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ABSTRACT

This undergraduate thesis tries to explore the role of Brazilian government to fighting extreme hunger and poverty through the program called Bolsa Familia and its relation with the loan from the World Bank to support the program as well. Brazil has a big problem as another developing countries in the world, and that is poverty. Until the program called Bolsa Familia has risen, Brazilian government concerns on the poor citizen to get a great life in the future. The programs including school grant, health grant, and also zero hunger for the extreme poor families. To support this program which needs so much money, Brazilian government got a loan interest from the foreign aid, such as the World Bank. The World Bank fund the long-term loan and function something like finance cooperatives or credit unions with the government. The World Bank is therefore a bit of an outlier amongst development banks, in the sense that borrowers play a small role in its governance. Because United States is the main investor for the World Bank to gave the loan for Bolsa Familia in Brazil, some people said it was the way to US to get an interest from Latin American countries, with Mexico and other countries which also has the same conditional cash transfers in their own countries.

Key words: *Bolsa Familia program, World Bank, poverty, loan interest, citizen.*

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