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Launch of J-PAL South Asia at IFMR

Narayana Murthy, founder of Infosys Inc. and N. Vaghul, Chairman of ICICI Bank and the Institute for Financial Management and Research (IFMR) helped launch J-PAL South Asia at IFMR on July 13, 2007 in Chennai, India. J-PAL partners from around the region discussed how randomized evaluations had contributed to their work and the role of evidence in improving policy. [MORE](#)



J-PAL South Asia Launch

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AWARDS

Esther Duflo was named one of the "Ten People Who Could Change the World" by *Forbes Magazine* in May 2007. [MORE](#)

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Africa Program for Education Impact Evaluation

In June, the Africa region of the World Bank launched its Africa Program for Education Impact Evaluation (APEIE) in Abuja, Nigeria with the objective of improving the ability of countries in the region to meet the Millennium Development Goals in education. Rigorous evidence about what works is the key driver of improved educational outcomes under this program. [MORE](#)



Practitioners from 30 countries attended J-PAL training courses in June and July in Abuja, Cambridge, and Chennai. [MORE](#)

J-PAL ON "THE WORLD"

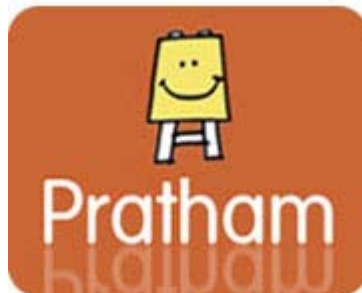
J-PAL and was featured on the radio program "The World" in June. [MORE](#)

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Spotlight on our Partners: Pratham

Pratham, a long-time partner of J-PAL, is a grass roots movement which aims to see "every child in school...and learning well". Started originally in 1994-95 in Mumbai, Pratham now works in twenty states, reaching an estimated 500,000 children daily through its urban programs and over five million children in its rural programs in partnership with state governments. [MORE](#)



The Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL) in the MIT Department of Economics is dedicated to fighting poverty by ensuring that policy decisions are based on scientific evidence. We run, promote the use of, and disseminate the results of randomized evaluations of poverty programs.
