



## Rise Advocacy Chapter Monthly Webinar

**September 16, 2025** 





## Welcome

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



### Mission & Vision



#### **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.



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**

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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.

Read our full anti-oppression values statement here at <u>results.org/values</u>.





# Global Poverty Campaign Update: Funding the fight against global poverty

## **House FY 26 Appropriations**



	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

ccount	Fiscal year (FY)25 House	FY25 Enacted	FY26 President's budget	FY26 House	Change from President's budget
lobal health opline	\$9.26 billion	\$10.03 billion	\$3.79 billion	\$9.52 billion	+ \$5.73 billion
SAID Maternal and hild Health	\$915 million	\$915 million	\$85 million	\$915 million	+ \$830 million
of which, avi, the Vaccine Iliance	\$300 million	\$300 million	\$0	\$300 million	+ \$300 million
SAID Nutrition	\$172.5 million	\$165 million	\$0	\$172.5 million	+ \$172.5 million
SAID Tuberculosis	\$394.5 million	\$394.5 million	\$178.9 million	\$394.5 million	+ \$215.6 million
lobal Fund	\$1.25 billion	\$1.65 billion	\$800 million	\$1.5 billion	+ 700 million
SAID Basic ducation	\$922 million	\$922 million	\$0	\$737.6 million	+ 737.6 million
of which, Global Partnership or Education (GPE)	\$121.6 million	\$121.6 million	\$0	\$121.6 million	+ \$121.6 million

### House FY26 Appropriations Bill

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## Congressional Actions



**Senate:** Finalize FY26 bill with strong investments

Both Chambers: Hold 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.



The White House is trying to claw back money Congress had already set aside for global health.

**Again, Congress gets final say.** So again, that's where we stayed focused.



#### The Senate's red-line on cuts:

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 of the amounts rescinded under this paragraph 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

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This isn't a sign that we're done. The first \$9 billion rescissions package still passed. The House bill still cut other global funding. And the White House has now sent a second rescissions package to Congress to claw back another almost \$5 billion additional foreign aid funding, which includes \$3.2 billion for Development Assistance.

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

#### **Humanitarian Action for Gaza**



"This unthinkable is not looming - it is already here. The escalation is underway. The collapse of essential services is leaving the youngest and most vulnerable fighting for survival.

UNICEF Staff in Gaza

Take our online action on Gaza!



## **Grantee Spotlight**





**Lotus Outreach (Cambodia)** 





# Advocacy Training: Speaking powerfully using EPIC Laser Talks

# EPIC Laser Talks: A Tool for Speaking and Writing



A laser talk: A very succinct, crisp 4-part piece about what you care about, why you care about it, and the action you wish a lawmaker to take in response

**EPIC:** A way to focus and organize what you want to say in your laser talk

# Laser Talks: A Tool for Speaking and Writing



Engage
Problem
Inform
Call to action

### E = Engage



# How can you capture the attention of your reader or listener?

- Perhaps a startling statistic?
- Perhaps a personal story about how a policy has personally affected you or why you are passionate about it?

#### P = Problem



# How can you articulate the problem you would like the legislator to help solve?

- Can you describe how poverty is being created or exacerbated? Is it lack of access to nutrition? A tax policy piece that punishes family?
- How would you explain the issue in a sentence or two to someone as if they are hearing it for the first time?

#### I = Inform



## How can I inform my reader/listener on the solution for which I'm advocating?

- Are you asking for the policymaker to speak up to colleagues about a policy change? Maybe you are eager for the passage of a certain bill? Be clear about what you want.
- Describe this solution as a positive, proactive step.

#### C = Call to Action



#### What am I asking the member of Congress to do?

- Can you describe the action you're wishing the legislator to take in the form of a yes or no question? (i.e., "Will you co-sponsor . . ." or "Will you speak to . . ."
- Remember that your outreach to a congressional office isn't complete until you get a clear "yes" or "no" answer.



#### Listen for the EPIC elements:

**E**ngage

**P**roblem

Inform

**C**all to action



#### **Engage:**

At the height of the AIDS crisis, the world came together to create the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. Over the past two decades, this partnership has helped save 65 million lives and has always received bipartisan support in Congress.



#### **Problem:**

Despite recent **progress in global health**, millions of people are still suffering and left behind by their health systems. For example, tuberculosis (TB) — the world's leading infectious disease killer — sickened almost 11 million and killed 1.25 million people in 2023 alone.



#### Inform:

This fall, world leaders will make new pledges to the Global Fund. The U.S. has played a key leadership role for decades. **Our pledges bring other donors to the table** by committing to **matching \$1 for every \$2** from other countries.



#### **Call to Action:**

We need bipartisan leadership in Congress to deliver vital funding for the Global Fund. This also encourages other donors to come forward. Can we count on you to commit to continuing the U.S. 1:2 match, and will you also reach out to appropriators to ensure that this is included in the FY26 spending bill?

#### Personalize your EPIC Laser Talk



The budget reconciliation bill passed this summer holds vast potential to do real harm. And the push for the U.S. to stand up for the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria is on now.

RESULTS Laser Talks (updated soon): <a href="https://results.org/volunteers/laser-talks">https://results.org/volunteers/laser-talks</a>

The Global Fund to Fight AIDS TB and Malaria

Gavi, The Vaccine Alliance

#### **Additional Resources**



#### **2024 Global Fund Report:**

https://tinyurl.com/GF2024Report





#### 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



## Together WOMEN RISE Take action now!



### Congress: Prioritize the Global Fund this year

Personalize this sample email to your member of **Congress' Foreign Policy aide** 

Or take this online action



# Together Women Rise Take action now!



### 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



### Take action now!

#### Congress: Reject any new rescissions

Personalize <u>this sample email</u> to your member of Congress' Foreign Policy aide

Online action: Vote NO on Rescissions



#### Save the Date



Celebrate International Day of the Girl With Together Women Rise Alexandria, VA (in-person event)

Saturday October 11, 2 PM to 4 PM ET

More information and registration here.



#### Save the Date





# International Day of the Girl With Nicholas Kristof Webinar

Tuesday, October, 14 12:00 PM ET

More info and registration here.

Nicholas Kristof is the author of six books, including the No. 1 best-seller <u>Half the Sky</u>, <u>A Path Appears</u> (in which he mentions Together Women Rise!), and his most recent, <u>Chasing Hope</u>. He has had a longstanding interest in health, poverty and women's rights.

<u>The Waste Musk Created, Nicholas Kristof, New York Times (June 23, 2025)</u>





## Next Together Women Rise Advocacy Chapter Webinar Tuesday, October 21 at 8:30 PM ET





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