



**TOGETHER  
WOMEN RISE**

Collective action for global gender equality



# Maximize Your Impact for Change

**September 24, 2024**

# Welcome

*Please let us know in the chat where you  
are joining us from!*



**Margaret Moodian & Susan Wright**  
*Together Women Rise Advocacy Chapter, co-chairs 2024*

## **Together Women Rise's Mission**

**Together Women Rise cultivates the collective power of community to achieve global gender equality.**

## **OUR VISION**

**Together Women Rise envisions a world where every person has the same opportunities to thrive regardless of their gender or where they live.**



**Beverley Francis-Gibson**

*CEO*

*Together Women Rise*



# Advocacy Amplifies the Success of Rise Grantees

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- Rise grants improve the ability of girls and women in low-income communities and to take advantage of basic services for health and education
- The availability and quality of those services depends on national programs
- US support for global initiatives provides critical inputs for these national health and education programs
- Examples of US programs that allow women and girls in Rise programs to thrive:
  - Reproductive, Maternal and Child Health, including Nutrition
  - International Basic Education
  - Gavi, the Global Vaccine Initiative
  - Support for the Global Fund against Aids, TB and Malaria
- The Rise advocacy team, in partnership with RESULTS, urges Representatives and Senators across the US to maintain and increase funding for these key programs



# About the Rise Advocacy Chapter with RESULTS

The RESULTS logo is a red speech bubble shape with the word "results" written in white, lowercase, sans-serif font inside it.

results

- Partnership between Together Women Rise and RESULTS began in 2019
- Over 200 volunteer advocates, representing 32 states and D.C., and 133 of 435 Congressional Districts, and 64 Senators.
- Advocacy Chapter meets every **3rd Tuesday at 8:30 PM ET**
- Goal: Share congressional updates, learn and practice new advocacy skills, and take an action together in a supportive community.
- Mentors: Karyne Bury (FL), Anne Child (TN), Joanna DiStefano (WV), Lesley Heilig (MA), Sarah Leone (IN), Jim Hennigan (KY) & Susan Wright (CA)
- Connection with Rise grantees and policies on the issues they address.

# Our Values & Resources

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

*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.*

**Read our full anti-oppression values statement here at [results.org/values](https://results.org/values).**

**Find these resources and more at [results.org/volunteers/anti-oppression](https://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



# Advocacy Actions (numbers since 2022)



- **96 congressional meetings** included Together Women Rise Advocacy Chapter volunteers
- **34 LTEs (Letters to the Editor)**
- **99 actions were taken on the RESULTS Action Center**

## **Global funding for vital programs mostly maintained (Appropriations)**

- USAID Bilateral Tuberculosis
- Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria
- USAID Nutrition
- Maternal & Child Health, including Gavi, The Vaccine Alliance
- Education: Global Partnership for Education

## **US Leadership at Global Forums**

- Nutrition for Growth 106 Reps (more than doubled from 51 signers).
- Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance - \$1.58 billion commitment from the Biden Administration

## **Bills**

- Global Malnutrition Prevention and Treatment Act (H.R. 4693, S. 2956)
- End TB Now Act (H.R. 1776, S. 288): Passed in Senate with Unanimous Consent on 9/19

# Advocacy Impact

What advocacy does over time...

- Educates members of Congress and staff on issues affecting women, children, and families
- Builds relationships: Relationships = Influence
- Inspires others to take action
- Builds your own skills and confidence in being a changemaker
- Impacts the lives of millions of women



**Teresa (Terry) Schmall-Van Horne**

*former Lead District Representative, Rep. Mike Levin (CA-45)*



**Sahaletou Yelebo**

*Global Advocacy Associate, Integrate Health*



**Leslye Heilig**

*Together Women Rise Advocacy Chapter, co-chair 2018-2023*

**Invite others to join us in  
changing the world together!**

**Sign up here:**

**<http://tinyurl.com/JoinRiseAdvocacyChapter>**



**Save the Date!**



**Together Women Rise Advocacy Chapter  
October Meeting**

**Tuesday, October 15 at 8:30 PM ET**