RISE Advocacy Chapter
September Webinar

September 19, 2023
Welcome

Please let us know in the chat where you are joining us from!
Mission & Vision

Together Women Rise’s Mission

Together Women Rise cultivates the collective power of community to achieve global gender equality.

OUR VISION

Together Women Rise envisions a world where every person has the same opportunities to thrive regardless of their gender or where they live.
Our Values & Resources

At RESULTS we pledge to create space for all voices, including those of us who are currently experiencing poverty. We will address oppressive behavior in our interactions, families, communities, work, and world. Our strength is rooted in our diversity of experiences, not in our assumptions.

With unearned privilege comes the responsibility to act so the burden to educate and change doesn’t fall solely on those experiencing oppression. When we miss the mark on our values, we will acknowledge our mistake, seek forgiveness, learn, and work together as a community to pursue equity.

Read our full anti-oppression values statement here at results.org/values.

Check out the 2023 Fall Anti-Oppression Workshop Schedule for training opportunities.

Find these resources and more at results.org/volunteers/anti-oppression:

• Resource Guides from our Diversity & Inclusion trainings, including:
  • Interrupting Microaggressions
  • Creating Space for Critical Conversations
• Information on how RESULTS responds to oppressive incidents
The READ Act: Time is of the Essence!
Grantee Spotlight

Last Mile4D
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Last Mile4D

Grant Amount: $48,000

Mission of Last Mile4D
LastMile4D’s mission is to mobilize resources to ensure that girls and women everywhere, particularly in remote communities, can access information.

Project Summary
The purpose of this project is to end Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting (FGM/C) by educating, informing, and enlisting community-wide awareness and support.

UN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

5 GENDER EQUALITY
4 QUALITY EDUCATION
3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING
Why We Love This Project

Last Mile4D uses a multi-pronged approach to create awareness and eradicate FGM/C in communities that are hard to reach and at the last mile. With the use of innovative technology, real-time monitoring of data, and crises intervention strategies, Last Mile4D has been very successful in sensitizing entire communities, increasing schooling levels among young girls, and advocating for the eradication of FGM/C.
What will we work on between now and the end of 2023?

Global Policy: Equity and Impact
Global policy

Our Fall Goal

Congress prioritizes equity and impact in the fight against global poverty
• Who does it reach? Who gets left out?
• Are we working in partnership?
• How is funding delivered?
• Are interventions based on evidence?
Part 1
How the **U.S. government** spends money and designs programs

Part 2
How the **World Bank** spends money and designs programs
Global Advocacy Campaigns

- Malnutrition Prevention & Treatment Act
- The End Tuberculosis Now Act
- The READ Act
Asks on TB Right Now

Ask Reps and Senators to cosponsor the End TB Now Act and speak to House/Senate leadership about passing it ASAP.

Tip: Leverage your work on the House and Senate TB sign-on letters:

• Share final letter and thank those who signed. Ask them to cosponsor End TB Now Act and speak to leadership.

• Share final letter with those who didn't sign as well and let them know they can still make a difference on TB by cosponsoring the End TB Now Act.
Asks on READ Act Now

- **READ in the House:** Ask Reps. to cosponsor the READ Act and speak to Foreign Affairs leadership (McCaul, Meeks) about moving the bill out of committee ASAP.

- **READ in the Senate:** Ask Senators to cosponsor READ Act and speak to Senate leadership about passing it ASAP.
Advocacy Action

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What actions have you taken on the READ Act thus far?

What does it take to get a response?

What are your next steps?
When you are following up...

- Don’t be all business. Ask them about themselves.

- Follow up until you get an answer—that could mean sending 5 or 6 emails and making 3-4 calls just to get a “no”.

- Use the response, whatever it is, to further build rapport, gather information, and provide information.

- No matter how many times you must follow up, remain respectful and calm.

- Consider copying other advocates and reply on top of your previous emails.
Advocacy Action

- Write an email **now**
  (use the sample email linked here)

- Make phone call **now**, Capitol Switchboard (202) 224 - 3121 (use this script)

- **Send this action** to friends **now**

- **Write letter to the editor** **now**
Advocacy Action

1. [Check here](#) to see if your Representative or Senator has co-sponsored the READ Act Reauthorization of 2023 (H.R. 681/ S.41) or will likely support it if they co-sponsored last year ([check here](#) for past support during the 117th Congress).

2. Use [Legislator Lookup](#) if you are unsure of who to reach out to, please don’t hesitate to reach out to your Together Women Rise Advocacy Chapter Mentor for support.

3. Call the Capitol Switchboard at (202) 224-3121 to confirm they received your request, continue to follow up until you get a “yes” or “no” response.
● Sign up for the Advocacy Chapter

● Next webinar: **Tuesday, October 17 at 8:30 PM ET**

● October Grantee
  If you would like to learn more about RISE grantees, there are chapters across the US, as well as a virtual national chapter meeting with a speaker from the grantee each month on the **first Thursday of the month at 8 PM ET**:

https://togetherwomenrise.org/upcoming-events/
Thank you for joining us tonight!