

The Weekly Pulse

NEWS FROM ORGANIZATIONS AND COALITIONS IN GLOBAL CHILD ADVOCACY



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Quick Summary

USAID released “U.S. Government COVID-19 International Basic Education [Response](#)” underscoring the effect COVID-19 has had on children’s education. 11 million of the hardest to reach girls may never return to school according to UNESCO. The response proposes to “strengthen transparency and accountability, and streamline reporting, work to ensure a consistent level of quality across programs and improve coordination and reinforce a ‘One U.S. Government’ approach”.

USAID developed a policy brief on resilience and food security in conflict-affected areas. Key takeaways from the brief include that “conflict begetting food insecurity and

food insecurity begetting conflict and fragility” and that food insecurity in conflict is exacerbated by migration due to food denial by parties to the conflict, missed planting seasons, unharvested food, and inaccessible roads and infrastructure. The brief recommends that coherence across humanitarian, development and peace assistance organizations is critical as well as work with local organizations and partners

Apple [announced](#) expansions on Protections for Children, including limiting the spread of Child Exploitation Abuse Materials (CSAM). Apple will use machine learning through the messaging app to warn users of sensitive content and will warn and provide resources to users receiving these messages to limit CSAM online. Also, Apple devices will provide information through Siri and Search during unsafe situations and intervene when users search for CSAM-related topics. These features will be implemented in Software updates iOS 15, iPadOS 15, watchOS 8, and macOS Monterey.

Virtual Events

- The Alliance for Peacebuilding, Search for Common Ground and Mercy Corps are hosting an [event](#) “Peacebuilding Responses to Online Harm” **17 August, 2021 11am ET.**
- PeaceCon 2021 [Event](#) “COVID, Climate and Conflict: Rising Challenges of a Disrupted World” 8-10 December
- Ending Violence Partnership and Joining Forces are hosting an [event](#) on “Children’s Participation in the Development of a National Action Plan- Open session” **27 August, 2021 1pm GA.**
- UNICEF, WHO, UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, the Sexual Violence Research Initiative, Raising Voices, The End Violence Partnership, and The Commission for Children are hosting an [event](#) on “Intersections Between Violence Against Children and Violence Against Women: Identifying Evidence, Gaps, and Opportunities for Collaboration”. **19 October, 2021 3pm-4:30pm CET.**

Legislative Updates

Representative Debrah Ross (D-NC) [urged](#) Congressional leadership to include a permanent path for residency for Dreamers in the upcoming budget and reconciliation bill. The letter highlighted that when individuals turn 21, they are no longer “eligible for temporary visa status as dependents on their parents”. This letter was sent to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) and Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) with 22 representatives supporting.

Representative Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) introduced a [resolution](#) (S.Res. 351) “designating September 2021 as ‘National Child Awareness Month’”. The aim of this

resolution is to highlight charities and organizations that are child and youth focused in the United States. Additionally, to emphasize the importance of these charities and organizations for the future of children and youth in the United States. This resolution also calls attention to meeting the need of children who have experienced homelessness, in the foster care system, have been or at risk of becoming victims of child sex trafficking, been impacted by violence, experienced trauma, and have serious physical and mental health needs.

Reports, Articles & Resources

- **CARE's** Rapid Gender [Analysis](#) about the current drought in Afghanistan
- **World Bank's** [report](#) on how it can support mutually beneficial migration partnerships between Africa and Europe.
- **CDC's and VetoViolence's** [resource](#) on social norms preventing violence.
- **End Violence Against Children's** [report](#) "Young People's Advisors: A Conversation on Violence Against Children in Five Countries" discusses how violence is demonstrated in Brazil, China, Colombia, Cote d'Ivoire and Uganda and what is overlooked in research and programming.

Job Openings

- **Zemitek** is looking for a [USAID AFR/SD Education Advisor](#). The education advisor will "provide support for the AFR/SD Education and Youth Division (AFR/SD/ED) to advance the goals of the Agency's Education Policy and Africa Bureau's strategic goals. As a critical member of the AFR/SD/ED Washington, DC office, the incumbent will work closely with AFR/SD/ED management in moving forward the Division's work to provide quality, safe, and equitable education opportunities to African children and youth"
- **USAID** is looking for individuals for multiple positions, including Regional PEPFAR Coordinator; USPSC Regional PEPFAR Coordinator USAID/West Africa; Regional PEPFAR Coordinator, USAID/West Africa; Senior Partnership and Learning Advisor, and many more. The link can be found [here](#).
- **EducationLinks and USAID** is looking for individuals for multiple positions, including Education in Crisis and Conflict Advisor in USAID's Center for Education, and a Youth and Workforce Development Advisor in USAID's Center for Education. The link can be found [here](#).

