

A Worm's Eye View

CARE's Experience with Cash Transfers

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Presentation Overview

- Clarifying some assumptions
- CARE's experience – cash transfers and other social protection mechanisms
- Key lessons learned



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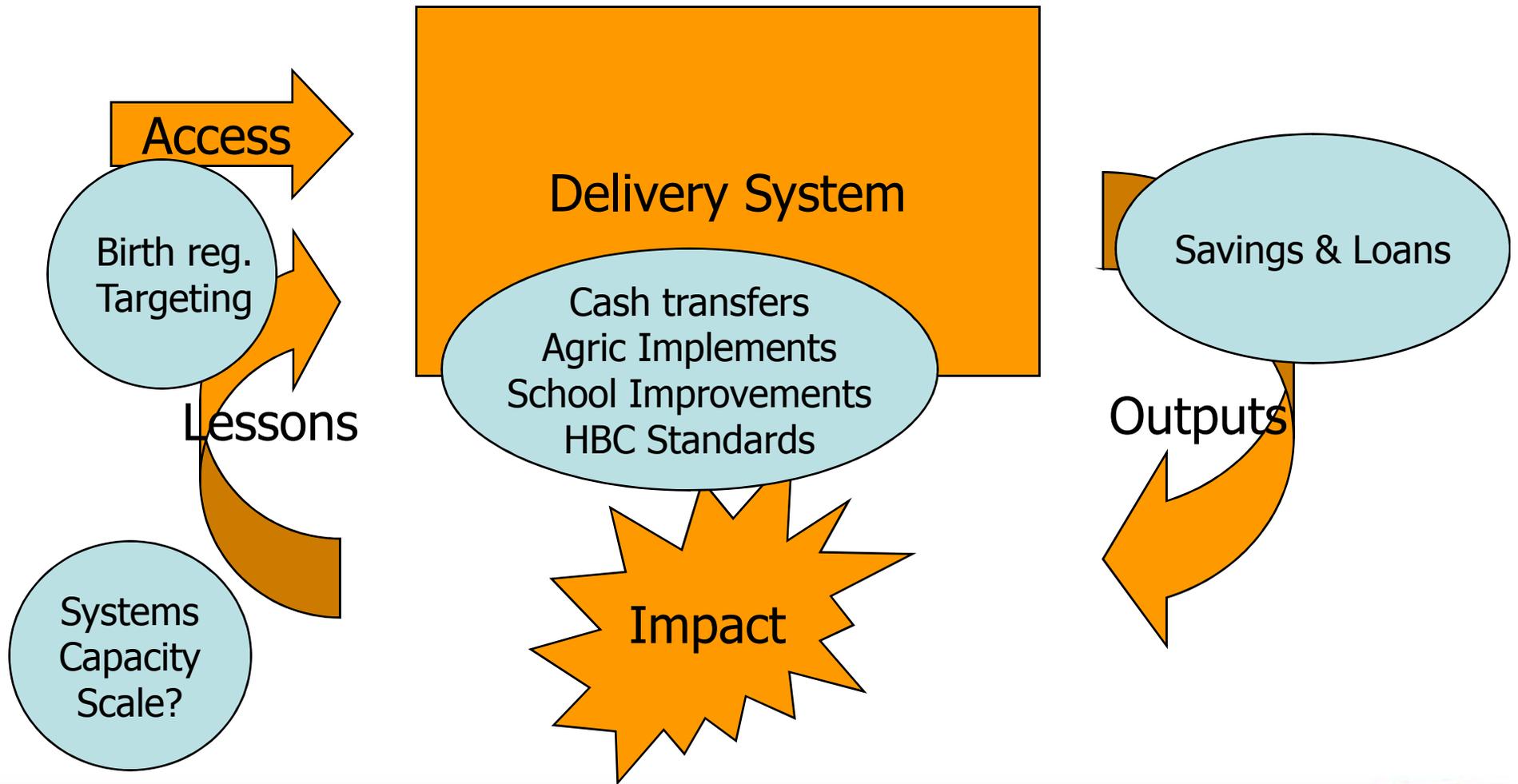


Some Assumptions & Definitions

- Social Protection: *predictable systems of on-going support that are at least moving towards becoming institutionalized through the government sector.*
- Social protection enables us to reach the most poor and vulnerable – to address chronic, acute poverty.
- Cash Transfers are a component of social protection, and, while often powerful, reach their full potential when surrounded by other supportive interventions that focus on rights, responsibilities and developmental aspirations.



CARE's Involvement



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Key Lessons Learned

- Cash with complementary interventions can effectively help people “spring board” into a more secure livelihood category.
- Targeting: balancing community participation & mobilisation with feasibility at a national scale, and transparency.



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Key Lessons Learned

- CARE needed to re-conceptualise it's role in order to support government, and build a supportive government:
 - a new way to look at and understand delivery systems,
 - capacity building (in Government),
 - and working with civil society to create demand.



Key Lessons Learned

- Relationships and partnerships:
 - Understand specific vulnerabilities and pathways;
 - Pilots and learning schemes with gov't – test assumptions about mechanisms, targeting current and needed capacity;
 - Community mobilisation and support
Complementary support to maximise transfers;
 - Impact and process evaluation to mobilise government and civil society;



*Poverty is the language of yesterday.
Life is smoother [now].*

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