

Cash, Care and Connection

UBI Plus as the Future for Social Protection?

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Structure of the Talk

- Introduction to Research
- Findings and Implications from Pilots
- Possibilities Regarding Climate Change
- Q&A

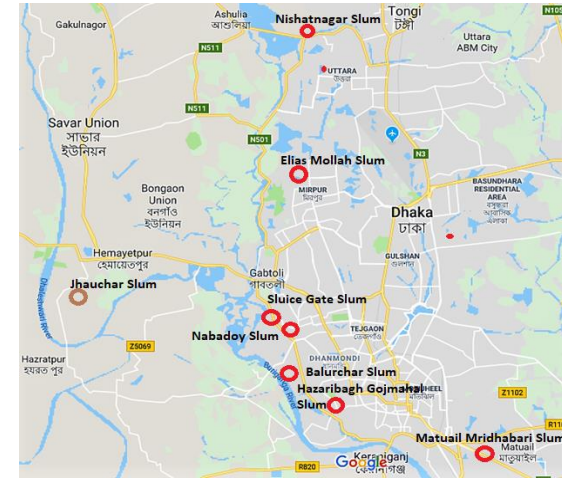
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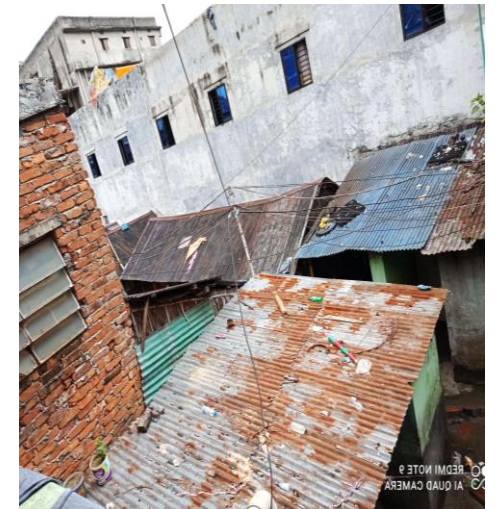
My Research on UBI



- Cash, care and connection...

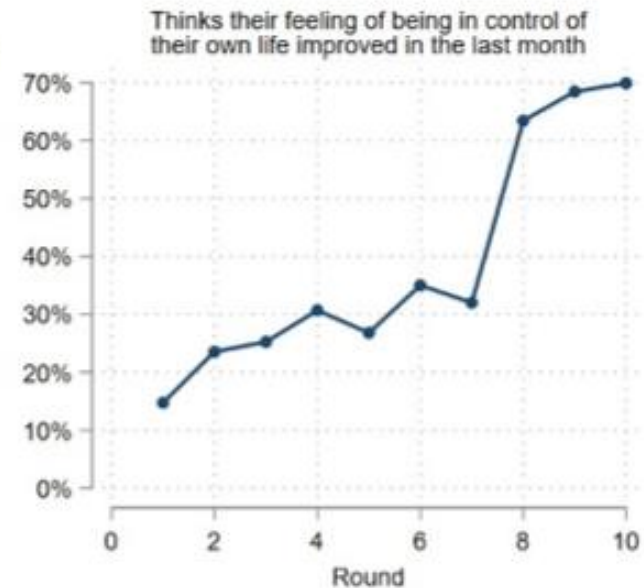
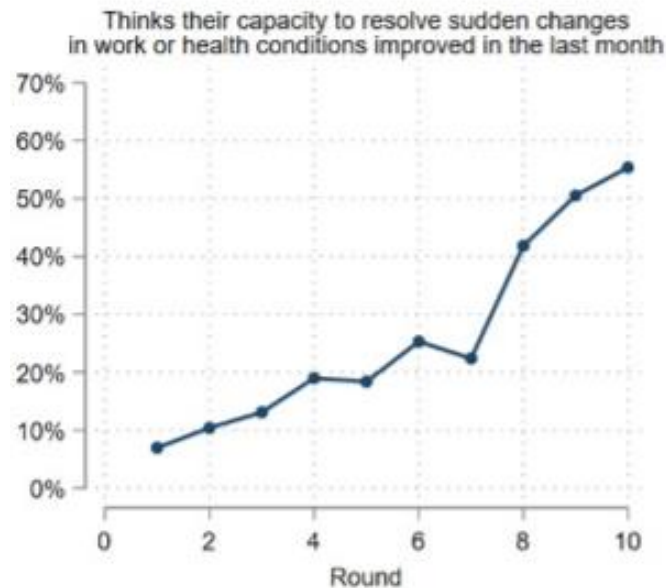


- 5 Communities
- 10,000 People



Initial Findings 1: Cash helps!

- Cash helps all, esp. poorest
- People can pay off debt
- Investments in new productive assets
- Children re-start school/ change work
- Wellbeing and ability to cope ↑, stress ↓



Findings 2: Community work helps too!

- Individual coaching and household interventions
- Connection to services – ‘the last mile’
- Health camps & multi-dimensionality
- Collective activities & new connections



Findings 3: Synergies

- ‘Cash ignites the Plus’ – dignity, recognition, trust
- Plus makes most of cash
- Plus helps overcome limits
- **UBI Plus is the future!**

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wasting your time. But if you have
come because your liberation is bound
up with mine, then let us work together.*
~ Lilla Watson



What about Climate Change?

- 1) Arguments at level of shared vision
- 2) Arguments at level of what UBI can do
- 3) Arguments at level of what how we fund UBI can do
- 4) Counter-arguments
- 5) Prospects

What about Climate Change?

1) Natural alignment

- sustainable, just future
- faith in human nature

2) Arguments at level of what UBI can do

- less work
- more participation (and politics)
- less (damaging) consumption

3) Arguments at level of what how we fund UBI can do

- redistribution (= reduced elite consumption)
- carbon taxes
- greater equality

What about Climate Change?

4) Counter-arguments

- increased consumption
- maybe human nature will let us down
- depends on circumstances and add-ons!

5) Prospects

- grim but there is hope
- will depend in part of articulation of demands and coalitions
- future research could help

To Find Out More

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