

The Weekly Pulse

NEWS AND UPDATES FROM OUR COALITIONS AND NETWORKS



Quick Summary

Global Campaign for Education-US finalized their [Recommendations for U.S Leadership in Global Education](#) document and is working to get the recommendation to the Biden-Harris Transition Team. GCE-US has also pulled together some [research](#) into the Transition Team members and created a [tool kit](#) to help disseminate their recommendations.

RESULTS released a [statement](#) regarding the Senate FY21 Appropriations Bills. The statement outlined their top priority to secure at least \$20 billion in foreign aid in the form of a COVID-19 supplemental bill. Currently, the House State and Foreign Operations (SFOPS) bill appropriates \$10 billion in emergency funds to respond to the global pandemic, while the [Senate version](#) does not include COVID-related emergency funds. To avoid a government shutdown, Congress will need to pass a bill by *December 11th, 2020*- either a Continuing Resolution or FY21 Appropriations Bills agreed upon by both the House and Senate.

The Global Partnership to End Violence Against Children, ECPAT-USA and other international organizations, are signing a [petition](#) against a proposed European Union law which would stop the use of technology that helps identify child sexual exploitation online.

Humanity and Inclusion released their "Let's Break Silos Now!- Achieving disability-inclusive education in a post-COVID world" [report](#). Their report includes arguments, testimonies, case-studies, and a list of actionable recommendations for governments, donors and multilateral agencies to support and carry out inclusive education.

Virtual Events

CHILD HEALTH TASK
FORCE'S [WEBINAR](#) ON
BUILDING HEALTHY
CITIES **DEC. 1 9AM ET**

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EDUCATION CANNOT
WAIT'S DISABILITY
INCLUSIVE EDUCATION
[FORUM](#) **DEC. 4 8AM ET**

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

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DRI'S CHILDREN WITH
DISABILITIES IN
ADVERSITY: INSTITUTIONS
AND PROTECTION OF
FAMILY LIFE IN COVID-19
[WEBINAR](#) **DEC 4. 11:30AM
ET**

Prioritizing Efforts to End Violence Against Children

Globally, the [World Health Organization](#) reports that over 1 billion children worldwide are exposed to violence in their homes, schools and communities. With the COVID-19 pandemic still rampant, children's advocates around the world are sounding alarms to a new "[hidden crisis](#)" of exacerbated violence against children. Lockdowns and movement restrictions due to COVID-19 have cut off access to protective child services leaving children even more vulnerable to violence. Left unaddressed, [Save the Children](#) says that exposure to violence can impact a child's learning, behavior and health for a lifetime. Now, more than ever, there is a need for the U.S to step up and ensure that children are protected against violence.

The **[End Violence Against Children\(EVAC\) Taskforce](#)** is a group of international non-governmental organizations working to address the global prevalence of physical and emotional violence against children. The Taskforce includes [World Vision](#), [Save the Children](#), [ChildFund International](#), [Futures Without Violence](#), [UNICEF](#) and [American Academy of Pediatrics](#). Here are some ways the Taskforce is taking on the need to push the U.S to protect children from violence:

1. **Resolution:** [The End Violence Against Children Resolution](#) is a formal statement by the United State Congress condemning all forms of violence against children. The resolution also commits the U.S to implementing a comprehensive, whole-of-government strategy to combat child and youth abuse globally using the evidence-based [INSPIRE strategies](#). Introduced to the House and Senate in 2019, House Resolution 230 and Senate Resolution 112 have been making their way through Congress. Representative [McGovern \(D- MA\)](#) and Wilson(R-SC) championed the resolution in the House and, on March 3, 2020, the resolution was passed. [Senator Boozman \(R- AK\)](#) and Senator Cardin (D-MD) introduced the resolution in the Senate and it is currently in the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations.
2. **New Legislation:** The Taskforce is working to create a new piece of legislation that will provide actionable policy towards the goal of the End Violence Against Children Resolution. Riding off of the success of the resolution's passage in the House, The Taskforce believes this is the perfect time to gather support and find co-sponsors in the House and Senate for their Act. Current draftings of the End Violence Against Children Act include policies to strengthen the role of the USAID Children in Adversity Special Advisor by making the advisor the coordinating mechanism for all initiatives relating to violence against children. Furthermore, the Act imbeds a feedback loop through the combined efforts of Together for Girls and PEPFAR surveying children who experience violence and creating actionable plans based on the results. Ongoing steps to edit the Act, find Congressional sponsors and build support are being made by The Taskforce and they plan to introduce the Act to the new 117th Congress in 2021.
3. **Policy Recommendations:** The Taskforce released their [recommendations](#) regarding effective child protection actions to be taken by during Covid-19. It includes four recommendations for U.S policy-makers to take action on in order to protect children globally.

Resources and Articles

UNICEF's World Children's Day Data and Advocacy [brief](#)

Girl Up's Let's Talk About Gender-Based Violence : A peer-led curriculum [resource](#)

Previous Newsletters highlighting the [YPS Act of 2020](#), [Biden-Harris transition documents](#), and [The Global Child Thrive Act of 2020](#)