive assets Index of quality of housing stock
   Productive land ownership (ha) Outcomes specified in terms of levels one year after intervention started (2013),
   two years after intervention started and as changes: 2012-2013, 2013-2014 and 2012-2014

10. Women's empowerment
    [Time Frame: Up to 12 months. Up to 24 months.] [Safety Issue: No]
    Index of women's decision making autonomy within the household Index of women's mobility outside the
    household Outcome measured as level in 2013, level in 2014 and change between 2013-2014

11. Information spillovers to non-beneficiaries
    [Time Frame: Up to 24 months.] [Safety Issue: No]
    Knowledge of infant and young child feeding practices (IYCF) of mothers Knowledge, attitudes, practice
    of IYCF Scored as yes/no and as a total score on all questions Non-beneficiaries are mothers living near
    intervention households (within approximately a 10 minute walk) in the following treatment arms: North: cash,
    cash + BCC, control. South: food, food + BCC, control. Levels assessed in 2014

NOTE: Normally only one Primary Outcome Measure is specified.

Eligibility

Minimum Age: 15 Years
Maximum Age: 65 Years
Gender: Female
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**References**

**Citations:**

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