A Common-Sense Solution

Now more than ever, we need a common-sense approach to U.S. foreign assistance funding, policies and programs that recognizes the critical and interconnected needs of children and youth—no matter where they live.

We are calling for U.S. government leadership that includes:

- **Meaningful Youth Engagement**
  No one is better equipped to provide insight on the issues impacting young people than children and youth themselves. They should be included in every stage of developing and implementing policy and programming to ensure their voices and lived experiences are at the center of efforts intended to benefit them.

- **Policies and Programs that Elevate Children and Youth**
  The White House and Congress should require agencies and departments to provide an assessment of any policy, program or initiative on children and youth with data disaggregation for age, gender, disability and other factors. These actions will help ensure that policy and funding decisions prioritize all young people.

- **Increased Funding & Budget Tracking**
  Congress should establish a system for departments and agencies to track and report spending in detail, ensuring federal funds are used to holistically and effectively address children’s and youth’s needs. As part of an overall increase in foreign assistance funding, the U.S. must dedicate funds specifically for addressing these needs globally.

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A Shared Mission