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Quick Summary

The White House Gender Policy Council (GPC) issued a [press release](#) highlighting President Biden’s FY 2024 budget and how it advances gender equity and equality, domestically and internationally. The press release underscored how the White House plans to strengthen democracy and defend human rights globally for women and girls. This budget supports the “full and equal participation of women and girls in the economy by addressing barriers to participation, which will improve economic security for women and families and promote economic growth and development.” Additionally, the press release outlines how the US government will advance gender equality around the world by providing “more than \$3 billion to advance gender equity and equality globally, consistent with the Administration’s steadfast commitment to investing in opportunities for women and girls, including the LGBTQI+ community.” To learn more, click [here](#).

The House Foreign Affairs Committee [announced](#) a hearing with U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken to focus on the US Budget and the State of U.S. Diplomacy . The “State of American Diplomacy in 2023: Growing Conflicts, Budget Challenges, and Great Power Competition” hearing will take place on Thursday, March 23, 2023, at 10 am ET. Click [here](#) to watch the hearing.

March [marks](#) 12 years since the start of the war in Syria. This conflict has displaced over 15.3 million people, 75% of whom are women and children. According to Save the Children, 28% of children suffer from stunting due to malnutrition, 2.4 million children are currently out of school, 1 in 26 girls between ages 15-19 gives birth, and 82% of people live in poverty. Given the massive earthquake in February, Syrian refugee families are [falling](#) even further into poverty. Boys who are leaving school to help their families survive are facing an increased risk of [exploitation](#) by armed groups. [Girls](#) in Syria are also leaving school and facing a high risk of child trafficking and sexual exploitation, including child marriage. To learn more about how the war in Syria has affected children, click [here](#).

USAID will provide more than “\$331 Million in Additional Humanitarian Assistance for the People of Ethiopia.” This aid comes during the wake of massive flooding and conflict instability in the region. The emergency assistance includes “emergency food assistance to severely food insecure families; nutritional support to prevent and treat malnutrition among pregnant and lactating women and children under five; farming and agricultural support to prevent crop and livestock losses; urgent health treatment; clean water to prevent disease outbreaks often prevalent during drought; and support to protect women and children from a higher risk of violence as a result of this ongoing emergency.” To learn more, click [here](#).

Professional Opportunity

The International Peace Institute (IPI) is looking to hire a program coordinator to work jointly in IPI’s Brian Urquhart Center for Peace Operations (CPO) and the Women, Peace, and Security program (WPS). This position includes operational, project management, and administrative duties. To learn more and apply for this position, click [here](#). **The deadline to apply is March 24, 2023.**

Events

- USAID Higher Education Learning Network (HELN) [virtual event](#) “**Equity and Access HELN Networking Event.**” March 21, 2023, at 11 am ET.

- Adolescent Girls Investment Plan [webinar](#) “**WD Global Dialogue: 'Investing in Adolescent Girls' Report Launch.**” March 29, 2023, at 8 am ET.
- UN SDG Summit [event](#) “**Youth Consultation Event on SDGs - toward ECOSOC Youth Forum and SDG Summit 2023.**” March 29, 2023, at 9 am ET.
- OECD [webinar](#) “**How to turn schools into hubs of social and emotional learning.**” March 30, 2023, at 7 am ET.
- ASU Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College, Childhood Education International, & Center for Professional Learning [event](#) “**Language Education Policy & Refugee/(Im)migrant Education.**” March 30, 2023, at 8:30 am ET.
- The Global Boyhood Initiative & Equimundo [webinar](#) “**GBI Webinar: Boys & Education.**” April 5, 2023, at 10 am ET.
- U.S. Department of State SPOG [virtual public meeting](#) “**Anti-Trafficking Work Using a Racial Equity Lens.**” May 3, 2023, at 1:30 pm ET. To attend, you must [register](#) by April 23, 2023.

Reports, Articles & Resources

- AAHD's [call to action](#) “**Health equity starts with more inclusive health research.**”
- READY Global Readiness for Major Disease Outbreak Response [online tool](#) “**Outbreak READY! A Digital Readiness and Response Simulation.**”
- Devex [article](#) “**Reform of UN famine task force needed to save lives, NGOs say.**”
- PLAN International [article](#) “**Migrant girls risk trafficking, kidnapping, extortion.**”
- ChildFund [report](#) “**Education in Emergencies: an urgent right.**”
- The New Humanitarian [article](#) “**Six years after child shelter tragedy, slow justice shines a light on Guatemala’s enduring GBV problem.**”
- Send My Friend to School [report](#) “**Let My Friends Learn: How the UK Government can protect children’s education during emergencies.**”



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