Welcome everyone!

Please introduce yourself in the chat!

- Name and pronouns
- Location
- Country of Service in the Peace Corps
Tonight’s Webinar

- Welcome and Introductions
- Discussion on GAP mission, goals and engagement
- Speaker: Teresa Rugg, RPCV and RESULTS Co-Leader
- Update on global vaccine equity
- Advocacy actions
- What’s next?
Who we are
RESULTS is a movement of passionate, committed, everyday people. Together, we use our voices to influence political decisions that will bring an end to poverty.
Our Anti-Oppression Values

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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.

There are no saviors — only partners, advocates, and allies. We agree to help make the RESULTS movement a respectful, inclusive space.

Find all our anti-oppression resources at: https://results.org/volunteers/anti-oppression/
RESULTS Believes...

- The end of poverty is possible and achievable. Political will is lacking.

- **Poverty is driven by oppression.** RESULTS opposes all forms of oppression.

- Government has an important role to play in ending poverty. Elected officials work for us. We need to supervise them.

- Poverty is not partisan.

- Nobody should be denied their basic rights to healthcare, education, or economic opportunity.

We must take action now.
● Developing advocacy skills & other support

● Connections with RPCVs and diaspora communities

● Increase advocacy and impact on ending global poverty
2021-22 Global Policy Priorities

- Pandemic response
- Education
- Nutrition
- Tuberculosis
Education
Achieving a world where everyone experiences the power of a great education regardless of where they are born.

Health and Nutrition
Putting an end to the leading preventable killers across the world and improving access to nutrition and health care.

Economic Opportunity
Increase economic mobility and ensure people have access to economic opportunity in their community.
How do we move our mission to end poverty and oppression?
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4. How might we engage GAP with the expanded Peace Corps network? With diaspora communities?
Thank you for your input!
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Teresa Rugg
RPCV, Cameroon ‘90-’93
Co-Group Leader
RESULTS Snohomish WA
Democratizing Global Health: Update on Global Vaccine Equity
Update on Global Vaccine Equity

• 9 of 10 citizens in low-income countries do not have access to COVID-19 vaccine.

• We will not end the COVID-19 pandemic until everyone has access to vaccines. With surge and multiple variants, **time to take action is now**.

• Power of citizens’ advocacy: Went from 18 to **115 signers** on House Dear Colleague Letter in support of $34 Billion to establish “American-led” global vaccination campaign.
Share of the population fully vaccinated against COVID-19

Total number of people who received all doses prescribed by the vaccination protocol, divided by the total population of the country.

- **High income**: 54.8%
- **Upper middle income**: 49.5%
- **Lower middle income**: 10.3%
- **Low income**: 0.6%

Source: Official data collated by Our World in Data – Last updated 9 September 2021, 13:00 (London time)

Note: Alternative definitions of a full vaccination, e.g. having been infected with SARS-CoV-2 and having 1 dose of a 2-dose protocol, are ignored to maximize comparability between countries.

OurWorldInData.org/coronavirus • CC BY
Update on Global Vaccine Equity

Current situation:

• House has put $2 billion for vaccine manufacturing in reconciliation bill. There are additional $ from American Recovery Act.

• The President is convening global leaders on 9/22 and has set a global target of 70% vaccinations by Sept. 2022.

• We need to the Senate to come up with $2 billion and for Congress to push the Administration for a concrete plan to increase manufacturing (vs random commitments that may not add up to a solution).
Tell the Senate to lead on global COVID-19 vaccination
Global Vaccine Equity Actions

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- **Level 2 (Relationship Building Action):** Call and write your Senators’ offices and speak to the Health aide.

- **Level 3 (Media Action):** Write a letter to the editor!
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Action Alerts
Text RESULTS to 00457 to sign up for text action alerts.

Federal Campaigns
Campaigns

Urge Members of Congress to Sign On to Letter Preserving Housing Investments in Final Recovery Package
Access to affordable housing is critical for the well-being of families, yet millions struggle to keep a roof over their heads. When COVID-19 hit, millions of Americans were already one crisis away from eviction and homelessness. But federal housing assistance programs are...

Congress must include housing, CTC, vaccines in recovery bill!
Congress is making decisions in the coming days on some of the most consequential poverty-fighting measures in memory as they consider a major recovery package. At this critical moment, your members of Congress need to hear from as many constituents as possible, pushing for...

Ask your senators to lead on global COVID-19 vaccine access
Effective vaccines can end this pandemic, but they’re not being produced fast enough to reach everyone who needs them, and there has been little leadership around increasing manufacturing capacity. For example, across the continent of Africa, less than 4 percent of the...
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Dear Andrew,

My name is [Redacted] I am a constituent of Senator Feinstein’s in Santa Cruz. I am reaching out with concerns about our response to the global pandemic.

Access to COVID-19 vaccines has allowed our community to reopen and is reducing the severity of COVID-19. But this reality is not universal.

Vaccination is our pathway out of this pandemic, but there are not enough vaccines being produced quickly enough so that everyone has access. The unchecked spread of COVID-19 is devastating low-income countries and will generate additional dangerous variants, which is bad for all of us. Countries with low vaccination rates could act as variant incubators and increase the risk that more dangerous variants will come.

According to a recent poll of likely voters, most Americans want the U.S. to step up. When asked if the U.S. should help other countries struggling with COVID-19, if we should distribute vaccines globally, and if the U.S. lead, most Americans, across parties, support all these measures.

Will Senator Feinstein speak to Senate Majority Leader Schumer and leadership of the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pension (HELP) Committee and urge them to include at least $2 billion specifically to expand vaccine production capacity in the recovery package? Please let me know when I can follow up with you on Senator Feinstein’s response.
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The United States should address the need for vaccines worldwide: Letter to the editor
BARBARA CLAISON

The Times News

Published 3:55 pm ET Sep. 15, 2021

Letters to the Editor

Letter to the editor: Don't let COVID get the last laugh
BY VYLUJE DICKERSON  Sep. 3, 2021

Attorney Nick Konwes humorous piece "(1) COVID can't be, Aug. 29) about COVID is "thanks you" to us should actually give us a reason to ponder our situation.

By creating new variants, COVID has us in a spike and recovery cycle that will repeat over and over until vaccinations reach every corner of the world.

Currently, billions of people in our world have no access, and too many Americans don't even have it. Which is why personal responsibility to our fellow Americans and getting vaccinated can help ease global access by calling on President Biden (202 415: 1111) to be the leader in the battle against the pandemic globally. This means more than giving surplus vaccines, it means sharing the technology to create enough vaccine so there will be enough for all. Otherwise, COVID will not be the last laugh.

--- W. Dickerson

Act on vaccine equity

For most Arkansans, receiving the covid-19 vaccination is a simple process. You walk into your local grocery store or health center and leave with your first vaccination in less than 30 minutes without ever having to worry about affordability or accessibility. This has largely contributed to our increasing vaccination rates, which are now around 45 percent.

However, as scientific experts have indicated in the past, to "defeat" the virus, it must be defeated everywhere. Low income countries are imposing lockdowns to stop the third wave of covid-19 infections.

COVID vaccine: Global effort to distribute vaccines
By Letters editor
The Seattle Times

Letters To The Editor

Pandemic must be a global battle
By Mike Dickerson, Sun July 14, 2021 1:14 am

To the editor across the blog, the letter "Vaccines offer hope," Sept. 13, is about COVID is "thanks you" to us should actually give us a reason to ponder our situation.

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Media Alert: Access to vaccines must be a global priority

The development of safe, effective vaccines against a deadly pandemic disease less than a year after it emerged was made possible by using public investment in science and technology. We can see the result in the U.S. as we start to vacation and see friends and family for...
We Don’t Have to Do This Alone

Let’s Get Connected
Next Steps

• **Take action with us on ensuring vaccine access**, then share with your network.

• Stay connected with GAP for upcoming trainings and actions.

• Take action on global malnutrition! Next meeting **November 9 at 8:30pm ET**
Upcoming Events

• Oct 21 9pm - RESULTS policy forum

• Oct 22 - Positive Peace Workshop (Part 1), Information Session with Institute for Economics and Peace

• Oct 26 - RPCVs for Environmental Action - Letters to the Editor that Actually Get Published
Global Allies Program

Partners Ending Poverty with RESULTS