

# 30 Years of Remarkable RESULTS

**For three decades RESULTS and RESULTS Educational Fund (REF) have been shining a light on highly effective solutions to poverty. By combining research and oversight of U.S. foreign aid funding with the collective, powerful voices of everyday people, we have been changing lives — of those who don't believe they can make a difference and of those living in the poverty in the United States and around the world. Here are just some of our results:**

**Our experiment in participatory democracy is a successful model that has empowered thousands of people to become global citizens and reminded political leaders of their own commitment to a better world.**

By reigniting the fire of democracy in people concerned about poverty, we've sparked miracles — changing their lives as well as the lives of the poorest people in the world. Our experiment has leaped continents with RESULTS affiliates now in Australia, Canada, Germany, Japan, Mexico, and the UK. RESULTS/REF is now a leading poverty-alleviation organization, shaping a more equitable world and bringing dignity to millions.

**Microfinance has expanded around the globe, from fewer than 1 million people in 1985 to over 106 million of the world's poorest people in 2007, giving them the power to create their own pathways out of poverty.**

*NO OTHER ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN AS CRITICAL A PARTNER IN SEEING TO IT THAT MICROCREDIT IS USED AS A TOOL TO ERADICATE POVERTY AND EMPOWER WOMEN THAN RESULTS AND RESULTS EDUCATIONAL FUND'S MICROCREDIT SUMMIT CAMPAIGN.*

— Muhammad Yunus  
2006 Nobel Peace Laureate  
and RESULTS Board Member

When RESULTS introduced Muhammad Yunus to members of Congress and the media in 1987, few had heard of his idea of giving tiny loans to the world's poorest people — particularly women — to start small businesses. Yet this anti-poverty strategy has profound impacts, from raising family incomes to fostering greater respect for women. With our grassroots advocacy and the subsequent creation of the Microcredit Summit Campaign in 1997, RESULTS and REF catalyzed the microfinance revolution. The U.S. is now the one of the largest funders of microfinance programs, with a requirement that half of all funding benefit the very poor. And the Campaign proved that *bold goals can be met* by reaching over 106 million of the world's poorest people with microcredit in 2007. The Campaign's new goal is to reach 175 million of the world's poorest families.

**Child deaths have dropped from 40,000 per day in 1980 to 24,000 in 2008.**

Beginning in 1986, when RESULTS' advocacy secured an extra \$50 million for the Universal Child Immunization Act, we've played an integral role in reducing the deaths of children from preventable diseases and malnutrition. That \$50 million immunized 10 million children and saved an estimated 125,000 lives! We subsequently worked with Congress to create the Child Survival and Health Account to protect priority health programs within our annual foreign aid budget, and then to increase its size. In 2010, funding for child and maternal health reached \$549 million for interventions such as immunizations, vitamin A supplementation to prevent blindness, efforts to reduce maternal deaths, and key programs like UNICEF and the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunizations, while the overall health account was over \$2 billion. We continue to ensure that these child survival resources are protected and expanded so that *all children can grow and thrive*.

**RESULTS**  
the power to end poverty

*THE SUCCESS ACHIEVED ON GLOBAL IMMUNIZATION AND RELATED FUNDING FOR INTERNATIONAL HEALTH AND HUNGER PROGRAMS SIMPLY WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE PERSISTENT, DEDICATED WORK OF RESULTS MEMBERS ACROSS THE NATION.*

— Ambassador Tony Hall

**We put a spotlight on one of the biggest consequences and causes of poverty, illness, and death in human history – tuberculosis.**

When RESULTS and REF began advocating for tuberculosis (TB) funding in 1997, the U.S. was providing less than \$1 million for global TB control efforts, despite the fact that this treatable disease is the biggest killer of people with HIV/AIDS. Since then, we've played a central role in increasing U.S. funding. In 2010, Congress allocated \$225 million for global TB control with a *goal of treating 4.5 million people*. In recognition of our leadership, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation awarded RESULTS Educational Fund two multi-year grants for the Advocacy to Control Tuberculosis (ACTION) project, an international partnership of advocates that is pushing country-specific and global solutions. The project has influenced the World Bank, the U.S. AIDS program, the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, and eight nations to escalate their TB control efforts. Our work on TB is even more critical as new strains of drug-resistant TB spread around the world.

*RESULTS, MORE THAN ANY CITIZEN'S GROUP, HAS HAD AN INCREDIBLE IMPACT ON WORLD HEALTH AND ON BRINGING ATTENTION TO THESE PROBLEMS ... THE PROGRESS WOULD BE MUCH LESS IF YOU WERE NOT SO ENGAGED.*

— Senator Sherrod Brown

**RESULTS grassroots voice was key to expanding the nutrition safety net for struggling Americans.**

During challenging times, nutrition programs such as food stamps (now called the SNAP program) ensure that America's families can keep food on their tables. In fact, the SNAP program is the largest anti-hunger program in the U.S. RESULTS' original mission was ending hunger, and we've had a powerful influence in the U.S., from advocating for the Special Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) to putting our weight behind the Hunger Relief Act of 2000, which increased food stamp funding by a much-needed \$1.6 billion over five years. Recognizing our ability to build bipartisan support, congressional advocates for food stamps asked for our help during the reauthorization of the Farm Bill (which includes funding for nutrition programs). Despite protests from key members of Congress that there was no more money for food stamps, the 2008 bill ultimately included \$8 billion for 10 years. The 2009 stimulus package added another \$20 billion to support the growing number of families struggling to make ends meet. *One out of eight Americans are able to feed their families because of these programs!*

*FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE, I FEEL LIKE I HAVE A SAY-SO IN WHAT HAPPENS IN THIS COUNTRY!*

— Collette Hernandez, RESULTS volunteer

**RESULTS is a critical force protecting and expanding Head Start and Early Head Start.**

Children from the poorest backgrounds in the U.S. benefit most from early childhood development programs. Our long history includes inspiring Congress to increase funding for Head Start by \$608 million in 1999, which allowed 40,000 additional children to be enrolled. Starting in 2003, we engaged in a successful four-year fight to protect Head Start and Early Head Start from proposals that threatened to undermine their comprehensive services. In 2009, *the largest increase ever was approved – \$2.1 billion*. The programs are providing services ranging from school readiness to immunizations to over 1 million children. We continue to push for full funding for these hugely successful programs.

**Education for all the world's children is a movement whose time has come.**

More children around the world are in school and funding for basic education in the world's poorest countries is rising, thanks in part to RESULTS and REF. When we began our Education for All campaign in the late 1990s, over 105 million primary-school aged children were not in school. One of the biggest barriers was school fees, often imposed on poor nations by the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund as conditions of loans. Since then, a sea change has occurred. Our advocacy played a pivotal role in the World Bank reversing its policy on school fees, and U.S. *aid for education has increased 10-fold*. With some 70 million children still not in school, more international funding is needed. We're now leading a movement to create a Global Fund for Education. This multi-country coordination and financing mechanism would ensure that all children have access to free, quality basic education.