

New call for proposals

[SIEF's call for rapid, low-cost evaluations](#) – also known as nimble evaluations -- has closed. We received close to 200 applications. Applicants will receive notice in July about the status of their proposals.



Blogs

[In an interview with SIEF](#), retired World Bank economist Dean Jamison talks about why the World Bank's first chief economist, Hollis B. Chenery, thought impact evaluation wasn't really economics, how the field has changed in the decades since, and why you don't need to start worrying about a flu pandemic—yet.



Presentations

Paul Gertler, the Li Ka Shing Professor of Economics at University of California, Berkeley was at the World Bank in May to present results from an evaluation in Argentina of a pay-for-performance program that tested whether incentives need to be permanent in order to change medical practices for the better. The [evaluation](#) was supported by SIEF and reviewed in an [Evidence to Policy](#) note.

SIEF researchers make the news

Stanford epidemiologist [Stephen Luby](#), a SIEF-supported researcher on an [evaluation](#) testing a new approach for providing clean water in dense poor neighborhoods in Bangladesh, was cited in the [Huffington Post](#) on the risk that that the Nipah virus could

pose a “[global pandemic threat](#)” if a strain emerges that transmits more easily among people. The virus has recently cause the death of 15 people in India, according to a [Reuters report](#).

John Giles, a SIEF supported researcher, was quoted in a [Bloomberg News article](#) on the economic disparities in China and the government’s approach for narrowing the wealth gap. Giles is a Lead Economist in the World Bank’s Development Research Group.



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