



Locally-led development

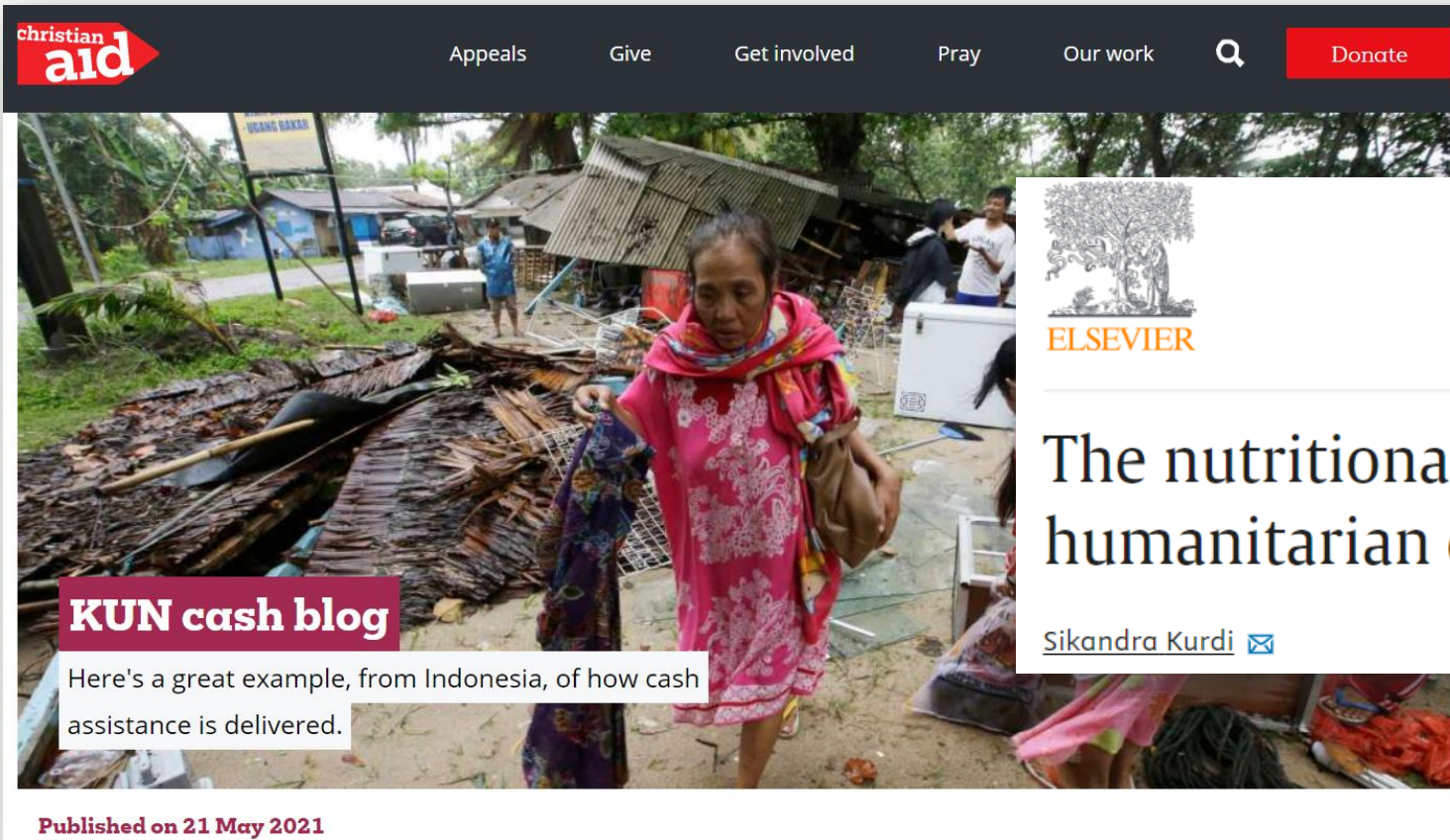
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'Locally'-led in relation to other scales

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Humanitarian cash transfers



The screenshot shows the Christian Aid website header with navigation links: Appeals, Give, Get involved, Pray, Our work, and a search icon. A prominent red 'Donate' button is on the right. Below the header is a large photograph of a woman in a pink patterned dress and a colorful shawl, standing in a damaged area with debris and a sign that says 'UANG BAKTI'. A white box with the Christian Aid logo is visible in the background.

christian aid

Appeals Give Get involved Pray Our work [Donate](#)

KUN cash blog

Here's a great example, from Indonesia, of how cash assistance is delivered.

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The screenshot shows the cover of the journal 'World Development', Volume 148, December 2021, 105664. The Elsevier logo is on the left. The article title is 'The nutritional benefits of cash transfers in humanitarian crises: evidence from Yemen' by Sikandra Kurdi. A small table of contents is visible in the top right corner.

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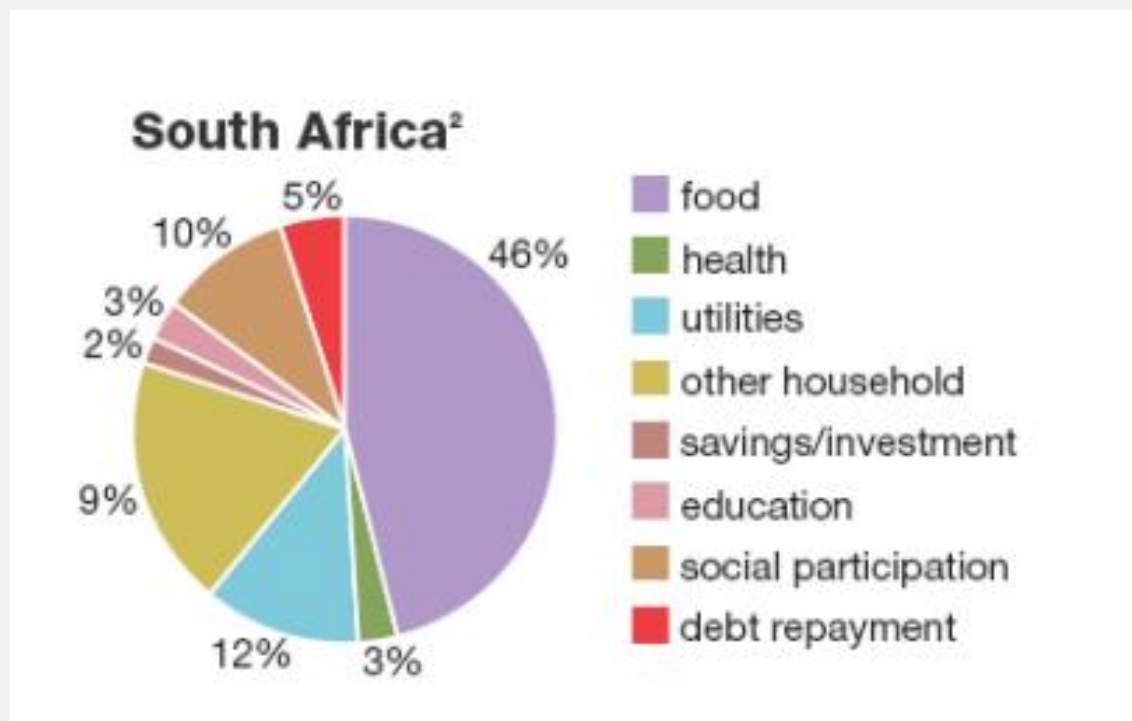
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Direct cash transfers in development policy



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Long-Term Impacts of Conditional Cash Transfers: Review of the Evidence

Teresa Molina Millán ✉, Tania Barham ✉, Karen Macours ✉, John A Maluccio ✉, Marco Stampini ✉

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Direct Budget Support

Partnership General Budget Support - Overall Findings

The Joint Evaluation of General Budget Support 1994-2004

In 2004 a group of 24 aid agencies and 7 partner governments commissioned a joint evaluation of General Budget Support (GBS). Its purpose was:

to assess to what extent and under what circumstances GBS is relevant, efficient and effective for achieving sustainable impacts on poverty reduction and growth.

This independent study was led by the International Development Department of the University of Birmingham. Its outputs are a Synthesis Report, and seven country case studies, for Burkina Faso, Malawi, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Rwanda, Uganda, and Vietnam.

The study team was led by
Stephen Lister and coordinated by Rebecca Carter.



<https://www.oecd.org/development/evaluation/dcdndep/37421292.pdf>

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‘Partner’ in place	Partnership-based agreements and subcontracting	Global or International partners

If specific people and places are made 'local' through development activities, then how are other people and places made 'global'?

How do 'Northern' NGOs encourage or implicitly command dependence and a claim at being 'global'?

- *They hold the money and decide how much, to where, when and on what conditions.*
- *They hold the power to turn the tap off. And this is the lesson from budget support - the politics of being accountable to British taxpayers helped end budget support.*
- *They hold the power to walk away without real consequence*

Why?

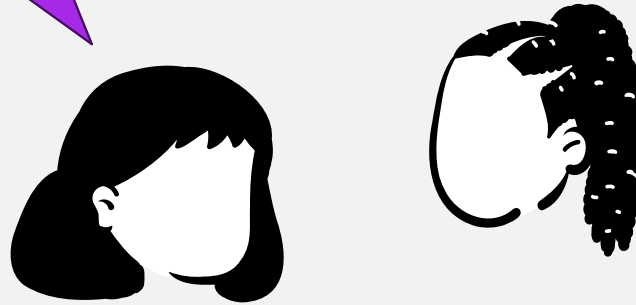
- *Locally-led development approaches and activities were conceived and 'sold' as technocratic solutions to technical problems*
- *This makes locally-led approaches apolitical and a-ideological (without ideology)*

Thinking about cash transfers as locally-led approaches...

- *What socialist ideas of material redistribution are being mobilised?*
- *What theory of radical solidarity?*
- *What ideas of deep democracy is being practiced?*
- *What politics of decolonisation is being mobilised?*

How can locally-led approaches reengage with a decolonial project?

Where is the political?



How do development interventions not recreate the conditions they are trying to end?

A. REINJECT THE POLITICAL

Political commitment as choice-making

Why is it important to you to be thinking about decoloniality at all?