

Support for Global Education & Vulnerable Children Matters

What is the Global Campaign for Education-US (GCE-US)?

The Global Campaign for Education-US (GCE-US) is a broad-based coalition of international nonprofit organizations, faith-based groups, and advocates dedicated to ensuring quality, universal education for all children and youth. The mission of GCE-US is to promote education as a basic human right and mobilize to create political will in the United States and internationally to ensure universal quality education, which is at the core of all human development. GCE-US urges the U.S. government to increase its investments in bilateral and multilateral international basic education efforts.

Impact of COVID-19

The need for international education assistance has increased exponentially during the COVID-19 emergency. Prior to the pandemic, 258 million children were out of school. At the height of the crisis, this number grew to over 1 billion.

Importance of Support for Global Education

Now more than ever, existing investments in children and young people around the world must be maintained while scaling up effective interventions to respond to the COVID-19 emergency. Failing to act risks losing decades of progress in global education and severely limiting the opportunities for a generation of young people. A unified global effort could stave off the worst impacts of the virus and make fundamental improvements to education systems around the world, so we all can build back better.

Vital Multilateral Programs

The [Global Partnership for Education](#) (GPE) brings together developing country partner governments, donors, international organizations, and civil society and provides financial and technical support to pursue the shared

objective of equitable, quality education for all. The [Education Cannot Wait](#) (ECW) Fund delivers rapid, collaborative responses to the educational needs of children and youth affected by crises. Funding for GPE and ECW is critical in addition to U.S. bilateral programs and leverages global resources for this important work.



FY22 Appropriations Requests

- At least **\$1.1 billion** for Basic Education, including:
 - **\$150 million** for the Global Partnership for Education
 - **\$50 million** for Education Cannot Wait
- At least **\$35 million** for **Vulnerable Children** and the Global Child Thrive Law

Legislation to Support

- Resolution in Support of the Global Partnership for Education ([S.Res.240](#) and [H.Res.225](#))
- Global Learning Loss Assessment Act ([S. 552](#) and [H.R. 1500](#))
- Girls LEAD Act ([S. 634](#) and [H.R. 1661](#))
- Keeping Girls in School Act ([S. 2276](#) and [H.R. 4134](#))

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