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Quick Summary

The final bilateral [dialogue](#) of the United States-Jamaica Child Protection Compact (CPC) Partnership focused on assessing accomplishments, challenges, and sustaining progress “to strengthen the Jamaican government's efforts against child trafficking.” The U.S. government has invested \$6.7 million in foreign assistance, while Jamaican ministries and agencies have provided resources and budgetary support. The Warnath Group and the International Organization for Migration will continue working on various initiatives, such as training and creating child-friendly spaces, to enhance law enforcement efforts and support child victims. To learn more, click [here](#).

The Federal Trade Commission ([FTC](#)) has prepared an order against Edmodo, an education technology provider, for violating the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act Rule (COPPA Rule). The FTC found that Edmodo collected personal

data from children without parental consent and used it for advertising. The company also outsourced its COPPA compliance responsibilities to schools, which is prohibited. Under the order, Edmodo will be prohibited from demanding excessive personal data from students to participate in online educational activities. Edmodo has temporarily suspended operations in the United States. The proposed order includes a \$6 million monetary penalty, suspended due to Edmodo's financial inability to pay. It also sets various requirements for data collection, parental consent, and the use of personal information to protect children's data privacy in the future. To read the FTC press release, click [here](#).

The Action Review Panel for Child Wasting met this week with opening [remarks](#) from USAID Administrator Samantha Power. Power expressed gratitude for the work of UNICEF in combating wasting and malnutrition in children. She highlighted the impact of USAID's contribution of \$200 million towards expanding access to Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Foods and the subsequent raising of an additional \$330 million through matching donations. Power emphasized the importance of sustaining funding for humanitarian emergencies and developing a long-term strategy to address child wasting, focusing on both treatment and prevention. She stressed the need to invest in primary health care, train health workers, and tackle the global food and nutrition crisis to ensure lasting solutions and empower communities to overcome hunger. Power called for ongoing and consistent investments to help countries lift themselves out of poverty and end child wasting. To learn more about this event, click [here](#).

Spotlight

The White House [released](#) the first-ever U.S. National Plan to End Gender-Based Violence: Strategies for Action. The plan focuses on preventing and addressing sexual violence, intimate partner violence, stalking, and other forms of gender-based violence (GBV) across the United States. It identifies seven strategic pillars: Prevention, Support, Healing, Safety, and Well-Being; Economic Security and Housing Stability; Online Safety; Legal and Justice Systems; Emergency Preparedness and Crisis Response; and Research and Data. The plan aims to strengthen federal action, interagency collaboration, and community efforts to address GBV.

While the plan is focused on federal action, it is designed to be adaptable and useful to public and private stakeholders across the country. The release of the plan reflects the US government's commitment to ending gender-based violence as a matter of human rights and justice. The plan also highlights the ongoing efforts of the Biden-Harris Administration to address GBV and protect survivors and recent federal initiatives to

prevent and address GBV, including the elevation of the Office of Family Violence Prevention and Services at the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), increases in program funding, and the establishment of new grant programs.

To read the press release and review the U.S. National Plan to End Gender-Based Violence, click [here](#).

Events

- OECD [webinar](#) **“How to strengthen support for Ukrainian refugees in schools and universities.”** June 14, 2023, at 7am ET.
- UN Conference of State Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities [webinar](#) **“TWICE VIOLATED: Abuse and denial of sexual and reproductive rights of women and girls with disabilities in institutions & emergencies.”** June 16, 2023, at 9:30 am ET.
- The Knowledge Café on Climate and YPS [virtual event](#) **“GCYPS Virtual Knowledge Café - Climate & YPS.”** June 22, 2023, at 9:30 am ET.

Reports, Articles & Resources

- YouthPower2 [article](#) **“Cost Reporting Guide for Cross-Sectoral Positive Youth Development Programs.”**
- Tetra Tech, Iris Group, and USAID [strategy](#) **“USAID Transform WASH Activity: Gender, Youth and Private Sector Engagement Action Plan.”**
- Nikkei Asia [op-ed](#) **“Asia's families must be empowered to combat online abuse: Risks of bullying and sexual exploitation can be reduced with higher awareness.”**
- Reuters [article](#) **“Child migrants crossing Darien Gap surge eightfold, UNICEF says.”**
- USAID [report](#) **“Youth and LGBTQ+ Participation in Nonviolent Action.”**
- Early Childhood Development Action Network [article](#) **“Pathways to Scale for Playful Parenting Programs.”**



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