RISE Advocacy Chapter
February Webinar

February 21, 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.

Check out the 2023 Spring Anti-Oppression Workshop Schedule for training opportunities.

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
Grantee Spotlight

Maya Midwifery International
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How MMI connects to our work with advocacy:

● 2024 Fiscal Year Spending Plan must prioritize funding for:
  ○ Maternal and child health and nutrition
  ○ Basic Education
  ○ Global TB Programs
Set the Agenda

results.org/set-the-agenda
Campaign Updates

Set the Agenda

- Setting up meetings
- Getting familiar with the issues
- Assessing your members of Congress for asks
2023 Global Policy Priorities

Now - March: Funding/Appropriations:
- Maternal and child health, nutrition, vaccinations
- AIDS, TB, malaria
- Education

Now - 2023: Bills & Global Actions
- Bill: End TB Now Act: Ending TB through effective policy.
- Bill: Education: reauthorize effective policy/law (S.41, HR681)
- Global Event: UN High-Level meeting on TB (9/2023)
Set the Agenda Campaign Goals

Advocacy Goal:
Meet with 100% of congressional offices we cover by the end of March/April 2023, including establishing relationships with DC and local offices.

Opportunity for Rise Advocates to organize meetings and/or participate with RESULTS Advocates.
Set the Agenda Campaign Goals

Mobilizing goal:
Activate the greater community to write to Congress on global poverty priorities and invite them to congressional meetings.

Opportunity to engage additional people in advocacy efforts.
Advocacy Action
Preparing to Meet with a Member of Congress
Meeting with a Member of Congress

Will you be requesting a meeting?

Will you be joining a meeting already scheduled?
1. They’ve been elected, now time to supervise them!

2. To make contact with the office – start with
   1) Legislators Lookup, to find their staff (scheduler)
   2) Sample Meeting Request Letter

3. Reach out to DC and local offices with request to meet with member of Congress

4. Follow up, Follow up, Follow up
5. Invite people to join you: fellow Rise members, other constituents, friends, family, RESULTS volunteers, faith community connections. Everyone!

6. **Set a planning meeting time**—use RESULTS [lobby meeting outline](#).
   
   *Contact us to support you with coaching.*

7. [Review materials](#) to prepare.
What does a lobby meeting look like?

1. Review the **lobby meeting outline**, consider the roles you may take: Thank you’s, issue presenter, storyteller, making the ask, even notetaker! Contact us to support you with coaching.

2. **Prepare your intro!** (30 seconds max.)

3. **Review materials on the set the agenda page** to prepare.
Who has met with a member of Congress and/or staff?
Let’s keep up the momentum!
Link for folks to sign up: https://results.salsalabs.org/diningforwomen/index.html

Next webinar: **March 21st at 8:30 PM ET**

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/

If you are interested in working on advocacy at a committee level at Together Women Rise, please let me know.
Thank you for joining us tonight!