



for every child

# HELP PROTECT MOTHERS AND CHILDREN



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## The Reach Every Mother and Child Act would help to end preventable maternal and child deaths globally.

According to the latest child mortality report, the number of children dying before the age of 5 is at a new low. The child mortality rate fell 59 percent from 1990–2019. Despite this incredible progress, **upwards of 14,000 children under five still die every day**—nearly half of whom are newborns—mostly from preventable and treatable causes such as pneumonia, diarrhea and malaria.

Additionally, nearly 300,000 women die annually due to complications during pregnancy and childbirth. What's more, the COVID-19 pandemic caused major disruptions to health services that threaten to undo decades of hard-earned progress.

The bipartisan **Reach Every Mother and Child Act of 2021 (S.1451)**, modeled after other successful global health initiatives like PEPFAR, directs the President to establish and implement a strategy on child and maternal survival. The legislation outlines how the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) will implement highest-impact, evidence-based interventions and expand access to quality services through community-based approaches.

In partnership with UNICEF, USAID plays a leading role in reducing child deaths by increasing access to lifesaving vaccines, quality nutrition and other cost-effective interventions. The world can end preventable child and maternal deaths by 2030 – but only with

### UNICEF IN ACTION IN 2020

- **17.8 MILLION PEOPLE** were supplied long-lasting insecticidal nets to 28 countries
- **1.9 BILLION COVID VACCINE DOSES** were sent to 102 countries, enough to reach 45% of the world's children under 5
- **244 MILLION CHILDREN** under five received services to prevent stunting and other forms of malnutrition in 2020
- **UNICEF leads the largest procurement and supply operation in history on behalf of the global COVAX facility to immunize the world against COVID-19**

sustained U.S. government support for child survival programs and UNICEF. Passing the Reach Every Mother and Child Act of 2021 would ensure that support.

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