


45 years of RESULTS | 1980–2025

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**Yes, we are *still*
making a difference!**

45 years and still making a difference

RESULTS was founded 45 years ago with the audacious goal of ending extreme poverty. It was an experiment in reclaiming democracy for one of humanity's highest purposes, as our founder, Sam Daley-Harris, says. And it has proven successful beyond anyone's wildest imagination.

With our unique model for empowering ordinary people to influence government priorities, RESULTS quickly became a leading force for ending poverty both in the United States and worldwide. Since 1980, our advocacy with Congress has helped direct more than \$200 billion dollars toward effective anti-poverty efforts.

Thanks to the passion of our nationwide network of advocates and the commitment of our donor community, we have helped to open schoolrooms to children in some of the world's most difficult places to live, ensure kids have nutritious food to thrive, and provide access to vaccines and medicines small enough to fit in the palm of a hand, yet powerful enough to keep a loved one alive.



The following pages highlight some of our seminal accomplishments over the last 45 years. They illustrate the quantum leaps that can be achieved over time with persistent advocacy. For example:

- In 1980, more than 40,000 children under the age of 5 died every single day, primarily from infectious diseases like pneumonia, rotavirus which causes deadly diarrhea, and measles. We've worked diligently year after year to prevent these tragic deaths, asking Congress and institutions like the World Bank to fund the highest-impact maternal and child health, nutrition, and immunization programs. **The number of children dying each day has now been cut by two-thirds. And we'll continue our work until the number is zero.**
- In 1997, our Microcredit Summit Campaign set one of the boldest goals on the planet — to reach 100 million of the world's poorest families with microcredit loans for small businesses as a path out of poverty. **That target, which was met in 2006, proved the power of boldness. We never forget it.**

- In 2021, we proved it was possible, with government policy, to cut child poverty in the U.S. in half. RESULTS played a role in the one-year expansion of the Child Tax Credit to lowest-income families, lifting nearly 3 million children out of poverty. **Poverty is a policy choice, which is why our advocacy with Congress remains key.**

RESULTS' model works even in these deeply partisan times, as we face an unprecedented attempt to dismantle the U.S. safety net and international aid. In fact, our work has never been more important. **In 2025, our strategic advocacy, bolstered by generous donor support, restarted lifesaving global projects and ensured that millions in the U.S. could still receive health and nutrition support.**

We are deeply grateful for our amazing advocates and generous donors who made the achievements in this report possible.

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“Pound for pound, RESULTS is the most effective lobby in Washington.”

—Rep. Tony P. Hall (D-OH)

RESULTS was born

RESULTS founder Sam Daley-Harris gathered 12 people in a living room in Los Angeles to write letters to Congress urging action on global hunger



*Sam Daley-Harris featured in
The Christian Science Monitor*



1980

1984

RESULTS advocacy was central to securing \$60 million in U.S. funding for oral rehydration therapy to treat deadly diarrhea

5 million children died from dehydration caused by diarrhea in 1984, more than any other single cause of childhood death. That number has dropped to less than 450,000.

1985

Congress provided \$8 million for vitamin A supplements to protect children from deficiencies that can lead to blindness and death

RESULTS generated 42 editorials in papers nationwide as part of a successful pressure campaign to **save a United Nations agency that helps poor farmers increase their food production**

RESULTS grew to 50 chapters in 33 states

Congress added **\$25 million to the Child Survival Fund** to help **immunize 10 million children** after RESULTS volunteers generated 90 editorials

1 million+ people attended vigils in over 500 locations in the U.S. and 74 other countries

RESULTS affiliates formed in **Australia, Canada, and the UK**

RESULTS organized candlelight vigils worldwide calling on world leaders at the United Nations World Summit for Children to reduce childhood deaths caused by preventable disease and malnutrition.



1986

1987

1990

Self-Sufficiency for the Poor Act became law

RESULTS introduced microfinance pioneer Muhammad Yunus to Congress. Our advocacy helped pass this \$50 million initiative to provide small loans to people living in extreme poverty, especially women



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“I want to convey my heartfelt thanks for the unflagging and satisfyingly successful efforts of RESULTS on behalf of vulnerable children and mothers everywhere.”

—UNICEF Executive Director
James P. Grant

The World Bank increased the share of its lending targeted to health and education to benefit the very poor after RESULTS gathered support from nearly 1,400 members of Congress and parliamentarians



RESULTS regional coordinators support our nationwide network of advocates

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“RESULTS is the most effective advocate for global campaigns that I've seen in my 20 years working on Capitol Hill.”

—Rep. David Jolly (R-FL)

1992

1991

RESULTS sparked a congressional investigative report on poverty lending that spurred Congress to set aside **\$50 million over two years for loans for small businesses to the world's most impoverished people**

1994



1995

RESULTS supported **Congress to create a special budgetary account for global child survival and health with \$300 million** in initial funding. Within a year, funding increased to \$600 million and added basic education.

RESULTS convened the first **Microcredit Summit with delegates from 137 countries, launching a campaign to reach 100 million of the world's poorest families** with small loans and other financial services

For 20 years, RESULTS hosted the Microcredit Summit Campaign, which helped drive the massive scale-up of access to microfinance for people in poverty, while identifying innovative pathways to transformative financial and social inclusion.

In a win for our growing U.S. poverty program, Congress passed a **\$933 million funding increase for Head Start**, a preschool program designed to help break the cycle of poverty. This brought the total number of children enrolled to almost 1 million

1997

RESULTS began advocating for tuberculosis (TB) funding to address this major cause and consequence of poverty worldwide. At the time, the U.S. was contributing less than \$1 million annually to fight TB worldwide. *(See graph on page 8.)*



2000

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“There’s not a rich lobby in Washington that wouldn’t trade its limos for the group’s achievements.”

—Colman McCarthy,
The Washington Post

In another win, funding for the **Food Stamps program (now SNAP)** increased by **\$1.6 billion**

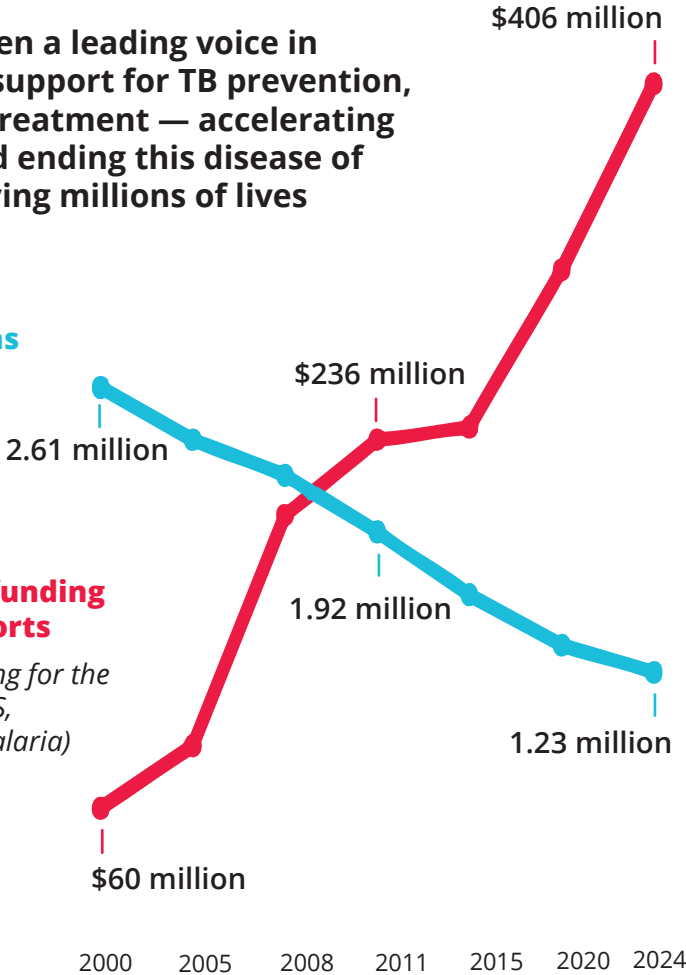


RESULTS has been a leading voice in increasing U.S. support for TB prevention, diagnosis, and treatment — accelerating progress toward ending this disease of poverty and saving millions of lives

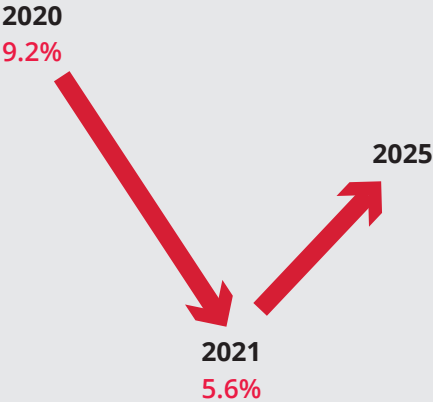
Drop in TB deaths worldwide

Increase in U.S. funding for global TB efforts

(not including funding for the Global Fund for AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria)



RESULTS is also a leader in advocating for fair tax policies that help people move out of poverty. The 2021 temporary expansion of the Child Tax Credit proved it is possible to cut child poverty in half with government policy.



Percentage of U.S. children living in poverty

RESULTS and our global partners launched ACTION, a partnership of advocacy organizations across **5 continents** fighting diseases of poverty

RESULTS campaign to provide quality health care for all Americans **helped defeat proposed cuts to Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program**

ACTION has made a profound impact on global health over the last two decades. Together, we and our Partners have helped to mobilize pledges from our respective countries totaling more than \$130 billion. The crucial support has been used to scale up equitable responses to TB, HIV, malaria, polio, malnutrition, COVID-19, and more.

2001

2004

2005

RESULTS efforts were pivotal **in doubling** the amount of the **Child Tax Credit and making it available to low-income families, lifting 500,000 children in the U.S. out of poverty**

Assistance for Orphans and Other Vulnerable Children in Developing Countries Act passed to respond to the 16 million children orphaned by AIDS

The World Bank reversed its policy of encouraging countries to charge school fees, which kept hundreds of millions of children out of school, after RESULTS worked with Congress to apply pressure

Congress committed \$550 million to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, nearly doubling the amount requested in the president's budget



Lantos-Hyde Act signed into law, authorizing **\$48 billion over 5 years for AIDS, TB, and malaria programs**, including RESULTS' request of \$4 billion for TB and a goal of treating 4.5 million people

The Children's Health Insurance Program was expanded to cover **4.1 million additional American kids**

1 million more children went to school over the next 5 years thanks to a 40% increase in the World Bank's basic education lending



2008

2009

Our Microcredit Summit Campaign achieved its goal of reaching 100 million of the world's poorest families with microfinance loans and other key services

Nobel Laureate Muhammad Yunus cited RESULTS as having "built up tremendous momentum" for the microfinance movement.



Thanks in part to RESULTS advocacy, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act included:

- \$20 billion in nutrition assistance, benefiting 31 million people
- Improvements to the Earned Income Tax Credit that benefited 7 million people and kept 3 million out of poverty
- An expansion to the Child Tax Credit to nearly 3 million children in low-income families

U.S. pledged \$300 million over 3 years to Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance

RESULTS advocates were instrumental in securing the U.S. pledge, which supported Gavi's plan to immunize more than 250 million of the world's poorest children and prevent 4 million premature deaths over 3 years.



RESULTS helped organize Nobel Peace Prize laureate Malala Yousafzai's very first visit to Capitol Hill.

2010

2015

RESULTS helped to prevent cuts to SNAP that could have left 11 million people without a reliable source of food

Crucial provisions of the Earned Income Tax Credit were made permanent, reducing poverty for some 16 million people — one of the biggest U.S. anti-poverty legislative victories in two decades

RESULTS Experts on Poverty program launched to support people with lived experience of poverty in advocating for more effective anti-poverty policies and programs

From being featured in *The Washington Post* to speaking at press conferences on Capitol Hill, RESULTS' Experts on Poverty have raised their voices and influenced policy discussions at the highest levels.



Thanks to constituent pressure, Congress passed a bipartisan farm bill that protected SNAP from severe cuts, **ensuring more than 9 billion meals for people struggling to put food on the table in the U.S.**

Years of efforts culminated in the first-ever high-level United Nations meeting on TB, where **world leaders committed to reaching 40 million people with TB treatment by 2022**

Congress appropriated **\$4 billion** for Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance to support **access to COVID-19 vaccines in lower-income countries, averting 2.7 million deaths**

2017

READ Act signed into law, ensuring that U.S. investments in global basic education have the greatest possible impact for the 263 million children around the world out of school



2018



RESULTS volunteers on Capitol Hill, 2019

2020

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“If you’re looking to bolster participatory democracy in the United States today, you’d be hard pressed to find better guidance than the experiences of RESULTS’ volunteers.”

—David Bornstein, *The New York Times*

The Global Malnutrition Prevention and Treatment Act became law to ensure the U.S. funds the highest-impact nutrition interventions and tracks progress

The fiscal year 2024 budget cut foreign aid spending overall by 6%, but **our advocacy protected funding for key global health, nutrition, and education programs**

The U.S. made a historic pledge of \$1.58 billion over five years pledge to Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance (see graph on page 14)

2021

2022

2024

Steepest 1-year decline in child poverty in U.S. history

A temporary expansion of the Child Tax Credit to the lowest income families — which RESULTS has pressed for — lifted 5.3 million people out of poverty, including 2.9 million children. Food insecurity also dropped to its lowest level in two decades, thanks to a 15% increase in SNAP benefits combined with the expanded Child Tax Credit and other measures.

RESULTS played a key role in a U.S. pledge of \$6 billion to the Global Fund, a whopping 30% increase over the previous pledge, which was offered as a 1:2 match toward commitments from other donors



Since 2002, health programs supported by the Global Fund partnership have saved 70 million lives by expanding treatment and prevention for HIV, TB, and malaria and strengthening health systems in more than 100 of the hardest-hit countries in the world.

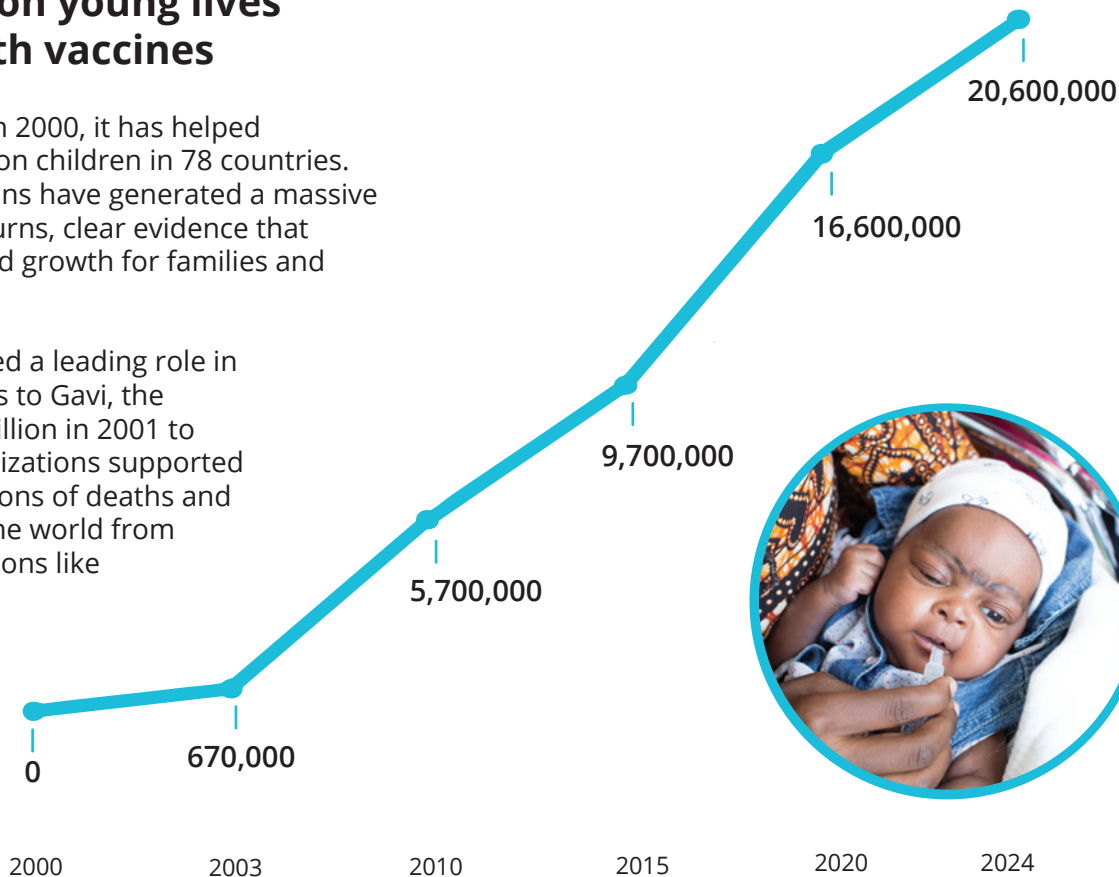


20.6 million young lives saved with vaccines

Since Gavi was established in 2000, it has helped vaccinate more than 1.2 billion children in 78 countries. Gavi-supported immunizations have generated a massive \$280 billion in economic returns, clear evidence that vaccines support stability and growth for families and countries.

RESULTS' advocacy has played a leading role in increasing U.S. commitments to Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance from \$48 million in 2001 to \$300 million in 2024. Immunizations supported by Gavi have prevented millions of deaths and protected children around the world from severe illness and complications like blindness and paralysis.

Lives saved



Lifesaving global health programs protected

After the administration cut almost all foreign aid, our strategic advocacy with Congress had lifesaving results:

- Dozens of terminated global health programs were restarted across Africa, Asia, and Latin America.
- The Senate refused to support cuts to AIDS, TB, malaria, or maternal and child health in the White House “rescissions” request.
- **A key House committee fully restored and, in some cases, increased funding in the next fiscal budget for all of the global health accounts we advocate for**, including the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance.

Mitigating the damage to the U.S. safety net

RESULTS mounted an exceptional advocacy campaign to fight the “One Big Beautiful Bill” Act — which slashed food assistance and health coverage for as many as 20 million people — and helped to mitigate some of the damage. Meaningful improvements included:

- Reducing the maximum amount that states will have to contribute to SNAP from 25% to 15%.
- Starting SNAP work requirements for parents when their dependents reach age 14 instead of age 7, **removing the onerous requirements for nearly 5.7 million people.**
- Modifying a Social Security requirement so that **nearly 2 million U.S. citizen kids with non-citizen parents remain eligible for the Child Tax Credit.**

2025



Actions taken since 1980



6,600+ face-to-face meetings with members of Congress



17,000+ media pieces published



168,500+ meetings and phone conversations with congressional staff

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