

The Weekly Pulse

NEWS AND UPDATES FROM OUR COALITIONS AND NETWORKS



Quick Summary

RESULTS has been tracking [Congress' progress on the next COVID relief package](#). As of October 27th, Speaker Nancy Pelosi announced that the House will not vote on a new COVID relief package unless the Senate commits to bringing it to the floor as well. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell refused to commit and adjourned the Senate until Nov. 9.

Women's Refugee Commission thanked [58 members of Congress](#) for writing a [letter](#) to the DHS Acting Secretary and the CDC Director demanding an end to the Trump Administration's expulsion of unaccompanied children at the border without due process. The letter asks for answers about how expulsions were implemented, who the children are, if the children are tested for COVID-19, and if the children's welfare and development are protected.

Global Campaign for Education-US held their coalition meeting at the end of October and discussed both new and ongoing global and U.S advocacy initiatives. GCE is preparing an "International Basic Education 2020" Call to Action calling the next administration to focus on international education and the impacts of COVID-19 on its needs. There are ongoing efforts to implement the [Safe Schools Declaration](#) in the U.S which would protect education from attack and raise awareness of challenges facing children in conflict settings. Save the Children is collecting technical input from NGOs interested in endorsing a pair of resolutions in the House and Senate under the name "The Global Protection of Schools from Armed Groups Act of 2021"

Virtual Events

GCE'S [GLOBAL ONLINE LAUNCH](#) OF THEIR "LEAVE NO CHILD BEHIND: INVEST IN EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT" **NOV 19, 8:30-10:00AM EST**

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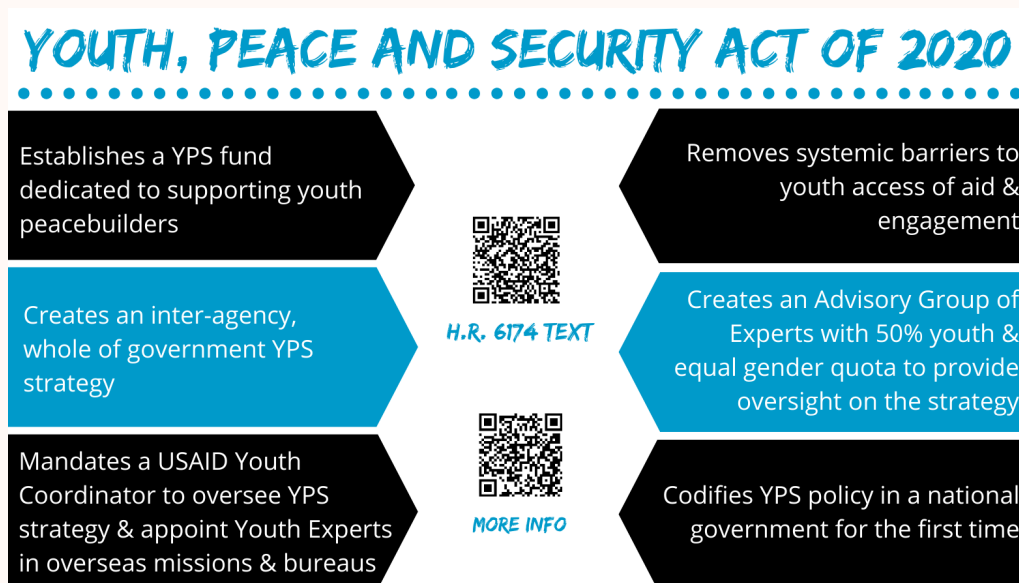
YPS COALITION'S [WEBINAR](#) ON WHY THE WPS AND YPS AGENDAS MATTER. HOSTED BY ICAN AND GNWP **NOV 16, 10AM EST**

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USIP'S [PEACECON](#) "PANDEMICS, PEACE AND JUSTICE: SHAPING WHAT COMES NEXT" **DEC 7-9**

#Yes4YPS: A Youth-led Movement to Ensure Youth Peace and Security

[One in four young people](#) today are estimated to be living in, or are otherwise affected by, armed conflicts and violence causing devastating effects on socio-economic development, health, security and peace. Youth are often the primary victims of violence, with armed groups and violent extremist going as far as targeting young people for recruitment. As a result, youth in these conflict-affected regions are the number one victims and the number one perpetrators of violence. When aid policies and programs exclusively view youth as the victim or the perpetrator they overlook the power and potential of young people/s contribution to preventing and reducing violence and building peace. The [Youth, Peace and Security \(YPS\) Act of 2020](#) would transform the narrative around youth in U.S foreign policy allowing youth to be active agents of building peace and security.



The bill has been introduced in the House by Congresswoman Grace Meng (D-NY) with Representatives Susan Brooks (R-IN), Dean Phillips (D-MN) and John Curtis (R-UT) on March 10, 2020 and was referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs. Congressman Phillips and Congresswoman Brooks sent a letter to the House Appropriations Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs urging increased support for USAID's Local Works account in an effort to fund the YPS specific funding stream. This increased financial support will fund the "inclusive and meaningful participation of youth in peace-building and conflict prevention, management, and resolution, as well as post-conflict relief and recovery efforts." Search for Common Ground is working with Senator Cory Booker (D-NJ) and Marco Rubio (R-FL) on introducing a companion bill in the Senate.

The YPS Coalition

The YPS Coalition consists of 50 organizations from humanitarian peace-building and development fields which actively educates and engages the U.S. Congress on the importance of youth peace-building to U.S. global security efforts. Comprising youth leaders, the Coalition connects young people around the world and provides a platform for youth, USC, donors, programmers, and policy makers to engage for the advancement and implementation of global YPS policy frameworks. Search for Common Ground co-chairs the coalition with Alliance for Peacebuilding.

Resources & Articles

World Vision's Foreign Assistance "End Poverty by 2030" [briefing material](#)

InterAction's Foreign Assistance "Fundamentals" [briefing material](#)

[Hub of Twitter updates](#) on coalitions, networks and organizations working in Children's advocacy