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# 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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