Annual Successes

Summary of 2020 Impact

RESULTS 2020 advocacy by the numbers:

500+ congressional meetings
700+ grassroots media pieces
800+ advocates at the virtual RESULTS International Conference

Emergency U.S. housing and nutrition relief

After the first COVID stay-at-home orders and start of the economic crisis, RESULTS volunteers got right to work to shape the response from Congress. Quick work with congressional staff on the first bipartisan relief bill helped secure $12 billion for housing support for families struggling to pay rent, laid off from work, and denied access to health care.

As Washington dragged its feet on the next step of COVID relief, RESULTS advocates didn’t let up. They published hundreds of pieces of media, calling for an equitable pandemic response. They met with members of Congress and congressional staff via Zoom week after week, calling for a halt to evictions, $25 billion in emergency rental assistance, a 15% boost to SNAP (Food Stamps), and stronger tax credits for low-income workers. They helped influence proposals in both the House and the Senate, and ultimately saw the final relief deal at year-end include all four of these key supports for people in the United States.

Record investment and lifesaving vaccines for hundreds of millions of people

For more than 15 years, RESULTS volunteers have built deep bipartisan support for Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, and global vaccine equity. In early 2020, RESULTS and our global ACTION partners helped make sure Gavi not only reached, but exceeded its global fundraising target by over a billion dollars. With the biggest-ever multiyear U.S. commitment and other global pledges, Gavi can deliver on its plan support countries to reach more than 300 million children with lifesaving vaccines against measles, polio, pneumonia, and more.
Then when COVID became a global pandemic, RESULTS jumped back into action as Gavi took on the global role of making sure COVID vaccines reach everyone, regardless of their income or where they live. After months of grassroots advocacy with Congress, a bipartisan bill in December committed $4 billion for global COVID vaccine access through Gavi – more than 10 times the annual U.S. contribution, and the single biggest-ever U.S. commitment to an international health body.

**Bipartisan legislation and funding for nutrition, education, and global health**

Despite the fourth straight year of proposed global poverty funding cuts by the White House, RESULTS volunteers helped push Congress to not just reject those cuts, but actually increase funding instead. RESULTS volunteers convinced the highest-ever number of congressional supporters to sign on in support of funding for our key issues, unlocking nearly $4 billion for global tuberculosis, education, nutrition, and more.

RESULTS volunteers also helped build overwhelming bipartisan support in Congress for landmark new legislation on early childhood development (The Global Child Thrive Act, signed into law in December), as well as resolutions on nutrition and global access to vaccines unanimously passed by Congress. Together these are enhancing the focus and leadership of the U.S. government and helping unlock future funding for the essential early days of children’s lives in the lowest-income communities globally.

**Groundbreaking grassroots advocacy led by people with firsthand experience of poverty**

The heart of RESULTS remains its deeply committed volunteer advocates across the country. In 2020, RESULTS launched its biggest-ever recruitment campaign, welcoming well over 400 new advocates into chapters across the country, with volunteers active in all 50 states.

This year RESULTS also launched the first class of the African Leadership Cohort, bringing together African diaspora leaders across the country to center the voices and elevate the power of African immigrants within the RESULTS movement.

The Experts on Poverty continued to shape decisions on Capitol Hill and guide the country toward more equitable policy with their firsthand expertise on poverty. Whether it was giving testimony at congressional briefings on tax policy, appearing on national media discussing the reality of poverty, or performing live with renowned storytelling podcast The Moth.
The sixth class of the RESULTS Fellowship brought together young leaders across the country who published 50 pieces of media and met with Congress well over 200 times on global health, nutrition, and housing.

Meanwhile, around the world, locally rooted ACTION partners were pushing national and global leaders into action on global health equity and the response to the pandemic. Learn more about our collective impact on equitable access to vaccines, tuberculosis, and nutrition at www.action.org.