

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.

