

# 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/H.R.4693](#)) 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.

## NOTES