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Upcoming conference on preventing child malnutrition

SIEF will be co-organizing [a two-day event](#) disseminating the latest research on small-quantity lipid-based supplementation and its effects on child growth, anemia, iron status, development and mortality when administered to children between the ages of 6 and 24 months. On [Day 1](#) (May 4, 9:30-11am EDT), there will be presentations on meta-analyses of 14 randomized control trials, including discussion on whether some sub-populations benefit more from the supplementation. The focus on [Day 2](#) (May 6, 9:30-11am EDT) will be presentations of 4 studies reporting estimates of either cost-effectiveness or cost-efficiency of small-quantity lipid-based supplementation for young children. For more information and to register, [please visit the event webpage](#).

Reducing child malnutrition in Madagascar

One of the studies featured in this event on child malnutrition, an [evaluation](#) in Madagascar, comes from SIEF's portfolio on [Early Childhood Development and Nutrition](#). This [evaluation](#) found effects of the supplementation on children's growth if they received the supplementation before they were 6 months old. The supplementation also [substantially reduced anemia, iron-deficiency anemia, and iron-deficiency](#). Set up as a multi-arm trial, the study also yielded estimates of impacts of home visits to counsel parents on nutrition or the benefits of early stimulation in the same population. Neither type of counseling improved child growth or development.



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