RISE Advocacy Chapter
December Webinar

December 12, 2023
Welcome

Please let us know in the chat where you are joining us from!
Mission & Vision

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

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.

Find these resources and more at 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)
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.
Grantee Spotlight

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!
Advocacy Action

• 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.

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.

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.

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 McLean and Naomi Martin, Globe Staff
Published Oct. 4, 2023
How do you get started?

- **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!
Submitting an LTE

Use sample LTE template to get you started, make it personal

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.411). 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.

https://results.org/volunteers/action-center/action-alerts?vvsrc=%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!