**Global Malnutrition Prevention**

**LASER TALK**

**Engage:**No matter where they live, all children deserve a strong start in life. Shockingly, even before the COVID-19 crisis, malnutrition was an underlying cause of almost half of all preventable deaths of children under age 5.

**State Problem:** But these child deaths linked to malnutrition point to an even bigger problem – that a staggering 22% of the world’s children under age 5 are permanently stunted because of malnutrition. Stunting is the impaired growth and development that children experience from poor nutrition.

**Inform:**Fortunately, Congress has introduced a bipartisan bill, the Global Malnutrition Prevention and Treatment Act ([S.2956](https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/2956?s=1&r=24)/[H.R.4693](https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/4693?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22global+malnutrition+prevention+and+treatment%22%2C%22global%22%2C%22malnutrition%22%2C%22prevention%22%2C%22and%22%2C%22treatment%22%5D%7D&s=2&r=1)) that calls for a coordinated USAID strategy, clear targets, and solid interventions so that assistance reaches the most impoverished children.

**Call to Action:**Children should not just survive; they should thrive. Will you cosponsor the Global Malnutrition Prevention and Treatment Act? I would be happy to provide any additional information your office might need.

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