What did we learn about nimble evaluations?

Recently the SIEF organized an event to present and discuss evidence from its portfolio of nimble evaluations - rapid, low-cost evaluations meant to generate experimental evidence on the implementation of programs and policies in low- and middle-income countries and to spur innovations in the use of administrative and program-generated data for impact evaluation. The event had presentations of completed evaluations and a panel discussion among practitioners currently or previously in government on what kinds of evidence policymakers need to make evidence-informed decisions.

You can see a recording of the event, a summary of speakers’ presentations and main points, and their slides on the SIEF website.

Stay tuned for two upcoming calls for proposals

In the next couple of months, SIEF will be launching two new calls for proposals. The first call for proposals will be focused on nimble evaluations that help identify ways to improve the implementation of countries’ COVID responses in SIEF’s main thematic areas of early childhood development & nutrition, education, health, and water & sanitation. Screening criteria for the call will incorporate lessons SIEF learned from its first call for proposals on nimble evaluations (see above).

The second call for proposals will focus on reuse of the data generated by SIEF’s first three calls for proposals. Potential data reuse applications include but will not be limited to meta-analyses, assessments of the generalizability of average treatment effects, studies on statistical power and evaluation design, and studies on the psychometric properties of the measurement tools used in evaluations. More details to follow.