



MULTI PARTNER COLLABORATION OFFERS NEW INSIGHT INTO PROGRAMMING IN THE PHILIPPINES

Cross-partner collaboration between International Care Ministries (ICM), Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA) and the Global TIES for Children at New York University recently brought IDELA to ICM's work in the Philippines. ICM is a nonprofit organization with over 25 years of experience working on poverty reduction in the Philippines.

ICM has had a longstanding partnership with IPA working together to conduct rigorous impact assessments of ICM's programs. Knowing ICM wanted to further develop its work with young children, IPA reached out to the Global TIES for Children for their expertise in child development and early education. Global TIES had been working with Save the Children to assess the IDELA's psychometric properties and compare the tool's function across different country contexts. IDELA's use in multiple countries around the world, its ability to capture holistic development, and the fact that it had already been adapted to and used within the Philippines all made IDELA the right fit for ICM. ICM made an additional connection to the Save the Children Philippines office to use the Tagalog language version of IDELA and then ICM developed IDELA's first Waray language version.

Throughout 2017 and 2018, ICM has been working to continually improve and advance its implementation of *Family Academy*, investigating why some families choose to participate and others do not, the role of coaches, and how Family Academy might change the parentchild relationship. Across different waves of program implementation, as ICM identified its key objectives for the program and refined its research questions, ICM used IDELA as its instrument for measuring children's development. Pre- and post- measures completed during this development phase show that IDELA was able to capture children's advancement. Across multiple domains, from personal awareness to letter and number recognition, the children in Family Academy are improving. However, to be able to identify the developmental impact of Family Academy programming specifically, and not measure just the natural development of children, ICM implemented one wave of Family Academy as a randomized controlled trial. At the end of 2018, ICM completed the endline for this evaluation, and is currently conducting data analysis to determine results

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