

Publication and Dissemination Activities
Spanish Impact Evaluation Fund
SIEF

Description and Guidelines

1. Description

Publication and dissemination activities are one of the three major components of the SIEF program. These activities ensure that the knowledge and evidence generated through impact evaluations is available to policymakers and development agencies for the design of evidence-based policy and programs. Researchers supported under this program are expected to disseminate results through the DIME working paper series as well as internal and external research publications. All publications that involve World Bank staff as the principal investigators will be subject to regular World Bank publication review processes and guidelines. The SIEF is broadly able to support costs of publications, translation, seminars, conferences, and other activities related to the dissemination of results.

2. Funding

The budget allocation for this component is \$1.5 million over the 2007-2010 period according to the following schedule: \$0.3 million in FY08, \$.5 million in FY09 and \$.7 million in FY10.

3. Publication and Dissemination Priorities

- i. **Publication costs** for policy studies to disseminate the cumulative results of cluster programs or other major publications, as one of the fundamental aims of the SIEF is to encourage knowledge generation from clusters of evaluations.
- ii. **Spanish translation costs** of policy studies, publications, and DIME working papers generated through the SIEF program, as another fundamental aim of the SIEF program is to help Spain promote evidence-based policies in its own development assistance. The World Bank has a mutual interest in the increased availability of high quality evaluation research in Spanish, as it would benefit a large number of World Bank client countries.
- iii. **SIEF Website and public use databases**, as an additional aim of the SIEF is to foster widespread sharing of research results with researchers in developing countries
- iv. **Global or regional conferences**. There is a desire to support conferences and seminars, as these can be crucial for diffusing results, particularly early results. However, a high share of the costs for such events is typically travel and subsistence, which can be difficult to evaluate and monitor. Therefore, priority will be given to formal, regional or global conferences to disseminate results over country specific and less formal workshops. While the latter can be extremely valuable, it would be

harder for the small SIEF program team to evaluate the quality of a large number of small, informal proposals and to monitor their impact on the ground.

4. Eligible Expenditure Categories:

- Publication costs of books, working papers, etc
- Translation costs into Spanish
- Consultant costs for the development and maintenance of SIEF web pages
- Research assistant or consultant costs for preparation of public use databases (but not for other analytical work, which should be funded out of evaluation costs)
- Staff (presenters/resource persons) time and travel costs for approved global or regional conferences
- Consultant (presenters/resource persons) time and travel costs for approved global or regional conferences
- Venue costs and local logistical support for approved regional or global seminars

5. Ineligible Expenditures:

- Research assistant costs for work other than public use database cleaning
- Staff and consultant time for production of major publications (these should be funded through BB, as they are major Bank products)
- Participant time and travel costs

6. Publication and Dissemination Guidelines:

- i. Annual funding ceilings will be \$0.3 million in FY08, \$.5 million in FY09 and \$.7 million in FY10.
- ii. Activities must be for SIEF eligible sectors and countries (see Annex 1 and 2)
- iii. Funding proposals should be made to the SIEF Program Manager (Barbara Bruns, HDNCE) using the template posted on the SIEF website
- iv. Requests of \$50,000 or less may be approved by the SIEF Program Manager. For requests over this threshold, the Program manager will seek approval from the SIEF Technical Committee via virtual review. A quorum of four TC members will be sufficient for approval.

ANNEX 1: SIEF Eligible Countries

Latin America		Middle East and North Africa	Eastern Europe
Argentina	Haiti	Algeria	Albania
Bolivia	Honduras	Egypt	Bosnia & Herzegovina
Brazil	Jamaica	Jordan	Turkey
Chile	Mexico	Lebanon	
Colombia	Nicaragua	Morocco	
Costa Rica	Panama	Syria	
Dominican Republic	Paraguay	Tunisia	
Ecuador	Peru	West Bank & Gaza	
El Salvador	Uruguay		
Guatemala	Venezuela		
Sub-Saharan Africa		East Asia	South Asia
Angola	Malawi	Cambodia	Afghanistan
Benin	Mali	China	Bangladesh
Botswana	Mauritania	Indonesia	India
Burkina Faso	Mozambique	Philippines	Nepal
Cape Verde	Namibia	Timor-Leste	Pakistan
DR of Congo	Niger	Vietnam	Sri Lanka
Equatorial Guinea	Nigeria		
Eritrea	Rwanda		
Ethiopia	Sao Tome & Principe		
Ghana	Senegal		
Guinea-Bissau	South Africa		
Kenya	Sudan		
Lesotho	Tanzania		
Liberia	Uganda		
Madagascar			

ANNEX 2: SIEF Eligible Sectors

1. Poverty and Hunger
2. Education
3. Social Protection & Labor
4. Health
5. HIV/AIDS, Malaria and other diseases
6. Gender
7. Fertility and reproductive health
8. Children and Youth
9. Disability
10. Water and Sanitation to improve HD outcomes
11. Housing to improve HD outcomes