

NEWSLETTER

This month the SIEF team would like to express its gratitude for all those that have used SIEF funding to conduct first-class research, build evaluation skills around the world, and disseminate research findings to a broad audience.

Call the midwife

Results from a <u>SIEF-supported evaluation</u> in Nigeria were <u>recently published</u> in the medical journal BMJ Open. The quasi-experimental study estimated the impacts of facility upgrades and the deployment of trained midwives to public health centers. Findings suggest that the program increased institutional deliveries by 10 percent but did not increase the use of prenatal care.

Recognition for innovation in online learning

In the past, SIEF teamed up with Georgetown University to develop the <u>massive open online course</u> (MOOC), Impact Evaluation Methods with Applications in Low- and Middle-Income Countries, currently available on the edX platform. Recently, the course was <u>recognized</u> as one of ten finalists for the edX Prize for Exceptional Contributions in Online Teaching and Learning. The MOOC is available for all learners to audit for free.

Recent blogs

SIEF-supported researchers have been busy blogging about their research. Below is a selection of blogs published recently.

- Remote data-collection during COVID 19: Thing of the past or the way of the future?
- Improving last-mile service delivery using phone-based monitoring: Evidence from India
- Complementing cash with information to reduce malnutrition: Evidence from Nepal
- Non-monetary teacher incentives and student learning in Guinea

