

A Generation at Stake

This generation of young people is the largest in human history. They face an unprecedented confluence of crises and disasters that threaten decades of global gains in areas like health, education and economic growth. The enduring impacts of global challenges like COVID-19, climate change, as well as protracted and new conflicts continue to disrupt billions of young people's lives.

Many young people are already leaders today, and their generation will grow into the leaders of tomorrow. An entire generation is at stake, and supporting them now is critical to prevent the rapid reversal of decades of progress in areas like health, education, and poverty reduction.

Our vision is for all young people—from infancy to adolescence to youth—to have the chance to reach their fullest potential. With the resources to transform their communities, societies and nations, they will build a better world for everyone.

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 Engagement with Children and Youth

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 should name a high-level official to be responsible for leading the coordination of policies and programs for young people internationally. This official would report to the President and work in consultation with the Vice President, the Domestic Policy Council, the National Security Council, the Office of Management and Budget, and others.



Increased Funding and Budget Tracking

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

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A Shared Mission

