New Evidence to Policy note

What are the best routes for improving health and nutrition for pregnant women and young children? SIEF-supported researchers worked with the Government of Nepal to develop and test a program that used informational sessions and cash transfers to try to expand knowledge and change practices around health and nutrition. The results are discussed in the latest Evidence to Policy note.

Conversation with engineer and SIEF researcher Amy Pickering

Bacteria in untreated drinking water can cause recurrent diarrhea, harming children’s growth and health. In a recent conversation, Amy Pickering, who is evaluating a novel approach to providing clean drinking water in Bangladesh, talks about the problem with pipes in Dhaka, the business of clean water, and what’s on her mind every time she turns on the tap.

Our people in the media and on the web

SIEF program manager Alaka Holla writes about strengthening women’s aspirations through training in Nigeria (VoxDev blog and World Bank paper).

SIEF researcher and World Bank economist Jishnu Das is quoted in an Economist article on the gap between the healthcare people need and what they get in poor countries. He also writes about teacher effectiveness and its correlation to wages in public and private
schools in Pakistan (VoxDev blog)

SIEF researcher Orazio Attanasio writes about the evidence on scaling early childhood development programs and adapting them to local contexts (VoxDev blog).

In an interview with IndiaSpend, Purnima Menon, a SIEF researcher and senior research fellow at the International Food Policy Research Institute, discusses the role of gender discrimination in explaining poor nutrition among women and girls.

Renos Vakis, a SIEF researcher and World Bank economist, is an author of a new paper that offers recommendations to policymakers on how to use behavioral science to make more effective programs to reduce poverty.

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