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Call to Action

The Children and Youth Community [FY24 Children and Youth Community OMB Letter](#) deadline for endorsement has been extended to Wednesday, July 20th, COB.

The letter is open for organizational and coalition sign-on. This year's letter does not include specific funding level recommendations but instead focuses on the need for greater prioritization, coordination, and transparency in funding for young people through foreign assistance. Once the letter is finalized, all sign-on organizations and coalitions will have the opportunity to participate in a meeting with OMB to discuss shared and individual priorities. Thank you for considering adding your organization to the letter as a key part of our push for a commonsense whole-of-government approach

for children and youth in foreign policy. [Sign your organization on here by 7/20](#) and read the letter [here](#).

Quick Summary

The Bolivian government announced the approval of new legislation for the protection of child victims of sexual violence that includes significant reforms aimed at reducing impunity and revictimization. The Brave Movement released a [statement](#) praising the Bolivian government's announcement. This follows the Inter-American Court of Human Rights groundbreaking case of [Brisa De Angulo Losada](#) vs. Bolivia. Brisa De Angulo, Esq, Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on Immunization (SAGE) Member, explained that “this new law reduces the probability of the atrocious abuses of official capacity that I suffered in my case, and it creates clear mechanisms for holding government officials accountable. After almost twenty years of fighting for justice, I am so humbled to be part of this first and great step on the path to policy reform and justice for all of us.” To learn more about this ruling, click [here](#).

Representatives of the Children’s Policy and Funding Initiative Youth Alliance Working Group met with [Rep. Dean Phillips’](#) (D-MN) [Youth Advisory Council](#) to discuss the initiative, current projects of the Youth Alliance Working Group, and topics that bridge domestic and international issues. [Anny Lin](#), the Fellow at Global Campaign for Education-US, discussed the importance of improving access to quality, inclusive education for all. Lin explained that “**COVID-19 has only exacerbated existing learning losses: over two years since the start of the pandemic, 616 million students continue to be affected by school closures.**” This is due to poverty, cost of school, conflict/war, climate change-related disasters, child labor, and gender inequality. [Meghana Srikrishna](#), the Youth, Peace, and Security Fellow at Search for Common Ground discussed creating effective youth activism. She highlighted that “Search For Common Ground has launched Mosaic, a community of young people pushing for change in their communities, to help mitigate these issues. Through Mosaic, we connect youth activists with each other, provide training and other resources for youth activists focused on conflict resolution and creating win-win solutions with adversaries, and tips for coalition-building with adults and other allies.” **Click [here](#) to learn more about the Youth Alliance Working Group. If you are a youth who is interested in joining, please fill out the form [here](#).**

The U.S. and Jamaica highlighted key achievements and recommit to combating child trafficking during their annual bilateral dialogue. Participants included the United States and Jamaican government officials, International Organization for Migration, Warnath Group, and Winrock International. [Kari Johnstone](#), Senior Official

and Principal Deputy Director of the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons at the U.S. Department of State announced the official extension of the Child Protection Compact (CPC) Partnership until July 2023, reaffirming the “U.S. government’s commitment to continue working jointly toward the Child Protection Compact Partnership’s objectives for another year.” Click [here](#) to read the press release of this meeting. To learn more about the CPC Partnership between the Government of the U.S. and the Government of Jamaica, click [here](#).

Spotlight

Devex held its semi-annual conference “Devex World 2022.” During this conference, donors, human rights and advocacy organizations, experts, and activists came together to discuss humanitarian aid’s future and tackle the issues we face today. Devex World 2022 had notable speakers and presenters, including [Bill Gates](#), Co-Chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation; [Cina Lawson](#), Minister of Digital Economy and Digital Transformation, Togo; [Hosna Jalil](#), Afghanistan’s Former Deputy Minister of Interior Affairs; and [Ambassador Dr. John N. Nkengasong](#), U.S. Global Aids Coordinator and Special Representative for Global Health Diplomacy, U.S. Department of State.

One of the vital flash talks was **“The missing C: Can impact and environmental, social, and governance (ESG) investing make some of the world a better place for our children?”** [Francesco Ambrogetti](#), the principal advisor, innovative and alternative finance at UNICEF emphasized that **we are far from financing the scale and the speed of urgent solutions for children.** Additionally, the [Adolescent Girls Advisory Council](#), fellows of the Global Fund for Women, spoke on the importance of giving adolescent girls a seat at the funding table. One of the Adolescent Girls Advisory Council members, [Liz Lum](#), a girls and women’s activist from Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, spoke about her vision of the future she wants to see. She stated that **“My vision for the world’s girls is that they meaningfully participate in leadership, policy and decision-making spaces, gender equality is their reality and they are no longer beneficiaries of actions but rather initiators of actions.”**

To learn more about Devex World 2022, click [here](#).

Events

- UNESCO [virtual event](#) **“Youth Declaration - Online Consultation.”** July 19, 2022, at 8:30 am ET.
- Global Collaborative Platform & UNICEF [virtual event](#) **“Transforming Children’s Care Webinar #11: Advancing the care reform agenda using the systems strengthening approach.”** July 20, 2022, at 9 am ET.

- India Alternative Care Network (IACN) [virtual event](#) **“Every Child's Right to Family Life: An Introduction to Family Strengthening and Alternative Care in India.”** July 20, 2022, at 11 am ET.
- Inclusive Development Partners (IDP) [virtual event series](#) **“Disability Inclusive Pre-Primary Landscape Review for USAID”** July 26, 2022- July 28, 2022.
- D.C. Student Consortium on Women, Peace and Security and Women in International Security (WIIS) [virtual event](#) **“WIIS + D.C. Student Consortium Summer Book Club 2022 (July).”** July 27, 2022, at 7 pm ET.
- Knowledge SUCCESS [virtual event](#) **“Oops! Ah-ha! “Failures” in FP Program Implementation.”** August 4, 2022, at 8 am ET.
- The United Nations Department of Global Communications [event](#) **“United Nations International Day of Peace Youth Observance.”** September 16, 2022, at 9:30 am ET.
- The International Foster Care Organization (IFCO) [conference](#) **“International & National Foster Care Conference 2022 - Finding Ways Forward: Celebrating Identity, Culture, Families, and Community.”** September 22, 2022.

Reports, Articles & Resources

- Aljazeera [article](#) **“UN to probe killing of children in Ukraine, Ethiopia, Mozambique.”**
- Human Rights Watch [article series](#) **“Students Not Products.”**
- Faith to Action [report](#) **“Rethinking Orphan Care: An Introduction to Family Care.”**
- The New Humanitarian [article](#) **“Nowhere left to turn, part 1: Venezuela’s COVID fallout leaves children dying and the poor scavenging for food.”**
- UNICEF [report](#) **“25 Years of Children and Armed Conflict: Taking Action to Protect Children in War.”**
- World Vision International [report](#) **“It Takes Behaviour Science to End Violence Against Children: A Guide for Advocating Towards Social and Behaviour Change for Ending Violence Against Children (SBC4EVAC).”**
- Watchlist on Children and Armed Conflict [report](#) **“UN Security Council Open Debate on Children and Armed Conflict report on Children and Armed Conflict: Recommendations for the UN Security Council and the Member States.”**
- The United Nations Girls’ Education Initiative (UNGEI) [policy paper](#) **“Social norms and girls' education: A study of eight sub-Saharan African countries.”**

Professional Opportunity

STAND is seeking youth advocates to join its Managing Committee. Managing Committee members work closely with the **Action Committees** to develop our short- and long-term advocacy and grassroots organizing strategies, create educational materials, resources, and activities for our grassroots members, and work with partner organizations to advance shared goals. **Applications for STAND Managing Committee positions are due on Sunday, July 31st, by 11:59 pm ET.** To learn more about this opportunity and apply, click [here](#).



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