
The Weekly Pulse

NEWS FROM ORGANIZATIONS AND COALITIONS IN GLOBAL CHILD ADVOCACY



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January 16, 2023,

The US Congress [passed](#) the Fiscal Year 2023 Omnibus Appropriations Bill which includes increases in many accounts affecting children and youth globally. Congratulations to all advocates who helped achieve important wins!

To view the Explanatory Statement relating to the Department of State and U.S. Agency for International Development, click: [here](#).

Relevant accounts included:

- Development Assistance, \$4.366 billion
- Economic Support Fund, \$4.3 billion
- International Development Association, \$1.4 billion
- Global Health Programs, \$10.56 billion

Specific allocations, include:

- Vulnerable Children (USAID), \$30 million

- Combating Child Marriage, \$30 million
- Gender-Based Violence Funds, \$250 million
- Youth Leaders Initiative, \$37.5 million
- Youth African Leaders Initiative (YALI), \$20 million
- Disability Programs, \$20 million
- Special Advisor on International Disability Rights (State), \$750 thousand
- Special Advisory to Advance the Human Rights of LGBTQI+ Persons (State), \$500 thousand
- Office of Global Women's Issues (State), \$15 million
- Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons (State), \$17 million
- Trafficking in Persons, \$87 million
- International Basic Education, \$970 million
- Maternal & Child Health, \$910 million
- Mobility Program, \$3 million
- Wheelchairs, \$5 million
- USAID Advisory for Indigenous Peoples' Issues, \$5.7 million
- Victims of Torture, \$12 million
- Nutrition (USAID), \$160 million
- International Labor Affairs Bureau (ILAB), \$116 million
- Children's Interagency Coordinating Council, \$3 million
- International Organizations & Program's voluntary contributions, \$509 million
- UN Child Fund, \$142 million
- UN Special Coordinator for UN Response to Sexual Exploitation and Abuse, \$1.5 million
- UN Special Representative to the Secretary-General (SRSG) on Sexual Violence in Conflict, \$1.75 million
- UN Trust Fund to End Violence Against Women. \$1.5 million

In addition, the bill includes clarifying language to:

- Strengthen track funding for young people
 "Youth Report.-The agreement endorses the reporting requirement under the heading Tracking of Funding/or Children and Youth in the House report. The USAID Administrator shall consult with the Committees on Appropriations on such report prior to its submission, including data collected on programs to ensure all age groups are benefitting proportionately, particularly infants and children under school age. The USAID Administrator should work with partner countries to prioritize the needs of such age groups."
- Increase funding for UNICEF programming

“Children.-The Secretary of State and USAID Administrator shall increase funding for programs implemented by the UN Children's Fund and its partners to protect the rights of, and increase access to services and opportunities for, children with severe cognitive and physical disabilities in developing countries.”

- Increase funding for programs supporting people with disabilities:
“Disability Programs.-Funds made available for "Disability Programs" under Development Assistance shall be made available for USAID disability programs, including to support disability rights advocacy organizations in developing countries, and shall be in addition to funds otherwise directed, including for assistive technology and the Leahy War Victims Fund.”
- Improve coordination across US agencies. There is language around a Children's Interagency Coordinating Council “to foster greater coordination and transparency on child policy across agencies” through the Department of Health and Human Services ([HHS](#)). To read last week’s newsletter, and all past newsletters, click [here](#). To read more about the FY2023 omnibus appropriations bill, click [here](#).

Quick Summary

The international children community is asking for organizations to sign onto its [CEO-level letter to the Special Envoy for Global Youth Issues at State](#). This letter from the CEO level welcomes Ms. Abby Finkenauer and emphasizes that the international children’s community strives to support children and youth throughout all stages of their lives, and is working to break down sectoral and programmatic silos in an effort to coordinate investments that support the health, well-being, education, safety and empowerment of children and youth. **If your organization and CEO are interested in signing on, please do so through this [link](#) by Tuesday, January 17th.**

The United Nations is seeking inputs to the 2023 Secretary General’s Report on the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), including:

- Interventions and progress made by your organization towards implementation of the provisions of Article 11 (Situations of risk and humanitarian emergencies) of the CRPD. This would include descriptions of interventions by your organization in ensuring the protection and safety of persons with disabilities in situations of risk and humanitarian emergencies at national, regional, and international levels, as well as data and statistics or other evidence on progress made;

- Recommendations for specific actions to be taken at national, regional, and international levels for ensuring the protection and safety of persons with disabilities in situations of risk and humanitarian emergencies.

To provide your input, please fill out the survey [here](#) by February 6, 2023.

Spotlight

The Global Rights for Women held a webinar on “Safe Consultations with Survivors of Violence Against Women and Girls.” The webinar was a chance to discuss the current guidance around safe and ethical consultations with women and girls survivors of violence. This event also highlighted the Survivor-Centered Response of the Essential Services [Package](#) (ESP) for Women and Girls Subject to Violence, which was co-written by UN Women, UNFPA, the World Health Organization, the UNDP, the UNODC, Australian Aid, Spanish Cooperation, the Government of Catalonia, and Emakunde.

[Melissa Scaia](#), the Director of International Training at Global Rights for Women kicked off the event by going through the Survivor-Centered Response of the Essential Services Package (ESP) for Women and Girls Subject to Violence. She emphasized that the “Survivor-centered approach places the rights, needs, and desires of women and girls as the center of the focus of service delivery” and that “there is increasing recognition that there must be opportunities for survivors to have input on the development and effectiveness of the implementation of essential services.”

Other speakers included [Amirthini Keefe](#) from Domestic Abuse Project, [Alicia Wallace](#) from Equality Bahamas, and [Scott Miller](#) from Domestic Abuse Intervention Programs. All address why some governments and communities do not engage with survivors. They stated that governments and communities are worried that it will be retraumatizing for survivors and they don’t know how to go about consulting with survivors. That’s why a survivor-centered approach is critical to safe and ethical consultation because Across the world survivors have diverse needs and face different risks. “Survivors who get their needs met are more likely to engage in interventions created.” “The impact of decisions and actions taken by the government, including health, police, justice, and social services agencies profoundly affect survivors’ lives

To learn more about this event and read the Survivor-Centered Response of the Essential Services Package (ESP) for Women and Girls Subject to Violence, click [here](#).

Events

- Firelight [webinar](#) event **“What do communities actually want and need for their children? Perspectives from children, youth, and communities in Malawi, Tanzania, and Zambia.”** January 23, 2023 at 11am ET.
- Together for Girls, East, Central, and Southern Africa Health Community, Universidad de los Andes, University Research Co. with support from USAID’s Health Evaluation and Applied Research Development (HEARD) Project [virtual event](#) **“Using Violence Against Children and Youth Survey (VACS) Data and Process to Accelerate National Action to Protect Children.”** January 24, 2023, at 9am ET.
- How to Child Rights [webinar](#) **“Peer Exchange & Learning on how to advance children’s rights using recommendations from united nations and regional human rights monitoring and review processes.”** January 25, 2023, at 9am ET.
- Global Campaign for Education-US [virtual event](#) **“GCE-US February 2023 Coalition Meeting.”** February 7, 2023, at 9am ET.
- UN [hybrid event](#) **“92nd Session of the Committee on the Rights of the Child.”** January 16- February 3, 2023, in Geneva Switzerland.

Reports, Articles & Resources

- PMNCH for Women’s, Children’s and Adolescents’ Health [article](#) **“A child or youth died once every 4.4 seconds in 2021 – UN report.”**
- Human Rights Watch [report](#) **“World Report 2023”**
- International Rescue Committee [article](#) **“IRC Responds to Joint UN Call to Action on Child Wasting.”**

Professional Opportunities

Childhood Education International is seeking members for its Board of Directors.

The CE International Board provides oversight and counsel on strategic planning, financial oversight, resource development, and nonprofit compliance; connects CE International to key people and institutions working in global education and international development; and serves as thought leaders and oversees critical areas of governing the organization. If you are interested in applying please email Michelle Allen, Operations Director, to receive an application: mallen@ceinternational1892.org. **The final date for submission to CE International is February 1, 2023.**

The Department of Homeland Security is seeking to hire two WPS Program Analysts:

- **[GS-9/GS-11](#) Program Analyst:** This position is located in the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Office of the Secretary, Office for Civil Rights and Civil

Liberties (CRCL), Washington, District of Columbia. The primary purpose of this position is to serve as a Program Analyst for the Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) Program. Duties performed include reporting to and working with the Women, Peace and Security Manager to analyze DHS activities, programs, and engagement in support of the Women, Peace and Security Act (2017); Conducting gender analyses to identify differing gender needs, issues and gaps and research for the integration of gender perspectives within WPS initiatives making recommendations to support to lines of effort identified in the DHS Implementation Plan for the U.S Strategy on Women, Peace, and Security; Monitor and evaluate efforts of the DHS WPS Committee of the Gender Policy Working Group and Community of Interest comprised of senior-level representatives and subject matter experts (SME) across DHS; and Work closely with senior level advisors and other DHS Components on a departmental mechanism for collecting the metrics to produce reports. **Application for this position closes on January 20, 2023.**

- **GS-13 Program Analyst:** This position is located in the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Office of the Secretary, Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties (CRCL), Washington, DC. The purpose of this position is to serve as a Program Analyst for the Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) Program. The incumbent will be responsible for leading and coordinating a variety of WPS and other gender-related initiatives. Duties Include Analyzing DHS activities, programs and engagement in support of the Women, Peace and Security Act (2017); the Women, Peace and Security Strategy (2019), and the DHS Implementation Plan for the U.S. Strategy on Women, Peace, and Security to support broader efforts of Women, Peace, and Security (WPS); Conducting gender analyses to identify differing gender needs, issues and gaps for the integration of gender perspectives; Making recommendations to support lines of effort identified in the DHS Implementation Plan for the U.S Strategy on Women, Peace, and Security; Participating in meetings with senior level representatives from potential partner Organizations, and representing DHS at inter-agency WPS and gender-related meetings, events, and working Groups; Developing technical papers, speeches, reports, testimony and various types of correspondence regarding WPS issues, and preparing draft briefing memoranda, talking points, and other materials to support leadership; and Working with WPS leadership in prioritizing strategic external engagement and meaningful partnerships with internal and, eventually, intergovernmental, public, and NGO sectors. **The application for this position closes on January 23, 2023.**



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