SIEF Call for Proposals 4: Nimble Evaluations

SIEF’s call for proposals for “nimble” evaluations - rapid, low-cost evaluations aimed at answering questions related to implementation - invited 63 of the 179 applicants expressing interest to submit a full proposal. Initial applications were each reviewed by three reviewers according to set criteria listed in the call announcement. Final proposals are due August 27, and SIEF expects to announce in October which evaluations will be awarded funding.

SIEF in the news

National Public Radio’s Morning Edition went to Ghana to report on the country’s kindergartens and what a SIEF-supported team was doing to try to improve teaching quality. As the impact evaluation showed, it’s hard to get sustained improvement from one year of training, and parents in Ghana may need more support to understand what’s the best route for preprimary learning.

New Podcast: Rough Translation, part of National Public Radio’s “How to Raise a Human” series, did a podcast about the tensions between what parents in Ghana expect from kindergarten, and what’s best for creating the right child-centered environment where young children can develop school-readiness skills.

Blogs

Does it make sense to skip or pare down our baseline surveys? SIEF program manager Alaka Holla, writing for the World Bank’s Development Impact blog, asks whether impact evaluation researchers are spending too much time and money on baselines surveys.