

*Happy New Year from the SIEF team.*

### **How much of our portfolio gets published?**

Since the inception of the Strategic Impact Evaluation Fund in 2012, 68 SIEF-supported evaluations have completed. Of these, 74 percent have been published – either in a peer-reviewed journal or a formal working paper series. To put this impressive number in perspective, a [review](#) of large clinical trials registered with ClinicalTrials.gov (in which at least 75 percent of trials took place in a high-income country), finds that 29% of trials do not get published. This means that, although the SIEF portfolio solely consists of trials in low- and middle-income countries, its publication rate has exceeded what prevails among trials in higher-income countries. A more comparable ten year [review](#) of trials from the Inter-American Development Bank found that only 42 percent of completed evaluations had been published. More importantly, among completed evaluations in the SIEF portfolio, 99 percent have already been disseminated to government, suggesting that evidence reaches decision-makers faster than it reaches the broader research community.

### **Learn something new in the new year**

Numerous experts have helped SIEF build an inventory of resources that can get you started on learning something new.

[What is impact evaluation?](#) This video provides a brief animated tutorial on why impact evaluation is necessary.

[How can you randomize?](#) This video provides a brief animated tutorial on how randomized assignment happens in practice.

[Impact Evaluation in Practice \(second edition\)](#). This book covers basic methods in experimental and quasi-experimental methods.

[A Toolkit for Measuring Early Childhood Development in Low- and Middle-Income Countries](#). This book provides a practical, “how-to” guide for selection and adaptation of child development measurements for use in low- and middle-income countries. It comes with an [inventory](#) of 147 measurement tools for children under 8 years.

[Capturing cost data](#). This note provides process guidance on how to collect data to measure the costs of programs and policies.

[Psychometrics](#). This website presents videos and slides of introductory lectures on psychometrics by Professor Andrew Ho (Harvard University) and sample STATA code.

