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Quick Summary

Administrator Power [announced](#) the U.S. commitment of a \$305 million investment in the Global Partnership for Education (GPE) over the next three years. The commitment for GPE is below the advocated \$1 billion over the next five years ask, and below the allocated funds approved by the House State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs bill for FY2022. The global education community is now urging Members of Congress to champion global education and approve the full funding of GPE. For a summary of the Global Education Summit and the U.S. commitment, please visit Global Campaign for Education-US's press release, "[Global Campaign for Education- US marks historic Global Education Summit: Financing FPE 2021-2025.](#)"

The U.S Government released their [COVID-19 International Basic Education Response paper](#). The paper “highlights the collective impact of the USG response to COVID-19 related to education access, attendance, retention, and learning.” It also analyzes successful elements of USG responses and looks at how they can be incorporated into future education programming. The paper includes a foreword by First Lady Jill Biden where she stresses the need to invest in child education globally.

USAID launched their [“Integrating LGBTQI+ Considerations Into Education Programming”](#) document which is designed to “support USAID’s staff and partners working in the education sector to integrate LGBTQI+ considerations into programming and across the program cycle.”

The End Violence Against Children partnership’s Together to #ENDviolence campaign put together a Leaders’ Statement listing a set of policy proposals to end all violence and abuse of children. The statement has been signed by 50 global and national leaders and includes six policy actions: [ban all forms](#) of violence against children by 2030; equip [parents and caregivers](#) to keep children safe; make the [internet safe](#) for children; make [schools safe](#), non-violent and inclusive; protect children from violence in [humanitarian settings](#); and [more investment](#), better spent. For the full statement, a list of currently endorsing leaders, and information on how to endorse the statement, please visit the link [here](#).

Together for Girls released their [policy brief](#), “Gender and Corporal Punishment” which focuses on corporal punishment in schools by drawing on the findings from the Violence Against Children and Youth Surveys (VACS) while applying a gender lens. The brief provides recommendations to policy makers and education program implementers on how to use the research finding to advocate against corporal punishment and improve the well-being of all children in schools.

Girls Not Brides published an [advocacy brief](#) demonstrating the links between child marriage and girls’ education, explaining how the pandemic has impacted child marriage and girls’ education, and providing recommendations to governments and advocates. One action recommendation is for governments to support the [Global Campaign for Education’s One Billion Voices Call to Action and to finance the Global Partnership for Education](#).

InterAction released their [community recommendations](#) to President Biden for the upcoming U.N. Food Systems Summit (UNFSS). Recommendations include the need to “elevate and engage women, girls, and marginalized communities in inclusive and equitable food systems.”

Virtual Events

- World Alliance for Citizen Participation, Global Fund for Children, and Restless Development's [virtual discussion](#), "Reimagining the Future of Funding for Youth Action." **9 August, 2021 11am ET**
- The Coalition for Adolescent Girls and Kakenya's Dream are hosting a [virtual webinar](#) titled, "Girls Take the Mic: Setting the Agenda for a Post-COVID World," in celebration of International Youth Day. **12 August, 2021 10am ET**
- Global LEAD #WhatOurImpact Dialogue's International Youth Day [virtual commemoration](#) with USAID Administrator Samantha Power and UNICEF Generation Unlimited's Youth Ambassador Ilwad Elman. **12 August, 2021 9-10:30am ET**

Reports, Articles & Resources

- **Gender and Adolescence: Global Evidence (GAGE)'s [publication](#)**, "Adolescent well-being in a time of crisis: assessing SDG progress during COVID-19 and priorities for a resilient recovery for adolescents and youth."
- **First Focus on Children's President, Bruce Lesley's [letter](#)**, "An Open Letter to Robert F. Kennedy Jr. on Human Rights for Children."
- **American Academy of Pediatrics [article](#)**, "Trauma-Informed Care in Child Health Systems."
- **American Academy of Pediatrics [article](#)**, "Childhood Adversity: Buffering Stress and Building Resilience."
- **Girls Not Brides, World Health Organization, UNICEF, and other partners' [research](#)**, "Updated research gaps on ending child marriage and supporting married girls for 2020-2030."

Job Opportunity

[Early Childhood Development Specialist at Humanity and Inclusion \(HI\)](#). Humanity and Inclusion (formerly known as Handicap International) is looking for a dynamic Early Childhood Development (ECD) specialist to provide technical support to the design, implementation, monitoring and reporting of the ECD HI frame. The ideal candidate will have experience integrating ECD into health contact points, ability to operationalize the Nurturing Care Framework, and integrate ECD interventions into other service delivery platforms such as education and protection. The position will be in-person located in Lyon (FR), Washington (USA), or London (UK). Deadline to apply is 24 August, 2021.



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