Unit 6.2: Should you donate differently

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D ▶ 1.26 **WATCH FOR MAIN IDEAS** Watch the edited TED Talk. What is the most important idea that Sun wants her audience to understand from her talk?

1. _____ Most aid is like throwing cash out of an airplane.
2. _____ Direct cash transfers work better than other types of donations.
3. _____ We need more evidence to make better decisions about aid.
4. _____ GiveDirectly has been very successful.

E ▶ 1.27 **WATCH FOR DETAILS** Watch each segment of Sun's TED Talk. Complete the summary of each segment using a word or phrase from the word bank.

30	1,000	improve	cell phone
poorest	spend	invest	sends money

Segment 1

Sun learned that poor people usually use cash donations to _____ (1) their lives. For example, in Sri Lanka, men use the money to _____ (2) in their businesses. Studies found that people do not _____ (3) donations on bad habits like smoking.

Segment 2

A study in India found that _____ (4) percent of people who received livestock as aid sold it for cash. *GiveDirectly* is the first organization dedicated to giving cash directly to the poor. It has sent one-time payments of _____ (5) dollars to families in Uganda and Kenya. Here's how *GiveDirectly* works:

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1. **Target** *GiveDirectly* looks for families living in the _____ (6) villages. They find houses made of mud and thatch.





2. **Check** Once a family is chosen, an independent team checks to confirm the family and home are real. They use photos, GPS coordinates, and satellite images to check that it's a real house.

3. **Transfer** Then *GiveDirectly* sells the family a _____ (7). A few weeks later, *GiveDirectly* _____ (8) to the phone.



AFTER YOU WATCH

H RECOGNIZE FACTS AND OPINIONS Read the excerpts below. Underline the signal words and phrases. Then, write F if the statements are *facts* or O if they are *opinions*. Discuss your answers with a partner.

1. *"I believed I could do more good with money for the poor than the poor could do for themselves."* O
2. *"Dozens of studies show that people use cash transfers to improve their own lives."* _____
3. *"None of these studies found people spend more on drinking or smoking or that people work less."* _____
4. *"They found that 30 percent of recipients had turned around and sold the livestock they had been given for cash."* _____
5. *"I believe most aid is better than just throwing money out of a plane."* _____
6. *"I am absolutely certain that a lot of aid today isn't better than giving directly to the poor."* _____

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