Devex Interviews IPA Senior Director Nathanael Goldberg on Graduation Programming

In a post sponsored by Cartier Philanthropy, Devex highlights IPA research on graduating ultra-poor households, including an evaluation of Village Enterprise's programming in Uganda. IPA Director of Sector Programs, Nathanael Goldberg, notes the importance of providing appropriate livelihood paths for different contexts. He also explains that graduation programs should be designed holistically with an understanding that "challenges will arise that require life skills and support networks." For example, IPA research in Ghana found that "people who received the holistic version of the program with all the aspects, including coaching, had made numerous improvements in their household welfare" compared to those who did not receive coaching.

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