

The Weekly Pulse

NEWS AND UPDATES FROM OUR COALITIONS AND NETWORKS



Quick Summary

Thrive Coalition held its fourth quarter meeting to review progress on current Hill activities, discuss related initiatives and finalize a letter with recommendations to the next administration. They also facilitated a conversation with USAID's Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (MNCH) team's deputy director to build a working relationship between the coalition and the MNCH team.

Women's Refugee Commission, along with 80 other signatories, released a [statement](#) denouncing the unauthorized immigration enforcement operation carried out by DHS in Guatemala. The statement calls for an immediate investigation in to this and other DHS operations in Central America and Mexico, as well as for the U.S Congress to take action to prevent DHS from overstepping its mandate.

Together for Girls and its partners have published an [open letter](#) calling on the U.S presidential candidates to take a stand against sexual violence against children. This letter is a part of their [advocacy campaign](#) to keep kids safe.

International Youth Foundation's [Our Future, Our Voices free virtual summit](#) ran for five days (October 26-30). The summit brought together the world's young change-makers to lead conversations about the future they want to see, including a more just, equitable, and sustainable future.

News + Events

SEARCH FOR COMMON
GROUND'S YES4YPS
[WEBINAR](#) ON BUILDING
PEACE AFTER ELECTIONS
NOV 5, 2020 10AM ET

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THE BERNARD VAN LEER
FOUNDATION AND
CONVERGENCIA PARA LA
ACCION NETWORK'S
EARLY CHILDHOOD
MATTERS [LIVE LAUNCH](#)
NOV 5, 3-4PM CET

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GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP TO
END VIOLENCE AGAINST
CHILDREN'S TOGETHER TO
#ENDVIOLENCE
[SOLUTIONS SUMMIT](#) DEC 15,
2020

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The 5 Ws of the Global Child Thrive Act of 2020

[The Global Child Thrive Act](#) has recently created a lot of buzz within the international development and humanitarian sphere. Below is the who, what, when, where, and why relating to this exciting new piece of legislation:

WHO: The Global Child Thrive Act was introduced by Senators [Roy Blunt \(R-MO\)](#) and [Chris Coons \(D-Del\)](#) and Representatives [Joaquin Castro \(D-Texas\)](#) and [Brian Fitzpatrick \(R-Pa\)](#). The bill is co-sponsored by 69 other Senators and Representatives with over [60 organizations signing on in support](#).

WHAT: S. 2715/ H.R 4864 The Global Child Thrive Act would ensure that early childhood development(ECD) interventions are integrated into U.S foreign assistance programs serving young children and their families. The bill directs USAID to *integrate ECD* into their programming, *expand the authority* of the Special Advisor for Children in Adversity and *identify evidence-based priorities, indicators, outcomes, and targets* to support inclusive ECD.

WHEN: The bill passed the House on 09/22/2020 and was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations on 09/23/2020.

WHERE: Currently, the bill is making its way through Congress in two separate ways: a stand alone resolution and as an amendment to the NDAA. The bill has passed the House and is in the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations. With the NDAA approach, the House has passed the NDAA with the Global Child Thrive Act amendment; however, the Senate NDAA version does not have the amendment. The latest update is that the two NDAA versions are currently in conference and should be done and voted on after the election. Senate proponents for the Global Child Thrive act are leading a sign-on letter to make sure the Global Child Thrive Act ends up on the NDAA FY 2021 agenda.

WHY: Over 250 million children in low-and middle-income countries are not reaching their full potential due to inadequate nutrition, lack of stimulation, poor access to learning, low nurturing care, and high exposure to stress. Each year, 5.3 million children die before their fifth birthday, 45 percent of whom die from malnutrition. The Global Child Thrive Act will shift the framework of how the U.S provides aid, tailoring it to include ECD in all aspects of program piloting and implementation.

Resources & Articles

A TEST Joins Freedom Needs Truth's Open Letter regarding QAnon [Press Release](#)

U.S Supreme Court to Review the Trump Administration's "Remain in Mexico" Policy [Article](#)

Plan International's "Unlock the Vote!" [hub](#) provides resources for voters to make informed votes for girl's rights