

# Annual Successes

The logo for RESULTS, featuring the word "results" in white lowercase letters inside a red speech bubble shape.

## Summary of 2019 Successes

### RESULTS advocacy by the numbers:

**217** face-to-face meetings with Congress

**420** meetings with congressional staff

**620** media pieces published

**4,300+** emails and calls to Congress

**25+** countries represented at International Conference

- Undeterred by repeated White House attempts to gut U.S. funding for the fight against global poverty, RESULTS volunteers held the line in Congress. They not only fended off massive proposed cuts, but secured an **increase of over \$300 million** in annual funding for key RESULTS issues, including a \$75 million boost for global basic education and a nearly \$250 boost for global health programs.
- In October, congressional leaders committed to [exactly what RESULTS pushed for all year](#), contributing \$4.68 billion to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria over three years – a full third of the global target. RESULTS volunteers mobilized over 250 members of Congress, passing bipartisan resolutions on the floor of the House and Senate, and rejecting the Administration’s proposed cut in favor of a 16% increase. Our ACTION partners around the world helped the Global Fund reach its full \$14 billion goal, allowing the partnership to save **16 million lives**.
- RESULTS launched a new advocacy campaign to get Congress to tackle the affordable housing crisis. Advocates held over 100 meetings with members of Congress on affordable housing, and kicked off the multi-year campaign by helping secure a \$1.27 billion increase for Housing Choice Vouchers. As Congress debated taxes throughout the year, RESULTS advocates also helped build bipartisan support to expand tax credits for low-income working families, through over 100 media pieces and dozens of meetings with members of Congress.
- The Experts on Poverty continue to make sure policymakers hear from people with personal experience of poverty, raising their voices at conferences around the country, in congressional briefings on Capitol Hill, and in local media outlets. They helped Congress understand the reality of issues like [affordable housing](#) and [tax policy](#) firsthand.

- The latest class of the [REAL Change Fellowship](#) supported the next generation of advocates to end poverty. They held well over 100 meetings with congressional offices, carried over 600 letters to members of Congress, and were published in dozens of outlets across the country.
- Following years of advocacy and [research](#), the Global Partnership for Education announced a landmark new policy stopping investments in for-profit schools. These schools disproportionately leave behind girls and the kids facing the most extreme poverty. This new policy makes sure that donor funds instead support free, public education for all.
- Advocates from 25+ countries came together at the RESULTS International Conference, for almost 400 meetings with Congress and the World Bank.