



The Reach Every Mother and Child Act

Ending Preventable Child and Maternal Deaths

Since 1990, the world has reduced mortality rates for children under 5 by more than one half. This is one of the greatest success stories in international development.

The U.S. has led an international effort to provide developing countries the tools to care for their children – often with simple, proven and inexpensive interventions that address leading causes of death, such as diarrhea and pneumonia.

Building on those gains, in 2014 the U.S. declared ending preventable child and maternal deaths around the world a national priority.

Despite this Progress...

15,000 children die each day from preventable and treatable causes such as pneumonia, diarrhea and malaria. A number of these children are excluded – growing up in the hardest to reach areas.

About half of the 15,000 children who die each day are newborns. 7,000 newborns die every day. And malnutrition is an underlying cause for 45 percent of deaths among children under the age of 5.

The Reach Every Mother and Child Act Would Save More Lives

Bipartisan legislation in Congress called the Reach Every Mother and Child Act (S. 1730 | H.R.4022) would put the world on a path to end preventable deaths of moms and kids. The bill was introduced by Senators Susan Collins (R-ME), Chris Coons (D-DE), Johnny Isakson (R-GA), Jerry Moran (R-KS), Dick Durbin (D-IL), Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH), Marco Rubio (R-FL), Mike Enzi (R-WY), Chris Murphy (D-CT) and Richard Blumenthal (D-CT) and in the House by Representatives David Reichert (R-WA), Betty McCollum (D-MN), Barbara Lee (D-CA) and Dan Donovan (R-NY).

The Reach Act would:

- Require a coordinated U.S. government strategy for how our country would contribute to ending preventable maternal, newborn and child deaths
- Establish rigorous reporting requirements to improve transparency, accountability, efficiency, and oversight of maternal and child health programs
- Ensure that the United States Agency for International Development scales up the most effective programs
- Encourage the use of innovative ways to pay for these programs, including public-private partnerships.

Urge Your Members of Congress to Cosponsor the Reach Act

You can help save the lives of moms and kids around the world by asking your members of Congress to cosponsor the Reach Act. Visit SavetheChildrenActionNetwork.org/Reach today!



Meet Mwayuma and her daughter Nadya, who was born underweight in Tanzania. Mwayuma was taught Kangaroo Care, a practice of skin-to-skin contact to help her daughter grow. Nadya is now healthy and strong. The Reach Act would ensure more moms and kids have access to low-cost, high impact care, like Kangaroo Care.