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NEWS FROM ORGANIZATIONS AND COALITIONS IN GLOBAL CHILD ADVOCACY



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Calls to Action

USAID is seeking public comments for its [draft](#) Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment Policy. This revision hopes to build on “USAID’s long-standing gender equality work and is informed by the extensive comments received on the 2020 Policy, an internal assessment by USAID Gender Advisors and points of contact, and internal and external consultations with over 200 USAID colleagues, implementing partners, and civil society organizations around the globe.” **Public comments will be accepted until Tuesday, September 6, 2022 (5:00 p.m. ET).** To provide feedback, click [here](#). To read the current draft, click [here](#).

The USG is holding consultations to shape its U.S. Government Strategy on Basic Education for fiscal years 2024-2028. They seek to revise and update the [U.S. Government Strategy on Basic Education for FY2019 - 2023](#). Civil society consultations will be held on:

- Thursday, September 8 from 10:00-11:30 am ET
- Thursday, September 22 from 8:00-9:30 am ET

If your organization is interested in participating, please [register here](#).

Quick Summary

UNICEF published a new child participation [resource](#) titled “Effective, representative, and inclusive child participation at the local level: A study on child and youth councils in UNICEF National Committee countries.” This study builds on “interviews with children, young people, and supporting adults engaged in almost 30 different local-level participation structures in 11 countries. It makes recommendations on **how to make these structures more meaningful, effective, and representative, and provides plenty of practical examples from cities and communities.**” The study will soon include a condensed global guidance note on supporting child and youth councils, and a set of tip sheets for children and adults on how to support and participate in these structures effectively. To learn more and read the child participation resource, click [here](#).

The Global Campaign for Education-US (GCE-US) finalized its fiscal year 2024 international basic education recommendation and vulnerable children letter to OMB Director Shalonda Young. They are urging full funding for the **Nita M. Lowey Basic Education Fund, the Global Partnership for Education, Education Cannot Wait, and Vulnerable Children.** If your organization is interested in signing on, please add your organizational names at the end of this internal sign-on [letter](#), and GCE-US will update the final version posted online on a rolling basis. Click [here](#) to read the letter and to learn more.

The World Health Organization (WHO) launched its Youth Council, a mechanism that “brings together youth networks from health and non-health backgrounds from all over the world to provide advice to the WHO Director-General on global health and other health and development issues.” The WHO’s Youth Council amplifies the voices and experiences of young people and leverages their expertise, energy, and ideas to promote public health. Through the Youth Council, the WHO also seeks to “deliver on sustained, meaningful youth engagement and will prioritize the co-development of an inclusive WHO Youth Engagement Strategy.” To learn more about the WHO’s Youth Council, click [here](#).

Youth Opportunity

ChildFund International is seeking to hire a Policy and Advocacy Intern for their Programs and Partnerships (P&P) division. The role is focused on “policy proposals and a related advocacy campaign to reform U.S. government policies and practices for children and youth (ages 0-29) and the prevention of and response to sexual exploitation and abuse. The ideal candidate would have an interest in the health, safety, education, and empowerment of young people and some knowledge of child protection, child development, meaningful youth engagement, and U.S. government policies and strategies.” **Applications are due before September 12, 2022.** To learn more and apply, click [here](#).

Events

- Global Campaign for Education & the TaxEd Alliance [webinar](#) **“Why link Education and Tax Justice?”** August 31, 2022, at 8 am ET.
- YouthPower2 & Gender and Youth Advocacy (GAYA) [virtual event](#) **“Cross-Organizational Commitments to Gender and Youth within the Food Crisis.”** September 1, 2022, at 8:30 am ET.
- Protect Children [virtual event](#) **“ReDirection International Expert Webinar: Developments in Offender-Focused Prevention of OCSEA.”** September 5, 2022, at 9 am ET.
- UNICEF, UN Women, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, and the Geena Davis Institute [virtual event](#) **“Media reporting on violence against women and girls: Addressing the normalization of gender-based violence (GBV), and the perpetuation of harmful gender norms and stereotypes.”** September 8, 2022, at 9 am ET.
- The Interagency Gender Working Group’s (IGWG) Male Engagement Task Force (METF) [virtual event](#) **“Positive Youth Development in Health Programming: How Does Engaging Boys and Young Men Fit in? A Technical Marketplace.”** September 13, 2022, at 8:30 am ET.
- USAID & YouthPower2 [webinar](#) **“Emerging Intersections: Discussion on Child Marriage and GBV.”** September 14, 2022, at 9 am ET.

Reports, Articles & Resources

- USAID [publication](#) **“USAID Youth in Development Policy - 2022 Update.”**
- Restless Development [report](#) **“The State of Youth Civil Society report: Youth Power in a Pandemic.”**
- ECPAT-US [YouTube video](#) **“Engaging Youth to Counter Violence Against Children.”**

- Evidence & Policy [blog post](#) “Engaging refugee women and girls as safeguarding experts, using creative and participatory methods.”
- BuzzFeed [blog post](#) “11 Facts About Childhood Sexual Abuse That Every Parent Should Know.”



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