

Postcard Messaging:

Dear [lawmaker name]-

From Ukraine to Afghanistan, 452 million children around the world live in areas affected by conflict and more than 14 percent of them are estimated to have a mental health disorder. Please co-sponsor and vote for the Mental Health in International Development and Humanitarian Settings (MINDS) Act – S.2105/ H.R. 3988) to prioritize mental health and psychosocial support within U.S. foreign assistance.

I hope you will invest in kids!
[your name and address]

Phone Script

Hello,

I am a constituent calling to express my support for the prioritization of mental health and psychosocial support within U.S. foreign assistance through the Mental Health in International Humanitarian Settings –or MINDS Act. It is the first-ever piece of legislation that would promote these issues and this support is desperately needed right now. Globally, 452 million children live in areas affected by conflict and more than 14 percent of them are estimated to have mental health disorder. Despite these millions of children needing treatment and support, less than 1 percent of funding on global health goes to address their mental health and wellbeing.

I am calling to urge *[lawmaker's name]* to support the bi-partisan MINDS Act (S.2105 or H.R. 3988) that will support best practices in the field of mental health, lay the groundwork for a global mental health strategy and emphasize the needs of at-risk populations such as children, women and girls.

Email/Letter to MOC: *populated on website- might update the language for more conflict focused.*

[Help Fight the Global Mental Health Crisis for Kids \(savethechildrenactionnetwork.org\)](http://savethechildrenactionnetwork.org)