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WOMEN RISE**

Collective action for global gender equality

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Global Allies Program

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Rise Advocacy Chapter Monthly Webinar

August 19, 2025

Welcome

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

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.

Rise Anti Oppression Commitment:

At Together Women Rise, we come together as a community dedicated to equality and justice for women and girls everywhere. [Read full statement here.](#)

A woman with dark dreadlocks, wearing glasses and a blue long-sleeved shirt, is smiling and holding a large red sign. She is standing outdoors in front of a building with large windows. The sign has white text that reads "VOICES THAT CHANGE THE WORLD".

**VOICES
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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 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.

August Recess (now through Aug 30)



MAIA (maiaimpact.org)













Campaign Update: Funding the fight against global poverty

FY 26 Appropriations House Bill

The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB, and Malaria

House FY 26 Appropriations

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	President's budget	House bill
Maternal and Child Health	 90% cut	 Restored
Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance	 \$0	 Restored
Nutrition	 \$0	 Increased
Tuberculosis	 50% cut	 Restored
Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB & Malaria	 50% cut	 Restored
Global Partnership for Education	 \$0	 Restored

Account	Fiscal year (FY)25 House	FY25 Enacted	FY26 President's budget	FY26 House	Change from President's budget
Global health topline	\$9.26 billion	\$10.03 billion	\$3.79 billion	\$9.52 billion	+ \$5.73 billion
USAID Maternal and Child Health	\$915 million	\$915 million	\$85 million	\$915 million	+ \$830 million
Of which, Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance	\$300 million	\$300 million	\$0	\$300 million	+ \$300 million
USAID Nutrition	\$172.5 million	\$165 million	\$0	\$172.5 million	+ \$172.5 million
USAID Tuberculosis	\$394.5 million	\$394.5 million	\$178.9 million	\$394.5 million	+ \$215.6 million
Global Fund	\$1.25 billion	\$1.65 billion	\$800 million	\$1.5 billion	+ 700 million
USAID Basic Education	\$922 million	\$922 million	\$0	\$737.6 million	+ 737.6 million
Of which, Global Partnership for Education (GPE)	\$121.6 million	\$121.6 million	\$0	\$121.6 million	+ \$121.6 million

House FY26 Appropriations Bill

This isn't a sign that we're done. The rescissions package still passed. The House bill still gutted other critical work. Millions of people are still being denied TB treatment, nutrition, education, and more.

But it's a sign that you **are making a difference.
And that we need to keep going.**

The Senate's red-line on cuts:

...Provided, That none of the amounts rescinded under this paragraph shall be from the unobligated balances for the following programs: HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, Malaria, Nutrition, or Maternal and Child Health

S.Amdt.2853 — 119th Congress

What's next?

On to the Senate!

Bold new investments, and holding the White House accountable to spend the money it already has for the fight against global poverty.

Champions for the Global Fund

Standing up for the U.S. 1:2 match, and making sure the U.S. does its part to help save 23 million lives.

Trump Administration Can Withhold Billions in Aid, Appeals Court Rules

In a 2-to-1 vote, a federal appeals court panel ruled that foreign aid groups that sued to recover funds that President Trump froze cannot challenge the decision.

NYT, August 13, 2025

Write to Fight Back:

Breaking through the noise with
effective media

Why do we use media?

- Making connections between the issues we advocate on and current events
- Bringing awareness of these issues to our community (more constituents & voters)
- Puts pressure on MOCs to act (they monitor what is being said about them in the media)

How to get started

- **Find a local hook**
 - Articles in the paper? Make the connection to other global issues that intersect with education, nutrition, and health
 - Important statistic relevant to your district or state?
 - Respond to other published media
 - Thank you to your Rep. or Senator
- Looking for relevant hooks? [Check out this resource.](#)

How to get started

- **Use sample LTE template to get you started, personalize it.**
Why is this issue important to you? Why should it be important to our members of Congress & Candidates?
 - Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance: [Media: Congress should support Gavi's life-saving work](#)
 - Nutrition & Nutrition for Growth: [Media: The US must make a strong, early pledge to Nutrition for Growth](#)
 - Education: [Media: Every child deserves an education](#)
 - Tuberculosis: [The House must pass the End TB Now Act](#)

Tips on writing LTEs

- Remember your C's
 - Be **current** – respond to recent article or current event
 - **Construct** your LTE in EPIC format
 - Keep it **concise**: Rule of thumb is 150 - 200 words or less (follow the paper's guidelines on word count)
 - **Connect the dots**: How is this relevant to your community/district/state?

- Remember your C's
 - Be **challenging** - ask a question (but don't make a personal attack), name your member of **Congress**
 - Have a **call to action** whether for Congress or from the reader
 - Be **creative!**
 - Be **contagious**: Submit to as many newspapers as possible!

When you're ready to submit

- Don't forget your **contact information!**



"Soft power" saves lives"

*Leslye Heilig, M.D.
The Republican (Springfield)
June 15, 2025*

'Soft power' saves lives

In recent months, countries that depend on U.S. support to combat poverty, disease and illiteracy have faced devastating setbacks. U.S. foreign aid has long been a lifeline — saving millions of lives, improving global health and education and generating goodwill toward the United States.

These programs not only advance humanitarian goals but promote global stability and enhance our national security.

However, recent cuts and attacks on foreign aid under the Trump administration have reversed much of this progress. Hundreds of thousands of lives have already been lost, vulnerable communities destabilized and America's credibility diminished on the world stage.

For decades, Congress has recognized the immense value of the soft power of these programs which have strong bipartisan support. As lawmakers debate fiscal year 2026 funding priorities, I urge them to uphold this tradition.

By investing in global health, education and poverty alleviation, Congress can help rebuild trust, save lives, and ensure a more stable, secure world for all.

However, there is a current move toward a rescissions package – clawing back funds that Congress has already appropriated. Congress retains the power of the purse and must reject this action, ensuring that life-saving global health programs are off-limits.

Millions of lives, the safety of Americans home and abroad and the strength of our economy and global reputation depend on this.

LESLYE HEILIG, M.D., Great Barrington

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Together Women Rise **Letters to the Editor**

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The last few months have been devastating for U.S. foreign aid. Programs that save lives, expand opportunity, and build global goodwill are now in disarray.

But there's still time to act. Congress can counter the Administration's actions by funding life-saving and humanitarian efforts in the FY2026 appropriations bills. We must get back on track before more lives are lost.

Submit a letter to the editor urging your members of Congress to support strong funding for foreign aid programs.

Compose Your Message

- Letter to the Editor (daily newspapers near you)
- Be brief: most papers require letters to be 150-200 words or less
- Be sure to mention your members of Congress *by name* in your letter
- For more, see our [tips on how to write a letter to the editor](#)
- Once you get published, be sure to send your letter to each of your congressional offices
- Report your published media in our [RESULTS Grassroots Media Form](#) and note that you are a member of Together Women Rise Advocacy Chapter!

Subject

Message Body

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Additional advocacy actions you can take now!

**Media: U.S. must make a bold pledge to the
Global Fund**

Personalize and [submit this draft “Letter to the Editor”](#)

Or take [this online action](#)

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Congress: Prioritize the Global Fund this year

Personalize [this sample email](#) to your member of Congress' Foreign Policy aide

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Congress: Urge lawmakers to support Gavi

[Take this online action](#)

Protect key programs! Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance



Malaria vaccination in Cameroon. Credit: Gavi/2024/Go'tham Industry

- **1 billion** children immunized
- **17 million** future deaths prevented
- **50%** of the world's children vaccinated by Gavi
- **\$54** returned for every \$1 invested
- **19** countries transitioned out of support
- **Over 8 million** lives saved through 2023

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Congress: Reject any new rescissions

Personalize [this sample email](#) to your member of Congress' Foreign Policy aide

[Online action: Vote NO on Rescissions](#)

Continue writing LTEs!



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Write to Fight Back:

**RESULTS Media Action Webinar
Protecting SNAP, Medicaid, and Global health
programs**

Recording and resources

Find resources from our July "Write to Fight Back" webinar [linked here](#).



Next Together Women Rise Advocacy Chapter Webinar

Tuesday, Sept. 16 at 8:30 PM ET

Invite others to join us in changing the world together!

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<http://tinyurl.com/JoinRiseAdvocacyChapter>