Overall Response

**Overall Response to the Evaluation:** Overall, the evaluation, which was managed by the Office of Research in collaboration with a local research institution, presents an adequate analysis of the data gathered to answer the primary questions of interest. The evaluation methodology, a mixed methods approach using a cluster randomized control trial design for the quantitative component, was comprehensive and the data collection process conducted to a high standard. The rigorous design and implementation of this evaluation facilitates presenting the findings with the right level of authority, in particular when it comes to attributing the change to the interventions evaluated (the PSSN cash transfer and public works components). The findings have been made available in a timely manner to inform ongoing discussions about the design of the next phase of the PSSN programme. The main findings were presented at the PSSN review mission workshop in April 2018. The report presents the process and analysis in a systematic and objective manner. The report complies with the reporting structure and standards used for all UNICEF-supported impact evaluations under the Transfer Project. The findings are well-narrated and present a balanced overview of areas where significant impact was detected as well as where no impact was detected. The report adequately explores explanations for all main findings observed. As such, the report provides a useful contribution to the global literature on the impact of cash transfers on young people as well as to the dialogue in Tanzania on the role of cash transfers in the Government's social protection portfolio and in relation to the design of PSSN II. TCO Senior Management concurs with the findings.

**Planned Use of the Evaluation:** The report's main contribution is to contribute to fostering support for cash transfers in Tanzania as well as to contribute to the design of the cash transfer and livelihood enhancement components of the PSSN programme. Staff at TASAF, which implements PSSN, are the main audience with regards to the latter aspect while the first aspect involves a broader audience of policy-makers and social policy stakeholders at central and local government levels. The report doesn't include specific recommendations, which was not the intention. The UNICEF Country Office will take action on the basis of the conclusions of the report.

**Recommendations and Actions**

**Recommendation #1:**

The evaluation reveals positive impacts of the PSSN programme on education outcomes, child work (shift from paid work to household activities), child material well-being, knowledge on modern contraceptives, aspirations, social support, and certain forms of empowerment (including perceived ability to make household decisions. The evaluation also reveals that no significant impacts occurred on other youth outcomes in the field of sexual and reproductive health and violence notably. Still, the findings suggest that these impacts may occur in the longer run (the evaluation was done 1.5 years into the programme) through some of the pathway outcomes such as education, aspiration, and knowledge. Further, the authors suggest that the value of the cash transfer may have been too low to observe broad-based impacts. Top-ups are only received when children attend school and many of the 14-19 year olds are not in school.

**Management Response:** Agree
**Action Planned:** Present the findings of the evaluation at a TASAF-convened dissemination event in (together with findings from other impact evaluations on the PSSN)

**Action Taken:** Underway, to be done by October 2018

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**Action #2:**

- **Responsible Section:** SPRME/ CAIDS
- **Responsible Person:** Paul Quarles Van Ufford
- **Expected Completion:** 8/31/2018 12:00:00 AM
- **Implementation Stage:** Underway

**Action Planned:** Use the findings of the study to engage TASAF in PSSN design meetings on the value of the cash transfer and the functionality of the conditionalities

**Action Taken:** PSSN design meetings being planned.

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**Recommendation #2:**

The evaluation findings suggest that additional and complementary interventions can optimize the impact of cash transfers to poor households and provide a means for adolescents to a safe, healthy, and productive decision to adulthood

**Management Response:** Agree

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**Action #1:**

- **Responsible Section:** CAIDS/ SPRME
- **Responsible Person:** Ulrike Gilbert
- **Expected Completion:** 12/31/2018 12:00:00 AM
- **Implementation Stage:** Not Started

**Action Planned:** Use the findings of the evaluation to advocate for scale-up of the UNICEF-supported Cash Plus model under PSSN II, during PSSN II design meetings and evaluation dissemination events

**Action Taken:** Action to be taken.