

The Weekly Pulse

NEWS FROM ORGANIZATIONS AND COALITION IN GLOBAL CHILD ADVOCACY



Quick Summary

The Global Child Thrive Act has passed Congress as part of the NDAA! However, it still faces the a veto threat from President Trump as his administration has been against NDAA sections regarding social media protections and military base name changes.

The Thrive Coalition also met to workshop ideas for next steps in 2021. Discussions of creating a deliverable for USAID to propel the implementation of the Thrive Act were held, as well as, discussions on how to get a White House Children's Conference in 2022.

Leave No Child Behind community of practice meeting was held last Wednesday and included Koli Banik, Senior Education Advisor, Bureau for Africa, USAID. Koli presented a new measurement indicator for USAID pre-primary programs that will be rolled out in 2021. USAID [Draft documents](#) for this pre-primary indicator were shared and community comments are welcome at this email: kbanik@usaid.gov

Global Education Campaign-US's Suzanne Berman is asking for gender based violence(GBV) resources and higher education funding intel for the Office of Management and Budget(OMB). The OMB examiners are looking specifically for information regarding:

- GBV and education
- Higher education in countries impacted by economic crises

For the full email and Suzanne's contact, click [here](#). Deadline to send in resources to Suzanne is **Tuesday, December 15**.

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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ICT4D DIGITAL
PARTNERSHIP
[CONFERENCE](#) TO
STRENGTHEN CROSS-
SECTOR PARTNERSHIP
JAN. 12 2021

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FUTURES WITHOUT
VIOLENCE'S
"SUPPORTING
SURVIVORS AT THE
INTERSECTION OF
IMMIGRATION AND CHILD
WELFARE" [WEBINAR](#)
DEC.16 3:00-4:30PM EST

A Renewed Pledge to Stop Maternal and Child Malnutrition

Last week, the House voted to pass [House Resolution 189](#) which recognizes "the importance of sustained United States leadership to accelerating global progress against maternal and child malnutrition." This vote signifies a unified Congressional stance to stop maternal and child malnutrition as its companion bill in the Senate, [Senate Resolution 260](#), was passed earlier this year.

The House resolution was introduced by Representative Roger Marshall (R-KS) and Representative Jim McGovern (D-MA) with 153 cosponsors. Champions on the Senate included Senators Susan Collins (R-ME) and Chris Coons (D-DE) who were able to pass the resolution in January of 2020. Advocates of the resolution consisted of [Bread for the World](#), [Alliance to End Hunger](#), RESULTS, [UNICEF-USA](#), Save the Children, CARE and [World Vision](#).

This resolution is not the only legislation regarding maternal and child health that Senator Collins and Coons teamed up to champion. In 2019, the duo introduced the [Reach Every Mother and Child Act of 2019 \(S.176\)](#) which would provide the "focus and tools necessary to accelerate progress toward ending preventable maternal and child deaths." The legislation has been introduced to the Senate and was referred to the Foreign Relations Committee back in June of 2019. Endorsements of the Act have included many child advocates such as CARE, RESULTS, Save the Children Action Network, World Vision and PATH.

Bread for the World has indicated that The Nutrition Coalition, led by Kyle House Group, plans to introduce a similar legislation in the first quarter of the 117th Congress. The legislation would provide comprehensive action plans to carry out their victory on H.Res 189 and Sen. Res 206 which includes increased mechanisms for monitoring and evaluation of existing USAID nutrition programs.

The reaffirmed commitment of Congress to increasing U.S Government and USAID support for maternal and child malnutrition is timely as COVID-19 has been causing a retrograde in child food security and nutrition gains worldwide. The [Lancet](#) warns that the pandemic will worsen the pre-existing crisis of child malnutrition, tipping an additional 6.7 million children over the edge to become wasted. An estimated \$2.4 billion is needed to immediately protect these children, prevent and treat malnutrition, and avoid human loss. However, as of August 2020, [U.S Department of State and USAID](#) have only committed \$1.6 billion in emergency health, humanitarian and economic assistance to help communities around the world deal with the pandemic. Only [\\$8 million](#) of this commitment is going directly to hunger, malnutrition and food insecurity prevention efforts.

Resources and Articles

SFCG's Saji Prelis' [article](#) mapping the history of the UNSCR 2250 on Youth, Peace and Security

ECDAN's Harnessing Global Data for Young Children Webinar [Recording](#)

CPC Learning Network's "Moving Towards Children as Partners in Child Protection in COVID-19 [Guide](#)"