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Quick Summary

The International Basic Education community is requesting organizations to fill out a Google [Document](#) with its planned appropriations requests and report language. The goal is to align messages and facilitate discussion at the next International Basic Education Appropriations/Budget meeting on Tuesday (2/27) at 1pm ET. To add your organization's language, click [here](#). To attend the next International Basic Education Appropriations/Budget meeting, click [here](#).

Representative Young Kim ([R-CA](#)) introduced the “Recognizing *World Thinking Day* as an annual celebration where members of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS), including members of Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA), champion international friendship and take the opportunity to speak out about issues that affect girls and young women across the globe”

[\(H.Res.1024\)](#)). The resolution emphasizes the importance of championing international friendships and addressing issues affecting girls and young women globally. It acknowledges the transformative impact of Girl Scouting and Guiding over the past century by empowering girls to reach their fullest potential. The resolution also highlights the significance of the 2024 World Thinking Day, focusing on environmental stewardship and global poverty, urging collaboration for a prosperous and sustainable future. Additionally, it underscores the history and impact of the Girl Scout movement, emphasizing their commitment to global connections, sisterhood, citizenship, and fostering a love for the outdoors. The resolution concludes by endorsing the 2024 theme, "Our World, Our Thriving Future: The Environment and Global Poverty," as an opportunity to understand the interconnectedness of the planet's well-being and community sustainability. Click [here](#) to read the resolution.

USAID posted the Responsive Care and Early Learning ([RCEL](#)) Addendum for nutrition counseling. The final package is available on the USAID Advancing Nutrition website: [here](#). USAID's RCEL package underwent pilot testing in both community and health facility settings in Ghana and the Kyrgyz Republic. The results from the research showed significant increases in responsive care, early learning practices, and engagement opportunities from pre- to post-intervention in both countries. Improvements in Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) practices were also observed, indicating that caregivers could enhance RCEL practices without compromising IYCF practices. Counselors and caregivers reported positive outcomes when integrating RCEL counseling into nutrition counseling.. To read the new addendum, click [here](#).

Spotlight

First Focus on Children is [presenting](#) "Speaking of Kids," a podcast series that seeks to make children a priority in policies across the country and around the world. On the weekly podcast, the hosts, [Bruce Lesley](#), President of First Focus, and Messellech "[Selley](#)" Looby, Chief Operating Officer at First Focus provide insights into ongoing efforts to prioritize children in government and engage in discussions with guests who are working on pressing issues affecting kids. A recent episode featured a conversation with Representative Suzanne Bonamici ([D-OR](#)), who secured the #1 position as a Champion for Children on the First Focus Campaign 2023 Legislative [Scorecard](#). Having represented Oregon's 1st district in Congress since 2012, Rep. Bonamici has established herself as a dedicated advocate for children throughout her career. During the episode, Congresswoman Bonamici expressed her conviction that investing in the health, well-being, and safety of children represents the most significant societal investment. She also shared insights into her legislative priorities to support

children and families in the United States, such as passing the Child Tax Credit, championing a robust public education system, addressing child hunger, supporting homeless youth, and safeguarding food programs such as SNAP and WIC. She To listen to this and more episodes of the Speaking of Kids Podcast, click [here](#). To learn more about various congressional initiatives to help meet the needs of children, read "[Unveiling the 2023 Champions and Defenders of Children: Who Commits to Kids?](#)" and "[Recognizing Children in the Debate Over Education and Schools](#)" both by Bruce Lesley, and "[The First Five Things to Know About: Representative Suzanne Bonamici](#)" by The First Five Years Fund.

Events

- Girls Not Brides [webinar](#) **"The impact of age of marriage and sexual consent laws on child marriage and girls' rights."** February 27, 2024 at 9 am ET.
- American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) [webinar](#) **"Pediatricians as ECD Advocacy Champions: Kenya and Tanzania."** February 28, 2024 at 9 am ET.
- Foreign Policy & National Democratic Institute (NDI) [virtual event](#) **"Defending Democracy Safeguarding Global Elections."** February 29, 2024 at 10 am ET.
- World Health Organization (WHO) and SRHR [online event](#) **"CSW68: The Privilege Paradigm, Global Community Forum."** March 4, 2024, at 11 am ET.
- Save the Children [webinar](#) **"Girls Lead: Investing in Girl-Led Movement Building - Lessons from Four Regions."** March 6, 2024 at 9 am ET.
- World Health Organization (WHO) [webinar](#) **"World Birth Defects Day."** March 8, 2024 at 8 am ET.
- The Governments of Italy, Burkina Faso and the United Kingdom, the UNFPA-UNICEF Joint Programme on the Elimination of Female Genital Mutilation, World Bank, and the Girl Generation - Support to the Africa-led Movement to end FGM/C (TGG-ALM) [webinar](#) **"Financing the Elimination of Female Genital Mutilation, High-Level Panel at CSW68."** March 12, 2024, at 1:15 pm ET.

Reports, Articles & Resources

- World Health Organization (WHO) [resource](#) **"Global Accelerated Action for the Health of Adolescents."**
- Suojellaan Lapsia Protect Children [report](#) **"Tech Platforms Used by Online Child Sexual Abuse Offenders."**
- USAID YouthPower2 [resource](#) **"How to Write an Award-Winning Grant Proposal that Secures Funding(Templates & Video Guide)."**

- USAID YouthPower2 [resource](#) “Enhancing Youth Participation in Urban Governance Through City Youth Councils.”
- Safe Online [report](#) “Disrupting Harm.”



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