

Summary of 2018 Successes

- RESULTS advocates kicked off 2018 by writing hundreds of letters and personally delivering them to members of Congress as part of our #LettersGetLOUD campaign. In the process, advocates mobilized their communities in the fight against poverty, expanded the RESULTS movement, and built powerful new relationships with members of Congress.
- After a sustained campaign by RESULTS advocates across the globe, world leaders [gathered](#) in Senegal and made the biggest *ever* global commitment to fund education. Low-income and conflict-affected countries pledged a majority of the funds, with donor countries pledging an additional \$2.3 billion to the **Global Partnership for Education** over three years.
- When the White House proposed severe cuts to global anti-poverty programs for a second consecutive year, RESULTS advocates once again fought back. After months of dogged advocacy, Congress reversed the extreme cuts and even *increased* funding for some programs.
- RESULTS volunteers, together with ACTION partners around the world, have spent years demanding bold action on tuberculosis. In September 2018, their efforts culminated in the **first-ever high-level UN meeting on TB**, where world leaders committed to reaching 40 million people with treatment by 2022. At the same time, 149 members of Congress signed a bipartisan letter urging increased action and leadership on TB.
- When funding for the **Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)** was threatened early in the year, RESULTS volunteers swung into [action](#). Congress restored funding not long afterwards.
- RESULTS advocates spent much of 2018 pushing back against proposed harmful cuts to SNAP (formerly known as food stamps). Volunteers made calls, wrote letters, and published more than 260 pieces of media. Their hard work paid off: in December 2018, **Congress passed a bipartisan farm bill that protects SNAP**.
- When the Trump administration proposed a rule that would deny permanent residency to immigrants who receive federal assistance, RESULTS volunteers spoke out. In addition to leaving official comments against the rule, they published **more than 50 letters** in newspapers across the country, from [Montana](#) to [Pennsylvania](#) to [New Mexico](#).

- RESULTS volunteers published more than **700 pieces of media** in local outlets around the country and had over **700 meetings with members of Congress!**
- Thanks to the tireless work of RESULTS volunteers, **263 members of Congress** from both parties signed on in support of the **Reach Act**, bipartisan legislation that will help *end* maternal and child deaths in low-income countries around the world.
- RESULTS scaled up the **Right to Education Index (RTEI)** for a new round of research in 21 countries in 2018. Through RTEI, RESULTS has supported civil society organizations to fight for the rights of pregnant girls and young mothers to return to school in Tanzania, develop alternative discipline policies to end corporal punishment in Zimbabwe, and improve teacher training for children with disabilities in Indonesia.