

The Weekly Pulse

NEWS AND UPDATES FROM OUR COALITIONS AND NETWORKS



Quick Summary

Global Child Thrive Act 2020 Update: The language, which includes the Thrive Act as an amendment to the NDAA, was signed off by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and the House Foreign Affairs Committee. As a result, the Thrive Act has been cleared for its inclusion in the conferenced NDAA and is set to be voted on by Congress in early December.

CARE released their [petition](#) to the Biden-Harris Administration urging the new administration to use its power to protect the most marginalized people- including women and girls at risk of violence and extreme poverty- in the next four years.

Girls Not Brides circulated a [sign-on](#) form to the Generation Equality Action Coalition on Gender-Based Violence urging them to make ending child, early and forced marriage (CEFM) and female genital mutilation/ cutting (FGM/C) a priority action of the coalition.

InterAction published its [recommendations](#) for the Biden-Harris Administration calling for a doubling of funds for U.S foreign assistance. Mirroring the [5 fundamental principles for U.S development and humanitarian assistance](#), InterAction [outlined key actions](#) needed for "broader, rights-based poverty-alleviation and U.S leadership globally."

Humanity and Inclusion, [UNICEF USA](#) and [Human Rights Watch](#), have supported the U.S Campaign to Ban Landmines- U.S Cluster Munition Coalition's [memo](#) demanding the new presidential administration accede to the Mine Ban Treaty. By doing so, the administration would be committing to the banning of landmine and cluster munition usage which has caused devastating effects on children worldwide. [Senator Leahy of Vermont](#) recently reaffirmed his support to "join our NATO allies and scores of other governments and become a party to the Mine Ban Treaty."

Virtual Events

GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP
TO END VIOLENCE
AGAINST CHILDREN'S
"TOGETHER TO
#ENDVIOLENCE
SOLUTIONS [SUMMIT DEC.](#)
15 8:00AM -9:30AM EST

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UNICEF'S LAUNCH OF
COUNTDOWN PROFILES
ON ECD AND THE
ECDI2030 [WEBINAR](#)
NOV.23 8AM EST

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INCLUSION
INTERNATIONAL'S
GLOBAL SELF-ADVOCACY
[SUMMIT DEC.3 1PM EST](#)

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ALLIANCE FOR
PEACEBUILDING'S
[PEACECON 2020 DEC. 7-9](#)

Celebrating World Children's Day

Last Friday, November 20th, was the anniversary of the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, often celebrated as World Children's Day. Here are some of the different ways World Children's Day was celebrated by child advocates:

INVITATION

Global Online Launch of the Report

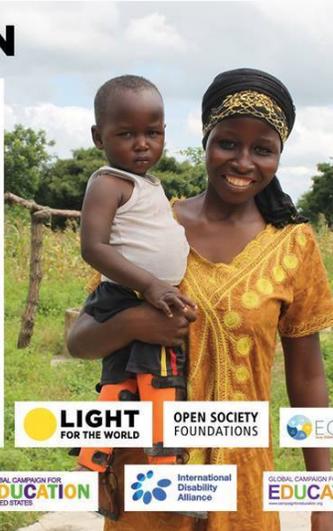
Leave no Child Behind: Invest in the Early Years

19 November 2020

8:30-10:00 AM (EST)
13:30-15:00 PM (GMT)
14:30-16:00 PM (CET)

Register for the event on Zoom:
<https://bit.ly/34OFYkU>

#InclusiveECD4All
#LeaveNoOneBehind



ECDAN and partners hosted their [virtual report launch](#), "Leave No Child Behind: Invest in Early Years," highlighting the need for investments in inclusive early childhood development (ECD). Three key take-aways from the [report](#) are that:

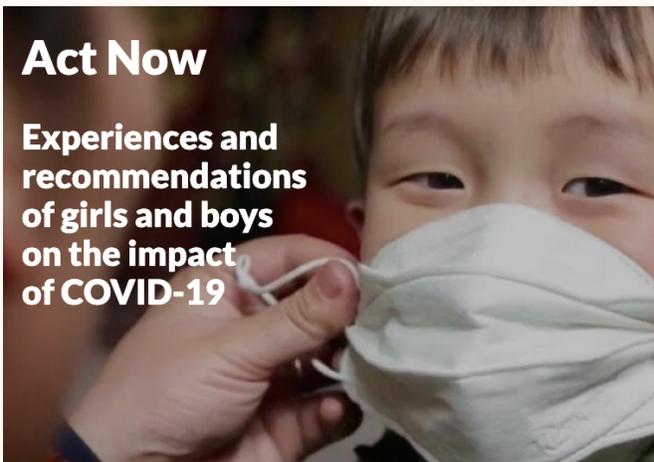
- ECD is massively underfunded despite commitments and overwhelming evidence of its transformative power
- vulnerable children, particularly children at risk of developmental delays and disabilities are being left out
- investment levels are nowhere near what is required to ensure inclusive ECD for all, which ensures that children don't just survive but thrive

The report also outlined policy recommendations for donors which included:

- Investment in calculating the real funding gaps of ECD at a country level
- Development of an agreed-upon method to track ODA-spending
- Increase investment in early childhood intervention (ECI) programs and parenting programs 0-3 years
- leave no one behind from the outset by hardwiring the inclusion of the most marginalized
- Show leadership and champion ECD as a development priority within their own agency and within countries

At the end, they called for attendees of the event to sign [Global Citizen's petition](#) calling on governments to help all children get a good start in life. An [invitation](#) was also extended to join a follow-up call on **Wednesday Dec. 9 from 9:00-10:30 am ET** to discuss how to use the report as a tool for advocacy.

Throughout the week, World Vision has been highlighting their ["Act Now" report](#) which documents the experiences and recommendations of girls and boys on the impact of COVID-19.



UNICEF released an [open letter to children](#) outlining "8 reasons why they are worried for children's future, and 8 reasons why they think there is hope."

World Children's Day is UNICEF's annual day of action for children, by children, and they [created COVID safe platforms and actions](#) to advocate for the child. UNICEF-USA shared their [youth and child voices campaign](#) with an end call to action for Congress to pass the [Global Child Thrive Act](#).