Reviewer’s report

Title: Effectiveness of the government cash transfer program in supporting households caring for orphaned children in Kenya: cross-sectional evidence from western Kenya

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This is a well written and clear paper

Minor essential revisions

1. I think the authors could have done more wrt the existing literature on grants - in fact the evidence of CT on poverty alleviation is not always that clear in the literature.

2. The simplistic use of the question about the future is also somewhat problematic - some evidence of the use elsewhere is provided, but I think this should also be viewed as a limitation. In fact, the mere fact that no logical explanation can be given suggest partially to the simplistic way in which the question was asked (and being the only question)/

3. Limited: Can you assess the psychological answers to 10 year old children in the same way as 19 year old children?? Maybe shoul be note is a limitation

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

seems fine