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>> MALE SPEAKER: Everyone should have a red folder that says policy folder. Sticker on the front that says policy and everybody should have a folder. Come on in. Grab a seat. Who does not have a red folder? The red folder should say policy on the front with a little sticker. Who does not have a red folder that says policy on the front of it?

This is a campaign overview session.

[Applause]

People are excited about that. My name is Ken Patterson the director of grassroots advocacy for RESULTS.

[Applause]

I am happy to be with you today. This session here combined session we have our advocates doing both US and global poverty issues together this year in the same room which is exciting to have everybody in the same roof doing it together. Literate for that.

[Applause]

Let's look at the purposes of the session. We want to prepare you to get the most of the conference and the Advocacy Day on Tuesday. We want to repay to work with each other and you've done some that work by getting to know each other through the networking session and some value statement and work we did earlier.

We will set you up to find answers you need during the conference. This session is not about answering all of your questions. On Advocacy Day. It is preparing you to find the answers throughout the conference and any other questions you have you can ask throughout the conference and we can continue to answer those questions on Monday as you prepare for Tuesday's lobby meeting.

Let's get started. I asked you about your folders and your set. Who has not met people from their state yet? You are not from a state. That is challenging. [laughter] Is there anybody from a state who is not met people from their state? It sounds like the networking sessions to care that.

Who is with the state that is not set up any meeting for Tuesday? In the site people are doing that. If you've not done it there people from your state making that happen. You can confirm your meetings on Monday and I encourage you to do that.

Some folks are having a hard time getting staff members to respond to the request for meeting. I know this past week three times and up at the third request for my meeting in the subject line I got an email back right away. I did not do it in a snappy way but I contacted them three other times now and you can confirm those on Monday.

If you do not let us know about the meetings you set up, go to this link and let us know what meetings are set up for Monday. Talk to the people from your state and let us know about those. We can best support you if we know which meetings we have going on.

Next, I want to start by saying you are fortunate here. If you ask most people who they want to be in the world, a lot tell you that want to make the world a better place. The challenge is for a lot of people they really don't know how to do it. They want to change the world and be a change maker but what do I do about it? I see the big problems but do not know what to do about it.

I want to congratulate all of you on finding your people and family, finding a group of people who decided to learn brand-new skills that may never have been taught in their lives and learn about brand-new issues. Step outside their comfort zones and found an organization that has taught them how to make a difference in a really big way at scale. Congratulate yourself for finding each other here.

[Applause]

You found each other. A bit about this community. You have new and experienced people in the room. Everybody here wants to make a difference. Right? Does anyone here not want to make a difference? [laughter]

I see almost a hand go up there. I want to point out in this room that because you are new to RESULTS does not mean you have advocacy experience. People come to RESULTS who are new but who have advocacy experience and maybe found out during the networking session to check with folks of planning your lobbying session. Do not assume people do not have that experience.

There are different agencies and countries and races and origins and abilities. That is a huge drink for us as an organization.

And Republicans and Democrats and Independents that care about poverty and we have literally of when the room which means we need to make sure we create space for everybody in the room as well. Even if you have political concerns or worries about one party or the other, if you disparage the other party, you are not doing honor to the community.

RESULTS is a nonpartisan organization and we need to remain that way throughout the conference and as working together. It is only way we get the job done. We do not want to alienate people from anything because it different political differences. We want to all end poverty. Makes sense?

Creating space does not look like this. Let me explain to you with this ice cream taste like. It is awesome. Sometimes we do that. Watch me have this amazing experience and learn from it. [laughter]

We learned this morning about how people and all of us need to experience touch and feel and experience them in order to have our own learning. If we want to create transformation experiences and have everyone to have space to have transformational experiences we have to take a different approach. It could be this ice cream is awesome. Would you like to try it? That is one way to create space.

On ice cream would you like to learn to make it or make it together is another way. I thought the ice cream might make sense to people. Is it making sense? Great. I would love to make a couple of agreements. I would like to be more specific about agreements and I will ask for a show of hands on them when we go through them.

Agreements for building a strong RESULTS community. Diverse experiences. Can we agree to allow everyone to contribute and learn by listening to each other and creating space for transformational expenses? Can I see everyone in agreement who can raise their hand. Wonderful.

Another agreement I would like to check in on is we have different ages and genders and orientations and countries of origins and races etc. Can we agree not to make assumptions about people because of their age or race or have a look or are different before we work with each other? Can we agree to do this approach? Raise your hand.

Some people are not necessarily on board with that. One final agreement. If Republicans and Democrats and Independents care about private, can we agree to be nonperson during this conference? Raise your hand if you can agree to do that and work with each other. This is a hard one. Let see your hands if you are willing to do this. That is going to make it is a better and stronger community and I appreciate your willingness to do that.

Because we agreed upon these things, we can feel free to talk to each other about when we may step out of line. Can we do that for each other? Timely and gently and give each other a chance to self-correct and learn? Can we do that? Great.

Let's talk about advocacy. What is advocacy? Some of you have seen this slide and no what advocacy is. I like to describe it as something very simple and it is about moving elected officials of the champion scale. We are trying to move them from wherever they are, which we figure out where are the issues, and move them up the next step.

A lot of people advocating say my members of Congress will not be a champion on issues. You never know that. Were you able to move them from one step to the next? Any time you do that, that is a win. That is what you're trying to accomplish and advocacy. If you have someone disparaging an aid or program were supporting and they speak out against us, if you go in and talk about how it affects your community and makes us a stronger nation and how it is the right thing to do and share stories with them and convince them and their staff these are good ideas and they might say I need to think about my opposition on this.

Maybe I should not say so much. Would you get them to shut up? That is a big win. You move them up the champion scale from negative 12 a neutral position which is a win. Wherever they are, taking them to the next base is what we are about and what we’re trying to do with our advocacy in a simple way.

If you think what is going on here, think about the champion scale. It's a great simple way do it and we have a great tool on the website you can walk through.

In terms of what RESULTS does and how we move members of the champion scale and you have probably seen this slide from Congressional Management Foundation is 1200 staff members on Capitol Hill asking if your boss is not made a firm decision on an issue, how effective might these tactics be directed toward the Washington office on helping them make a decision?

That is really about you and I as constituents. In person issue meetings with members of Congress, representatives and I'm here on behalf of my community and individualized email messages. Individualized is you're talking about why I care about an issue.

Write postal letters and global editorial in your newspapers referencing the issue and conference during town hall and letters to the editor. And we have seen those we put the name of a member on Congress write into the letter either acknowledging them something or calling them into action.

They will see those and they have a great impact. This is the area that RESULTS plays in the most effective tactics. We do the others but this makes a difference and where we focus our energies in this is how you move members of Congress of the champion scale. Then it says visit from a lobbyist. That has an impact but when filling the void and we are the hirers and firers of our elected officials, that is the most powerful things that will influence them. Good news about our influence of working with members of Congress.

The other part about all this and moving members of the champion scale is it is all about relationships. RESULTS believes deeper relationships with members of Congress and staff will create change. It is a key driver of change.

Our goal through advocacy is move them up the champion scale by being in relationship with them and staff members, educating them about issues, making specific request we know they did them or did not do them. And mobilizing media in our communities and critically to never go away. [laughter]

Never ever, never, never, never ever go away. Because they can easily ignore you for a while but after you made that third request, these people are not going away. They know that. They will reckon with you. They will establish a relationship with you and we will continue to work with them out of respect and be there for them.

The people have relationships with those Congressional offices will tell you they love what we do. Sometimes we are a pain because we are persistent because we never go away. But we always provide good information and bring constituent views to the table and we are always there to work with them. This is the stuff that creates change.

You will see more of this direct conference what is basic meeting with a member of Congress and what does it look like or their staff members? This will help you think about the conference as well. Where you find various elements of your meetings for Tuesday during the conference. Think about that in terms of this outline.

Introduction. Introduce people in your group including roles they play in the community. I am a teacher, lawyer or student or whatever. Explained who is in the room. Thank them. Thank them for something and Congressional scorecards what to thank them for. If you have problems finding things to think them for, talk to us and will help you. They may not have taken action on our issues yet.

Go of the meeting quickly. Overview is what we do today. Issues overview and talk about an issue. You have storyteller. Tell a story for the issue and it could be a short video you show or something you heard a story in the conference that people are allowing you to relate to the meeting or somebody in the room or someone in your delegation may have a short story to share or read a story that is in materials we provided for you and we those out loud.

It might seem weird to do that but having the personal story in the conversation is really critical. Make a request. Require yes-or-no answer. Have some dialogue. Listen to them and have a go back and forth and get specific and offer additional information if you need to. If you do not know the answer to a question and they ask what do you do?

Do not feel nervous if you do not know the information. I am not sure about that. I will find out and get back to you. That is all you have to say. That is really nice and easy and takes the pressure off us and gives us another opportunity to be in contact with them to build relationship. It is a good thing.

Summarize the next steps. Leave materials behind and we will provide you with a packet of background materials for each one of your meetings on Tuesday. On Monday we will hand those out. You have a leave behind packet for them so you get to each member of Congress.

Ask for a photo with the member of Congress or staff member. If you get it with the member of Congress, that is great. If not, you can say is the representative or senator in and a quick photo? They love photo ops. You can post those on social media and share them back home and talk about your experiences.

It gives you a chance to say we were talking about your staff with a resolution and we love to get your support on it. And then have a chance to do lobbying why you have an arm around their shoulder. And who is going to make a report and do follow up stuff?

This is a process we will look at on Monday and Tuesday. So the roles are facilitator, storyteller, issue explainer and asker is one or two people. Reporter and recorder person and you have other actors you can add and providing other perspectives and telling stories and a photo taker because you will be excited at the meeting and you forget about and then someone is appointed to do that.

A couple of things about what staff says and what makes the meetings good and powerful.

This is from Congressional Management Foundation. This is House Chief of Staff. A lack of preparations for meeting is a problem. They're clueless about Congressman and District and committee assignments. We do not want to go there and be one of those people. The good news about influence, this is what they say is helpful. This is from the Congressional Management Foundation.

Personal story related to the biller issue and 79 percent that was helpful. Constituent reasons for supporting or not is important. They want to know why you personally care about something. You think your opinion does not matter but it does. I care because of X.

Information it has on the district and relating it to back home is important and not any one important said that was important. This is what is frequently and very frequently happening at the meetings. Folks do not have data on the impact on the state or district. That happens 90 percent of the time.

They don't know Congress history on the policy or issue and that happens 87 percent of the time. Unspecific request and have to be specific with the request. Can we do something about this? That is not a specific request. Convey personal story related to the issue is 55 percent. One or more constituents is rude and we do not want to have that happen during a meeting. It is about being respectful and relationship building and started to do that when people are rude.

Getting face to face. If you do a face-to-face meeting with the staff member it themselves, here are some things you can do. Call and confirm your meetings on Monday. Ask at that time if you can see the member in person if you do not the meeting scheduled. Their schedules may have changed and that may give an opportunity at me with that.

Ask for the Photoshop and that is a quick opportunity to be with them. Ask if you can come back later if we may see them and run by the office later on. Invite the member of Congress to our reception on Tuesday and there will be flyer invites in each packet you give to them and say great to show up in person.

If you do not get out chance to meet with them in person here in Washington, talk to the scheduler in that office. This is not to deceive them but see them in person and look them in the eye and for results back home in the state or district and we love to set up a meeting with a representative or senator and person during the August recess. Members of Congress will not be in Washington during August during the month.

They are either back home or traveling. A good opportunity to meet with them. And the last one is I like to talk about preparing both heart and mind for these meetings. You heard earlier but I want to be clear on this. All of the solutions to poverty already exist.

The only reason poverty continues to persist because we have not decided put them in place. It is important for us to be in touch with that. For me, that creates a little bit of outrage. What the heck? Why are they persisting? We can do better on these. Be in touch with outrage will give you a bit of courage to do things you need to do.

Not that you should throw outrage towards your elected officials but be strategic and passionate and relationship driven. Be in touch with your fears. Anyone nervous about Tuesday to meet with their electorate officials? And people have done this over and over are still nervous.

Do it anyway. Be prepared and get ready to do it anyway. They are just people. They're people like you and I. That is important to remember.

in the anything to get in touch with is you are a constituent supervisor. I like to use the metaphor or relationship reference because the voters of a district or state are at hiring committee. You're deciding who's going to work for you and government. You have a right to be there as a supervisor and concerned party to what they're doing in their jobs.

Be there and talk to them and educate them and let them know what you care about and what you would like to see them do. Being in touch and you have every right to be there and there should be more of us doing that. Your influence is greater than the influence of a lobbyist.

You are not alone. We have a great group of folks in this room and all kinds of people back home around the country who are passionate and doing this together. Prepare your hearts and mind. If you have disagreements with how your member of Congress is approaching their job, put any rancor you have toward them away. Push it aside.

People are going to know how you feel towards them when you are in their presence. You are there is a human being to work with them and really figure out how we can end probably together. What can we do together? Check any rancor you have and push it away and be with a human being in the room.

We will talk about the issues we are going to be covering on Tuesday. Not in massive detail but enough to get a sense what to look for in the rest of the conference. Meredith?

[Applause]

>> FEMALE SPEAKER: Thank you and hello everyone. Folks I have not met, I am Meredith Dobson, Director of RESULTS US Poverty Campaign Network. I do not normally get to be in the room because this is a different important way we are approaching and preparing folks for advocacy. I have not been able to be in the room with all of you on a Saturday afternoon talking about issues. I am really excited to be with you.

The other one looks like either a palm tree or fireworks. I'm glad neither of those things happened. [laughter]

I really like how Joanne framed our opening and put in the links together between affordable housing crisis and the legacy of structural racism and how important housing is. I will touch on some of those points a bit more to provide context for conversations that many of you will have on Capitol Hill.

One of the stories here is rents are going up while incomes are not. Harvard University has a joint center on housing studies. Since 1960 and the reports they put out, incomes have gone up 5 percent while rent has gone up by more than 60 percent. Part of what is happening is wage stagnation and we will talk more about.

The supply of affordable housing is going down. It is not an accident that many of us in this room may be feeling the squeeze around housing and many in our communities are. It is a problem that is only increasing in urgency and our need to address it.

There are less housing then what we need for low and moderate income families. A lot of low income renters are cost burden. I want to throw this question out to you and I will take a few examples from the audience. Why do you think housing is important? I promise to repeat what I hear. Why should we work on housing policy?

[Off microphone]

I love a couple of things I heard is it is a basic human need. We all need shelter along with things like food and health. Another piece I heard you mention is it is linked to education. Families need stable housing and there is so much linkage between access to quality schools and housing and how much we are segregated in this country.

The rent eats first. A lot of families in our grassroots networks are facing choices. I have talked to a folk yesterday. They're facing a choice of I lost my job. I'M not going to pay my car insurance and something bad may happen to my car and I may not have the ability to have a new job. It is because I need to make rent and make sure my children are stably housed.

Similar sacrifices people make all the time for food, etc. Rent eats first. It is hard to keep track of things like a Social Security card if you do not have a place to keep your stuff. It is hard for doctors to reach you but you know the results of test. It is hard for folks to get information they need about eligibility for schools or eligibility for different services when they do not have access to that.

When folks are dropped for changing an address on a job application or resume and add to that there have been studies about how folks subconsciously making decisions about people based on their address or what kind of neighborhood they live in. You need housing that can demonstrate that you need an address when applying for a job. Is there a hand in the back?

It is hard to engage in your community or engage with kids. If you have kids in school will participate in the things that RESULTS volunteers do if you do not have access to stabilize the housing. I love there are more hands. Housing is link to a lot of things and since this is an overview, I will pause five seconds and write down the reason why you care about housing. Write in that Laser Talk worksheet which is when the top things in the policy folder that you picked up on the way in. Jot that down. Something you heard.

Or something that articulates it for you. A shout out to a teacher who helped us develop our worksheet for Laser Talk. She knows who she is. You can tweet it, since you know I love Twitter, after you write it down.

A couple of things I want to flag. This is a nationwide crisis. It shows up differently in different communities. In some cases you may hear this or even heard on Capitol Hill that folks see this as more of a state or local issue.

While there are things that happen on the local level that could help address this crisis and its felt more keenly in some places than others, it is a nationwide problem. I suggest it is a crisis that needs federal policy solution in addition to state and local.

Building on what was said earlier, state and local data is compelling for policy makers. You have a policy and when you pick up US poverty leave behind folders for the congressional meeting, they'll be a state fact sheet and one for you to insert and one for each of your members of Congress.

You will have the data for them. It has stayed on housing and poverty, etc.

This is a nationwide problem and also problem impacting communities of color, in particular. Because of the legacy of racial segregation, discrimination not just in housing policy but employment policy for centuries of policies that have built wealth for some and blocked wealth building for others and this is core to what our country is and how it has been built from the beginning.

It does meet the housing crisis is hitting people of color, in particular. For instance, black families are less likely to be homeowners because of discrimination in homeownership policies. They are more, generally, renters and as you see from this breakdown American Indian and native Alaskan families and blocked non-Hispanic families are usually low income renters.

McKenzie wrote in our background materials that you find vital resources on our conference app, inequality is not shared equally. There is not one idea that will solve everything but we are focusing on a big bold policy idea that we hope will help address this crisis. That is called renter's credit.

We do a lot of housing policy through the tax code. Has anyone heard of the mortgage interest deduction? Or property tax deduction? Like state and local taxes have changed. We are doing housing policy through the tax code. Meanwhile unlike food assistance or healthcare, housing assistance is not a mandatory program. One out of four folks eligible for housing assistance gets it. How many people think one out of four folks for mortgage interest deduction gets to claim it? There have been several proposals to enact what's called the renter's credit. We have seen some from a few of the presidential candidates.

Senator Dean Heller a Republican who was defeated in the past fall came out one targeted at seniors. There has been bipartisan interest policy that has been put forward by the Bipartisan Center. And as you see in the visual, researchers at Columbia University examine different presidential campaign proposals to look at their impact on poverty.

Depending on how you do it, over 9 million people listed above the federal poverty line by enacting a renter's credit. We will dive into this more and you can learn more about this in the policy brief on the conference resources page. The policy work divide workshop tomorrow and the breakout plenary on Monday in our overview session. More opportunities to dive in. That is a preview of the renter's credit concept.

I want to acknowledge that is our primary policy focus but it is not by itself going to close the ratio wealth divide. Many of you know the statistics but for the meeting wealth of a white family is 10 times greater than black families and eight times greater than Latinx families. There is huge disparities in the types of wealth building and policy people have access to.

A lot more opportunity over the rest of the conference to understand other policy ideas to help address this and resources online. To flag something, many of you heard me talk about the importance of housing stability. And innovative ideas to enact on a bipartisan basis and enact emergency stabilization funds for renters who are facing eviction.

If someone's car breakdown and they lose their job or cut back on their hours and we were hoping by the time you go to Capitol Hill we have the bipartisan bills for you to build co-sponsorship to. You can signal those not yet introduced. We may see the Senate bill by the end of this month and I take that after grain of salt.

That is not for the specific bill number we have yet but I would signal folks there are policymakers looking to introduce this. This may be a good immediate policy after to focus on but the bills have not yet been introduced and they will be by Tuesday. There is more opportunity to learn about this later on in the conference.

I want to flag a targeted app to some of you about. This is something we are focused on the Democratic offices given the nature of and dynamics around tax negotiations right now. There are important tax credits that are existing and in place for low income families.

Two are the earned income tax credit and childcare tax credit. This visual shows from the Census Bureau the impact of various high policy areas and together the IETC and child care tax credit lists more than 8 million Americans but the federal poverty line. Most of the anti-poverty policies outside of Social Security in America because of the most impactful anti-party policy for children and families in the United States currently.

There are opportunities to expand them. Right now this is the IETC currently exist and it's fairly substantial for families and those of the top bars that show different family sizes with children. Very small for workers who do not claim children when filing taxes. Younger workers are not eligible for the IETC at all.

The child tax credit is much more skewed at this point for wealthier families while children in the lowest income families do not get to claim the child tax credit and only get partial child tax credit. There are exciting proposals to address this in the Senate bill and has over 40 cosponsors.

A House bill just introduced a few weeks ago called the working families Tax Relief Act that will expand IETC and CTC. Reducing child poverty by 28 percent and have important impact on families and Latino families and a million black families and Asian American families. It will have a big impact.

A good blueprint for what tax policy can look like and we will talk about again in more detail later on in the conference. The policy solution workshop and during the campaign overview.

The dynamic is we want to build a vision for a bigger and bolder expansion of the IETC and CTC and see opportunities. At Capital weeks ago the House Ways and Means Committee passed a bill that does include an expansion of the earned income tax credit and child tax credit. But it would have a major impact on the temporary boost to both IETC and child tax credit and it can be a down payment for bigger policy ideas we would like to see.

Some of you may have a conversation with offices about the immediate opportunity and longer-term opportunity. With that, I will wrap up my section and John will do an overview of our global policy.

[Applause]

>> MALE SPEAKER: Hello everybody. I am John Fossett. It is nice to see so many young persons. Sometimes my big head is filling up the computer screen on a monthly webinar. On Tuesday, we will talk to members of Congress about two critical global issues with important decisions coming up.

One is global fund to fight AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria and the second is global nutrition. You heard from Sarah talking about the importance of early brain development this morning and nutrition is a critical building block for that. First we will talk about the Global Fund. One way another we have been working on the Global Fund replenishment which is a round of fundraising since the conference last year where we were working on tuberculosis but kicking off a year plus long campaign on the Global Fund.

As many of you know, we have made tremendous strides and I'm proud of the work we have done and leading up to the Global Fund replacement in October in France, we have a few more opportunities to build congressional champions and shore up US support.

The Global Fund is the world's largest global health funder of about $4 billion a year on three diseases and poverty. The basic function of how it works is donors like the United States who they are funding contribute to the Global Fund. Countries develop proposals that are affected by these diseases. There reviewed by experts for the soundness of that approach and the funding close to the countries from both governments and nongovernmental agencies that make organizations to implement this.

Many of you may not necessarily be familiar with this. And why we’re focusing on global find, it has been remarkably successful in driving success on these three diseases and poverty. Since the peak in 2005, HIV AIDS has been cut in half. That is due to the remarkable scale up of antiviral treatment. There has been a 37 percent decline in tuberculosis deaths between 2000-2016 and a phenomenal drop in malaria deaths.

The drop in malaria deaths, one of the key drivers of how we have been able to reduce the death of under five children. In terms of Global Fund, in particular, there are a number of aspects we focus on Global Fund as opposed to any other programs that combat these diseases. There are a number of elements of the Global Fund that are, particularly, important that are valued and principles we want to uphold and embrace. One is country ownership. Rather than the United States or other countries dictating to countries exactly how they should be addressing these diseases, it puts the country in the driver's seat.

That is the idea.

One example is the principle of country ownership is called country coordinating mechanism. There is a group of people at the country level implementing a program but it is not just the government. It is not just the Ministry of Health but civil society organizations and faith-based organization. Representatives from the effective community and people living with diseases directly affected help develop the proposal that helps implement the program.

It has inclusive governance model.

The Global Fund to fight these diseases meet in Geneva every once in a while and the United States is there in the United kingdom and France and Security Council sort of way. Alongside of them are representatives from the countries that are affected implementing these programs. Representatives from civil society the global North countries like the United States as well as global South. Representatives from the effective community and a board seat for people living with or affected by HIV AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria.

They had the same voice and vote on the Board of Directors as the United States and that participatory included governance leads to a better outcome and a better model.

There is transparency and accountability. There is a great study that we shared on the Facebook page about scholars in Georgetown who look at data. They found there is an association between assistance from the Global Fund, specifically, was associated with outcomes like better control of corruption, government accountability, political freedom and rule of law.

This was even more broadly and this is a robust finding and I want to build on and when the most powerful kind of recent evidence-based examples that this model of making sure that both funding and results are transparent and accountable translates into better governments at the country level.

There is a principle of leverage and leveraging funding. What the United States contributes, and we kick in a dollar to the Global Fund, other governments kick in $2. We get a lot of bang for our buck. The countries that receive Global Fund assistance are required to put in some of their own funding and you will hear more about this on Monday and we have a session with a doctor who used to head up the Global Fund and working on the issue of domestic resource mobilization which Joanne spoke about our African partners and in the government to commit to funding for these diseases.

We have seen through global funding increasing their commitments. These are things we appreciate about the Global Fund, in particular, and you will learn more about throughout this weekend. There are couple of great breakout sessions on the Global Fund including one year from partners from around the world also advocating in their own context on the Global Fund. Other donor countries as well as other countries.

Despite progress on the three diseases, we have big challenges ahead of us. There is the challenge of drug and insecticide resistance. As we make progress on the diseases, they are not standing still. They are fighting back. One of the most pressing albums is drug resistant tuberculosis.

We are not finding and not diagnosing and treating this very dangerous, deadly form of the disease. There is no maintenance scenario in fighting and infectious disease. Either we are making the progress or the disease is making progress against us.

Even with progress, we are not reaching the most vulnerable and most marginalized poorest population. One the most startling statistic is the challenge of 1000 adolescent girls and women infected with HIV every day. That means we are failing to reach that population right now at scale and we are not going to do that without full funding for the Global Fund.

Donor countries lose focus. They move on and pay attention to something else and do something new. We need to maintain and commit to this fight. The Global Fund through the replenishment progress is seeking $14 billion over the next three years from donor countries like the United States.

What that $14 billion will buy in collaboration with the countries themselves that are going to co-finance these programs is to save 16 million additional lives over this period. Avert 234 million cases and 234 million instances of these three diseases.

That is where we come in in terms of building strong US support. The US has, historically, provided a third of the overall global financing and it has been a leader in this you area and this has been a challenging period to maintain that leadership. The administration has proposed clash funding for the Global Fund. Thank you to the work you've done, Congress is pushing back on the bipartisan basis.

The House appropriated full funding for the Global Fund and the Senate has work to do in establishing a budget deal but we're confident there was strong support in the Senate. On Capitol Hill on Tuesday, we will have a couple of different opportunities to ask members of Congress to show up and support the Global Fund.

One is support the high funding level. We will have two new Congressional resolutions in support of the Global Fund replenishment. There are a couple of things to point out about these resolutions. The resolution is a sense in Congress is how we and in the House of Representatives or in the Senate feel about a particular bill.

It will find the Global Fund and express support for successful Global Fund replenishment outcome. Significantly, as we expect, the leadership of these two resolutions to be led by the top Republican and top Democrat in both House and Senate on the relevant House Foreign Affairs and Senate Foreign Community.

We do not have the final text because it is always last minute negotiation. That is an extraordinary achievement in no small part due to the work of people in this room and your colleagues back home to build that bipartisan support over a number of years. Instead of having to cajole and convince people to introduce this resolution, there is saying I want to do it. That is a good problem to have and that is what we are trying to navigate between now and Tuesday.

That is Global Fund. One of the critical reasons these resolutions in the House and Senate will be so important is because the administration is not demonstrating the kind of leadership we have typically, seen from both Republican and Democratic administration on AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria.

Even though we have strong support in Congress, by the time we get to the Replenishment Conference in October which is hosted by the governor of France, we will have a finding fundal number out of Congress.

An additional signal like the letter Joanne talked about that was handed out at the replenishment kickoff, this resolution is waived in the air in France on the 10th of October as a demonstration of the United States support and other donors will pay attention to that in the work you do of the next few days to get your members of Congress on that resolution will have that significant impact both with donors and implementing countries that want reassurance that the Global Fund is going to continue to be there.

We will do work on global nutrition. And the challenge of undernutrition that affects too many communities and countries around the world and in our own country as well. You heard Sarah talk about the really important -- we talked about the first 1000 days. Pregnancy through the age of 2 is a critical window work if kids do not get just proper nutrition other kinds of care they get they need in that period, it can set them back.

On the other hand, if they get the nutrition they need in the initial 1000 days, it is almost a lifelong vaccine. Their brain building that happened in that. Never really goes away.

Where we going to work on global nutrition? Here are statistics that jump out to me. One in five children globally are stunted. There are short for how old they are. Height for age. They are on a chronic basis being deprived of the nutrition they need in order for their bodies and brains to grow. That has lifelong implications for their ability to learn, ability to achieve, their health.

In addition, almost half of the deaths of under five children, even though we've seen dramatic reductions in that overall number, nearly half of those deaths are due to undernutrition. In 2020, the government of Japan will host a global nutrition for growth Summit. This will be an opportunity for governments like the United States and others to come together to make specific commitments pledges, excellent progress on the challenge of global nutrition. Is in that context of that event we expect in the summer of next year to start to build back up congressional support for global nutrition programs.

I talked about stunting. One in five children around the world are stunted. This is a quote that if I talked about this before are probably used this quote from Lauren Sidad [sounds like] who has spoken at this conference before and is a scholar on nutrition and development. He describes why are we focusing on nutrition and stunting, in particular? It is not just a nutrition indicator. It is not one symptom of nutrition. It is a composite indicator of deprivation.

Captured in that indicator is a lack of food and not only lack of nutrition and care of neglect, etc., that have lifelong implications. It captures a lot of what we care about.

It allows us to take a set of what can be complex and complicated issues that affect developing countries, affect children in marginalized and poor communities and allows us to zero in on a number. If we move the number, we are doing things right and not just one or two things right.

What we are going to do Tuesday is talk to members of Congress about a couple issues. The funding is really critical. We have seen bumps up in nutrition over the last two years. The House this year level funded nutrition funding and we would like to see that increased, particularly, in the Senate. We have by person resolution and is not theoretical but these are already introduced in both House and Senate which express support for concerted increased US leadership on global nutrition.

We use those to build the co-sponsorship and roll it into 2020 as we approach the global summit and build it for support and US leadership on these programs. The Global Fund to fight the disease is and for nutrition we have important coming up in October next year. We have opportunity to build some political support in Congress for these issues and increase funding as well.

Does anyone have questions? Hang onto it. I am not going to answer it. Ken talk about the purpose of this session is to help you think about navigating the conference. What have you heard today both an opening session and what we talked about and what Ken talked about in terms of relating to each other and relating to your member of Congress and how to have an effective meeting and why there useful in the first place.

The issues about housing, housing crisis this country is fighting and what we do about that in terms of a long-term powerful impact of a renter's credit as well as not just protecting but expanding the earned income tax credit and Child care tax credit and two fundamental building blocks of ending poverty globally.

Ending the epidemics of AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria and solidifying the building block nutrition does critical to all of these programs. There are a lot of opportunities throughout this conference to learn about those things and many more. I hope you take some questions you have from the session and today and write them down. Hold them in your mind and look at the agenda.

Try to answer those questions for yourselves by talking to your colleagues and staff and attending sessions and asking questions. Then on Monday afternoon, in particular, we will have our Advocacy Day prep session where we go back to all of this in even more detail in terms of what we're asking our members of Congress on Advocacy Day and times informally to meet in groups and grab staff and talk to us and you will be ready to rock on Tuesday morning when we all march up to the Hill together.

The only thing left on the agenda is ice cream at 8:30. There are probably other things happening in between. I hope to see you later. Thank you for your attention today.

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