

Putting a stop to preventable child deaths.

In the 1980s, the world lost a staggering 40,000 children every single day, mostly because of things that could have been prevented or cured. That number has plummeted over the last three decades, and now for the first time in human history, **scientists believe it's possible to stop these preventable deaths – for good.**

Reaching the end of preventable child deaths isn't about hoping for a big medical breakthrough or a scientific discovery (though that'd help, too). It's about making sure that what already exists reaches the kids who need it most. And what makes that possible is financial resources and political commitment.

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Despite all the progress we've made, right now almost 15,000 children under age five are dying each day, mostly from treatable causes like diarrhea and pneumonia. That's 11 children every minute.

This can't wait. Between now and the 2020 election, Congress will have two major chances to show their leadership on child health.

In June, world leaders will come together to invest in reaching 300 million children with lifesaving vaccines, by supporting Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance. Then in December, they'll come back together to recommit to the fight against malnutrition – the underlying cause of

nearly half of all deaths of kids under five. On both, the U.S. government needs to do their part if the world is going to reach its goal. We're going to work to make sure they do.

We have the science to reach the end of preventable deaths. But it is still far from guaranteed. And that's where you come in – making sure your elected officials do what it takes to get there.

What this means for RESULTS advocates in 2020:

Over the last few years, members of Congress from both parties have quietly come together in support of global child health. It remains one of the few issues that continues to reach across the aisle. Now we'll be pushing them to put in place the money and the policies needed ***this year*** to keep the world on track to end these deaths.

Early in the year, we'll push for new investment through the annual government spending process (called appropriations, [learn more here](#)). And throughout the year, we'll be pushing Congress into action on both vaccines and nutrition through new legislation, getting published in the media, and more.

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