

ACTION SHEET

Responding in Solidarity and Action

The May 25 killing of George Floyd while in police custody, coupled with many other examples of police violence including the death of Breonna Taylor on March 13, has justifiably sparked a fierce outpouring of anger and sadness. In times like this, it is normal to feel overwhelmed not only by the emotion of this moment but what to do in response. RESULTS unequivocally [stands in solidarity](#) with Black Americans in this moment, and all those who experience racial violence, injustice, and inequity. As we move forward, below are some actions that can hopefully help you find an effective way to focus your energies over the next few weeks.

Take action now on racial justice

RESULTS knows that poverty cannot end while oppression exists and we are committed to dismantling all forms of oppression in our work. However, we realize that our knowledge is limited. When we want to better understand issues of race and equity, we turn to organizations who have greater expertise in this area. Therefore, if you want to focus your energy right now on educating yourself and taking action on specific issues impacting the Black community, the [Movement for Black Lives](#), [Color of Change](#), the [NAACP](#), and the [Equal Justice Initiative](#) are good places to start.

Also, there are state and local groups across the country (faith communities, municipal organizations, advocacy groups) working for racial justice at the local level. Do research in your community to find and connect with these groups taking action.

Making a difference on racial justice through RESULTS' current campaigns

While we have traditionally used a more universal frame when advocating for our issues, there is no doubt that poverty is inextricably intertwined with race in America. It is a sad truth that, due to slavery and our history of racist public policy, Black Americans face poverty, housing instability, hunger, wealth inequality, and health disparities at higher rates than whites.

Our recent work has been focused on economic relief for those impacted by COVID-19, specifically those who could lose their homes. Sadly, [the pandemic is disproportionately impacting people of color](#). Advocacy for Congress to help low-income renters stay in their homes is critical in averting an explosion of evictions and homelessness in America, which again will fall disproportionately onto the shoulders of people of color.

If you are participating in the RESULTS International Conference (June 20-21) and the subsequent Advocacy Week of Action (June 22-25), the best action to focus on right now is scheduling lobby meetings to discuss our priorities around the next COVID-19 response bill. Find sample [meeting requests, issue briefs, and other conference resources](#) on our website. As you get meetings scheduled, please add them to our [lobby meeting tracker](#). Also, watch your e-mail for instructions on scheduling a lobby prep call with RESULTS staff to get you ready for your meetings.