



**TOGETHER  
WOMEN RISE**

Collective action for global gender equality

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# RISE Advocacy Chapter December Webinar

**December 12, 2023**

# Welcome

*Please let us know in the chat where you  
are joining us from!*

## **Together Women Rise's Mission**

**Together Women Rise cultivates the collective power of  
community  
to achieve global gender equality.**

## **OUR VISION**

**Together Women Rise envisions a world where every person  
has the same opportunities to thrive  
regardless of their gender or where they live.**

# Our Values & Resources

The logo for RESULTS, featuring the word "results" in white lowercase letters on a red speech bubble background.

*At RESULTS we pledge to create space for all voices, including those of us who are currently experiencing poverty. We will address oppressive behavior in our interactions, families, communities, work, and world. Our strength is rooted in our diversity of experiences, not in our assumptions.*

*With unearned privilege comes the responsibility to act so the burden to educate and change doesn't fall solely on those experiencing oppression. When we miss the mark on our values, we will acknowledge our mistake, seek forgiveness, learn, and work together as a community to pursue equity.*

**Read our full anti-oppression values statement here at [results.org/values](https://results.org/values).**

**Find these resources and more at [results.org/volunteers/anti-oppression](https://results.org/volunteers/anti-oppression):**

- Resource Guides from our Diversity & Inclusion trainings, including:
  - Interrupting Microaggressions
  - Creating Space for Critical Conversations
- Information on how RESULTS responds to oppressive incidents

*Stay tuned for 2024 workshop schedule!*

# Grantee Spotlight

## Girls Education Program (GEP)



# Speak Up For The Poor

**Grant Amount:** \$50,000

## **Mission of Children of Vietnam**

Speak Up for the Poor's mission is to create a new reality for girls in poverty.

## **Project Summary**

The Girls Education Program helps girls from impoverished families who are vulnerable to child marriage and child trafficking to stay in school all the way through college graduation. This both changes the trajectory of those girls' and young women's lives, and also elevates the status of girls and women in the culture, as for the first time people see examples of girls and women who are staying in school through higher education, and becoming educated professionals. Grant funding from Together Women Rise will fund health and safety trainings and resources throughout 2024, for girls and young women in Speak Up's GEP.

## Speak Up For The Poor

### Why We Love This Project

- Speak Up For the Poor was the February 2021 featured grantee; had a total of 121 young women in college, nursing school, or other higher education through the Girls Education Program.
- Today, they have 41 college and nursing school graduates, and 235 other young women currently studying in college, nursing school, and other higher education.
- All in communities with very high rates of child marriage for girls. (Bangladesh has one of the highest rates of child marriage in the world for girls under age 15.)
- GEP has been very successful the past few years, and is making a tremendous difference for these girls and young women.

# Tonight's Speaker



**Colin Puzo Smith**  
*Director*  
*RESULTS, Global Policy*



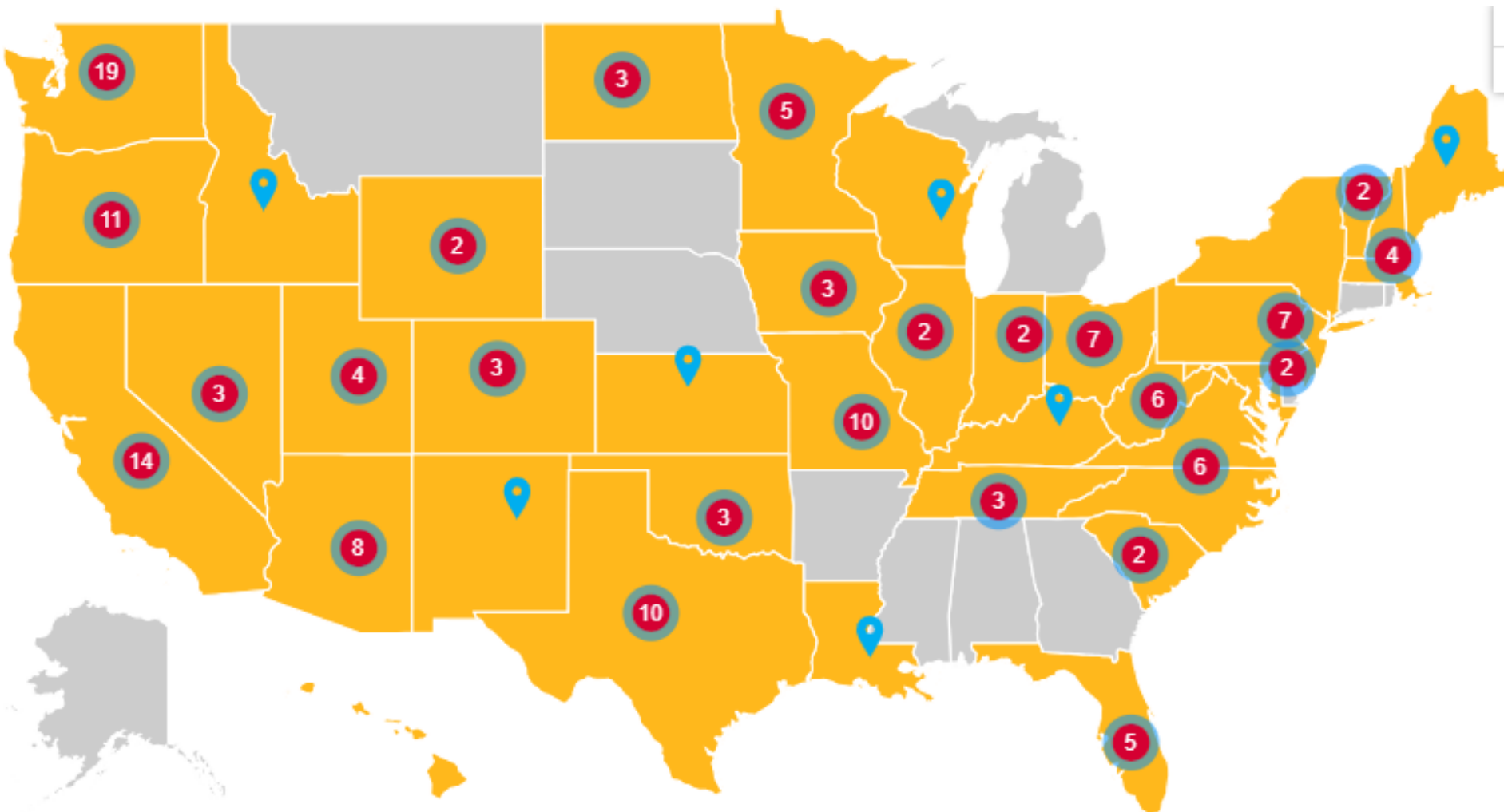
# **Advocacy Action: Moving READ Across the Finish Line!**

- [the Senate passed the READ Act Reauthorization Act \(S. 41\)](#) the bill passed by voice vote, with no opposition. **This bipartisan support is a result of your persistent advocacy throughout this year.**
- **We still need the House to step up.** [You can take this online action to ask your Representative to push the House Foreign Affairs Committee \(HFAC\) leadership and House leadership to prioritize moving the READ Act Reauthorization Act \(H.R.681\)](#) before the end of the year.
- In pushing for co-sponsors and asking for the bill to be prioritized, **you proved to Senate leadership that global education is a critical issue.**
- The READ Act Reauthorization Act would extend the 2017 READ Act for five years. It would make their programs more effective, affirming the U.S.'s stance that every child has the right to a quality education. Read more on our blog post – [“The Senate passes the READ Act Reauthorization: here are some steps to ensure it becomes law!”](#)

# **Advocacy Action: Media Push for Global Education**

# Why we use media?

- Making connections between the issues we advocate on and current events
- Bringing awareness of these issues to our community (more constituents)
- Puts pressure on MOCs to act (they monitor what is being said about them in the media)





# Recently Published LTEs



**Your letters are still critical as  
we approach the end of the year!**

## *Dependence on Tech Caused 'Staggering' Education Inequality, U.N. Agency Says*

Heavy reliance on online remote learning during the pandemic drew attention away from more equitable ways of teaching children at home, a UNESCO report says.

Article >

### **Progress on girls' access to education: What the new UNESCO data reveals**

New UNESCO data reveals that 50 million more girls have been enrolled in school globally since 2015.



Press release >

### **UNESCO issues urgent call for appropriate use of technology in education**

A new global UNESCO report on technology in education highlights the lack of appropriate governance and regulation. Countries are urged to set their own terms for the way technology is designed and used in education so that it never replaces in-person, teacher-led instruction, and supports the shared objective of quality education for all.

September 21, 2023

### **WVU Abandons Award-Winning Global Education**

In cutting foreign language programs, West Virginia closes doors for its students and undermines the purpose of the university, Neil B. Weissman writes.

By [Neil B. Weissman](#)

THE GREAT DIVIDE

## **Lost in a world of words**

Learning to read is the greatest gift a school can give a child. And yet here, in the birthplace of public education, outmoded teaching methods leave thousands of students struggling to gain this critical skill.

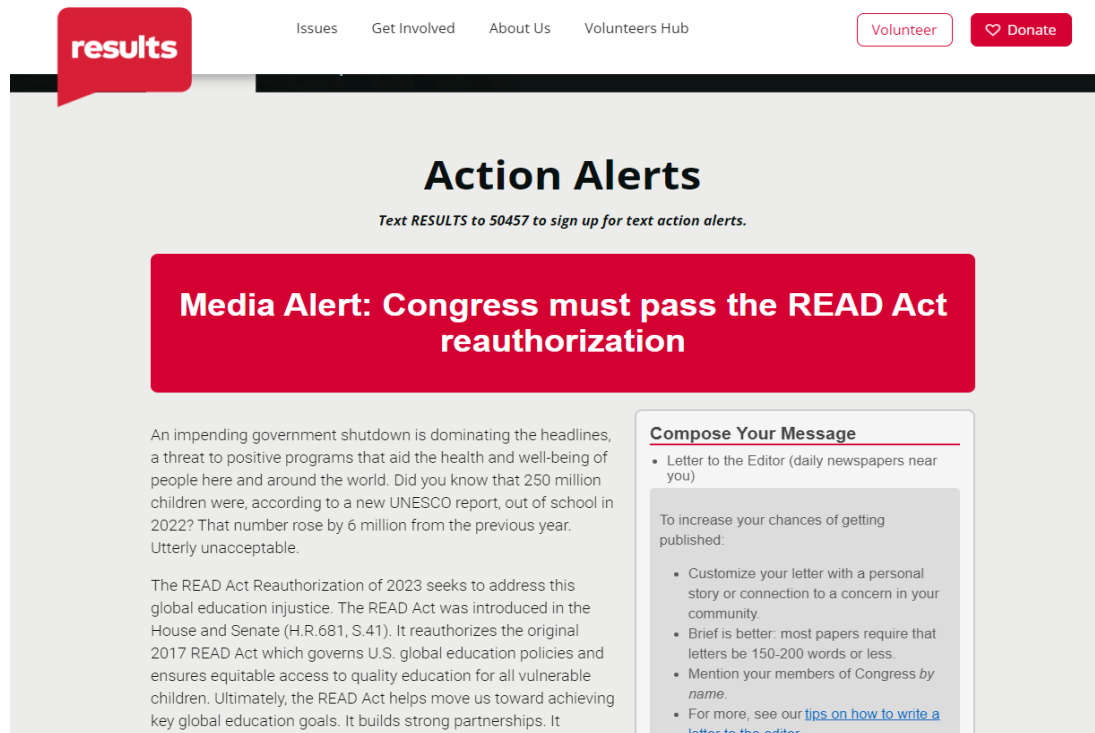
By [Mandy McLaren](#) and [Naomi Martin](#) Globe Staff  
Published Oct. 4, 2023



- **Find a local hook**

- Articles in the paper?
- Respond to other published media (making connection to other health issues)
- Thank you to your Senator, call to action to your Rep!

Use [sample LTE template](#) to get you started, make it personal



The screenshot shows the results.org website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with a 'results' logo on the left, and links for 'Issues', 'Get Involved', 'About Us', and 'Volunteers Hub' in the center. On the right side of the navigation bar are two buttons: 'Volunteer' and 'Donate'. Below the navigation bar, the main content area has a large heading 'Action Alerts' with a sub-heading 'Text RESULTS to 50457 to sign up for text action alerts.' A prominent red box contains the text 'Media Alert: Congress must pass the READ Act reauthorization'. Below this, there is a section titled 'Compose Your Message' with a list of bullet points providing tips for writing an effective letter to the editor.

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Issues Get Involved About Us Volunteers Hub

Volunteer Donate

## Action Alerts

Text RESULTS to 50457 to sign up for text action alerts.

### Media Alert: Congress must pass the READ Act reauthorization

An impending government shutdown is dominating the headlines, a threat to positive programs that aid the health and well-being of people here and around the world. Did you know that 250 million children were, according to a new UNESCO report, out of school in 2022? That number rose by 6 million from the previous year. Utterly unacceptable.

The READ Act Reauthorization of 2023 seeks to address this global education injustice. The READ Act was introduced in the House and Senate (H.R.681, S.41). It reauthorizes the original 2017 READ Act which governs U.S. global education policies and ensures equitable access to quality education for all vulnerable children. Ultimately, the READ Act helps move us toward achieving key global education goals. It builds strong partnerships. It

#### Compose Your Message

- Letter to the Editor (daily newspapers near you)

To increase your chances of getting published:

- Customize your letter with a personal story or connection to a concern in your community.
- Brief is better: most papers require that letters be 150-200 words or less.
- Mention your members of Congress by name.
- For more, see our [tips on how to write a letter to the editor](#).

<https://results.org/volunteers/action-center/action-alerts?vsrc=%2fcampaigns%2f87023%2frespond>

- Together Women Rise Orientation Webinar  
**Tuesday, January 17 at 8:30 PM ET**

- Together Women Rise Grantees

If you would like to learn more about RISE grantees, there are chapters across the US, as well as a virtual national chapter meeting with a speaker from the grantee each month on the **first Thursday of the month at 8 PM ET:**

<https://togetherwomenrise.org/upcoming-events/>

**Happy Holidays and  
thank you for your advocacy  
this year!**

