

#### **Global Allies Program**

Partners Ending Poverty with RESULTS

### **Monthly Webinar**

August 8, 2024





Let us know where you are joining us from in the chat!

Share a greeting in another language if you know one.

#### **Our Values & Resources**



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At RESULTS we pledge to create space for all voices, including those of us who are currently Partners Ending Poverty wit 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 <u>results.org/values</u>.

Check out the **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

# Overview of tonight's webinar



- Welcome & Introductions
- Senate FY 25 Appropriations Update
- August Recess & Election Engagement
- Advocacy Actions

Closing Shares & Announcements

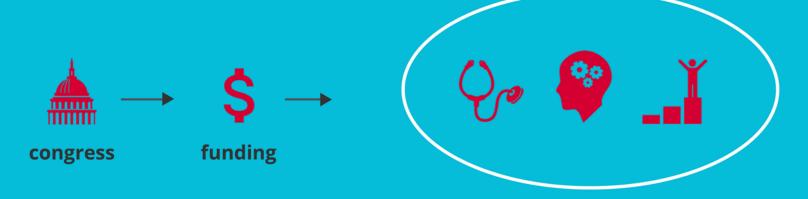


# **FY25 Appropriations**

# congress decides where our money goes.



Congress decides how to spend money during the **appropriations** process. This funding can support health, education, and economic opportunity for families around the world.



# **Senate Appropriations Bill - FY25**



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| Account   | FY24<br>House      | FY24<br>Senate      | FY24<br>Enacted    | FY25<br>RESULTS<br>Ask | FY25<br>House   | FY25 Senate      |
|---|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| USAID Maternal and Child Health                         | \$910<br>million   | \$920<br>million    | \$915<br>million   | \$1.15 billion         | \$915 million   | \$940 million    |
| Of which, Gavi,<br>the Vaccine<br>Alliance              | \$300<br>million   | \$300<br>million    | \$300<br>million   | \$340 million          | \$300 million   | \$300 million    |
| USAID Nutrition   | \$172.5<br>million | \$160<br>million    | \$165<br>million   | \$300 million          | \$172.5 million | \$165.5 million  |
| USAID<br>Tuberculosis                                   | \$394.5<br>million | \$394.5<br>million  | \$394.5<br>million | \$1 billion            | \$394.5 million | \$394.5 million  |
| Global Fund to<br>Fight AIDS, TB<br>and Malaria         | \$2 billion        | \$1.65<br>billion   | \$1.65<br>billion  | \$1.65 billion         | \$1.25 billion  | \$1.2 billion    |
| USAID Basic<br>Education                                | \$970<br>million   | \$640.55<br>million | \$922<br>million   | \$1.15 billion         | \$922 million   | \$640.55 million |
| Of which, the<br>Global<br>Partnership for<br>Education | \$130<br>million   | \$130<br>million    | \$121.6<br>million | \$200 million          | \$121.6 million | \$85 million     |



# August Recess & Election Engagement

### Why Focus on Elections?



- Establish early relationships
- Get to candidates when they are listening
- Educate candidates and the public on poverty
- Get candidates on the record
- Set the agenda for the next Congress
- Engage the community

#### **Election Engagement Campaign**

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#### **August**

Perspectives on Democracy & In-District Meetings

#### September

Importance of Candidate Engagement & Media Training

#### October

Using Data to Combat Toxic Poverty Narratives

#### **November**

Keeping Congress
Accountable
During End of
Lame Duck Year

#### **Election Engagement Campaign**



#### **Key Activities:**

- Direct Advocacy: meetings and birddogging
- Raising poverty issues in the media
- Continued community outreach & engagement

## **Finding the Candidates**



- RESULTS website: Legislator Lookup
- Grab contact information: location, phone, fax, social media links
- Sign up for emails from candidates
- Follow them on social media

#### **Do Some Research**



- Campaign websites
- Web searches
- RESULTS Scorecard (if incumbent)
- 411.org (League of Women Voters)
- Local newspaper and media

#### When to Find Candidates



- Recesses:
- August Recess (now): Aug. 2 Sept. 8
- Ahead of the Election: Sept. 28 Nov. 6
- Weekends
- Check congressional calendars
- Fundraisers, debates, community events, fire stations, local businesses

#### **How to Find Candidates**



- Campaign offices and newsletters
- Newspapers and ABC, NBC, CBS, PBS affiliates
- Local radio stations
- Civic organizations sponsoring events
- Set up Google alerts
- Local apps (Nextdoor)

### **Meeting with Candidates**



I am a Returned Peace Corps Volunteer, and I care about US foreign policy and global poverty.

| We are very intere  | ested in the upcoming e | election. We would lik            | ke to learn    |
|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| more about          | _'s views and see them  | in action. We would               | like to set up |
| a meeting with      | to discuss po           | overty problems and s             | solutions.     |
| Could you please    | find us a time to meet? | <sup>,</sup> Also, can you please | point us to a  |
| list of public even | ts where we can see     | in person?                        |                |

# What Does Candidate Success Look Like?



#### Pretty much like a well-run congressional meeting:

- Well organized
- Issues clearly presented
- Includes personal reasons for caring & stories
- Includes why it matters to the community
- Back and forth conversation: Ask questions and listen. For candidates—it's kind of like an interview.

# **Birddogging: Special Engagement**



A set of strategies for showing up and following decision makers at public events with the purpose of engaging them and educating the public on issues for which we are seeking change.

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# Tips for town halls



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**Go in a group** to up your odds of getting called on.



#### **Before the Event**



- Agree on the questions you'll ask and the order
- Print out leave-behinds to share with candidates, include your contact information
- Make a logistical plan to arrive early, spread out, speak to staff & media before & after the event
- Review tactics: be attentive, anticipate Q&A, make sure questions get answered, don't look like the same team but stand out

### **During the Event**





# Get there early and spread out.

Sit near the front or an aisle where your member of Congress can see you.

# **During the Event**



- Be visible, enthusiastic, polite, friendly. Be a fan.
- Anticipate the Q&A, get candidate's attention
- Pay attention to questions asked
- Educate the public as you ask your question
- Offer to provide additional information
- Talk to others, connect with who care about poverty
- Take photos if possible





Get your hand up first, fast, and high.

#### Raise your Hand First, Fast, and High!





Even Raise Your Hand <u>Before</u> Question Time

## **Asking Questions**



- Say your name, why you care about the issue, thank official, and ask a yes or no question
- Keep it very brief--think 30-45 seconds
- If group's first question is answered, move to Q #2
- If official doesn't answer a question, next person asks them to answer it before asking Q #2

#### **After the Event**



- Handshake line: Ask Q, share fact sheet, and media
- Talk to local media about our issues, get quoted
- Contact the candidate after the event to meet
- Share your impressions/photos on social media

# **Global Poverty Questions**



- Global Nutrition
- Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB, and Malaria
- Global Vaccines/Gavi

# **Election Engagement Resources**



#### **RESULTS.org/Issues/Community of Change**

https://results.org/resources/2024-electionengagement-resources

#### **Tight races:**

https://www.cookpolitical.com/ratings







Credit: USAID Malawi



# 1,000 Days

# We can prevent malnutrition









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# We can detect malnutrition early









# We can treat malnutrition





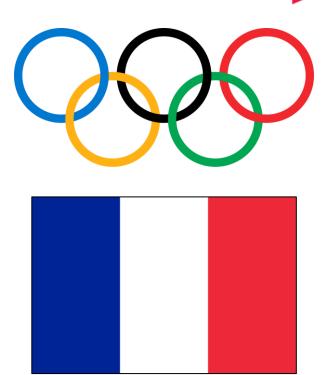




# Our big global moment







#### We want the US Government to



- Make a specific, bold, new financial pledge
- Make a powerful public signal to the world, encouraging others to be bold

Ask your member of Congress to join the Dear Colleague Letter (deadline Aug. 29)

# Global Poverty Policy Forum results



**Focus: Malnutrition** 

Nutrition is one of the most important factors to a strong start in life. Unfortunately, nearly half of all preventable child deaths have malnutrition as an underlying cause. We can and must do better.

Thursday, August 15, 9:00 p.m. ET

Register now!



# Follow up Advocacy Action: Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance

#### Gavi Resolutions – H.Res. 1286/ S. Res. 684



- Senate Lead Sponsors: Sens. Wicker (R-MI) and Cardin (D-MD)
   House Lead Sponsors: Representatives Kean (R-NJ), Amo (D-RI), Salazar (R-FL), and Jacobs (D-CA).
- Calls for United States to have supporting role in saving children's lives of children and protecting people's health through Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance.
- Gavi has been a major contributor in reducing the number of childhood deaths in lower-income countries due to vaccine-preventable disease by 70 percent since 2000.
- Country ownership and sustainability are at the core of the Gavi model.

#### **Call or Write: Take Action on Gavi!**

- 1. Check <u>this scorecard</u> see if your Representative or Senator has signed on to the Gavi Resolution (H. Res. 1286/ S. Res. 684).
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- 2. Use <u>Legislator Lookup</u> (if you are unsure of who to reach out to, please don't hesitate to reach out to us for support).
- 3. Email convention:
  Senate <u>FirstName\_LastName@SenatorsLastName.Senate.Gov</u> (example: alex\_moree@rubio.senate.gov)
  House <u>FirstName.LastName@mail.house.gov</u> (example: <u>Max.Price@mail.house.gov</u>)
- 4. <u>Personalize this sample email</u> requesting your members of Congress cosponsor H. Res. 1286 or S. Res. 684.
- **5. Follow up!** If you've taken one action today, take the other action tomorrow.

### Join our next webinar



Tuesday, September 12 8:30 PM ET – 9:30 PM ET

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Register here: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/GAP2024Webinars">https://tinyurl.com/GAP2024Webinars</a>



# Thank you for taking action with us tonight!