

Get Involved

What if all the people who wanted to end hunger and the worst aspects of poverty got together and did something about it? Local RESULTS members have two opportunities each month to take action:

1) Join volunteers from almost 100 congressional districts on a national conference call to learn more about the issues, effective lobbying techniques, and current legislation. Meeting location varies.

2) Participate in a community meeting to become educated on these issues and take action. Meeting is held at the Wallingford United Methodist Church, 2115 N. 42nd St. (at Bagley), Seattle.

2009 RESULTS Seattle Meeting Schedule

	National Conf. Call (11 am to 12 pm)	Edu. & Action Mtg. (7 pm to 9 pm)
Jan	10	14
Feb	14	18
March	14	18
April	11	15
May	9	13
June	13	17
July	11	15
Aug	8	12
Sept	12	16
Oct	10	14
Nov	14	18
Dec	12	9

NW Regional Conference:

February 20-22, 2009 Hood Canal, WA

International Conference:

June 20-24, 2009 Washington, DC

To learn how to become involved in local efforts, go to: www.resultsseattle.org
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What people say about RESULTS:

“From that day in 1987 when RESULTS arranged for me to talk by conference call to editorial writers in dozens of US cities to the announcement of the Nobel Peace Prize in 2006, no other organization has done more to put Grameen Bank on the map....More importantly, no other organization has been as critical a partner in seeing to it that microcredit is used as a tool to eradicate poverty and empower women.”

*Dr. Muhammad Yunus,
2006 Nobel Peace Laureate*

“[RESULTS is] one of the most effective organizations anywhere in North America.... It’s the dogged, tenacious, indefatigability of RESULTS activists and volunteers that continually keeps the pressure on and gives to the substance of a citizens movement a kind of electricity that helps to mobilize public policy and public opinion.”

*Stephen Lewis,
U.N. Special Envoy on HIV/AIDS in Africa*

“It is absolutely essential that citizens all across this country be part of an effort, like RESULTS, that reminds members of Congress why it is so important to invest in women and children....If members of RESULTS aren’t talking about it, we won’t hear about it.”

Senator Patty Murray (D-WA)

“RESULTS is about as good as it gets in terms of lobbying Congress and citizens involvement. What’s remarkable about RESULTS is that there are so few of you relative to so many other organizations out there, but the impact you have is just amazing.”

Senator Sherrod Brown (D-OH)

“I can never say enough good things about the work that you all do. It’s always refreshing to work with people with such optimism and willingness to fight for what is right.”

Representative Sherwood Boehlert (R-NY)

RESULTS

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**Creating the
political will to
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Who We Are

RESULTS was founded after a 1976 report by the National Academy of Sciences concluded that we possess all of the resources, structures and technology to end hunger in a single generation, but that the political will to make it a priority is missing. Today, more than 40% of the world's population still experiences abject poverty - living on less than the equivalent buying power of two U.S. dollars per day.

RESULTS activists are committed to exercising their personal and political power by lobbying elected officials for effective solutions and key policies that affect hunger and poverty. Unlike traditional non-profits working on these issues, RESULTS is organized as a 501(c)(4) to enable its members to advocate directly with elected officials. A separate, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) Education Fund serves to educate and engage the public about issues related to hunger, poverty and powerful citizenship.

More than 100 RESULTS groups are active across the U.S. and volunteers are also working in Canada, Mexico, Japan, Germany, England and Australia. Working together, we have been instrumental in raising awareness about the root causes of poverty and influencing development policies and funding around the world.

Persistent hunger is directly related to conditions of poverty and the issues that keep both in place are complex and tenacious. RESULTS activists focus effort on four current global campaign areas, each of which has specific goals: *Education for All*, *Economic Opportunity*, *Global Health and International Monetary Fund Reform*.

To learn more about our global campaigns, go to www.results.org

Our Global Campaigns

Education for All

Education, particularly for girls, is one of the most effective ways to fight poverty and disease and promote democracy and development. Despite Congressional funding increases from \$103 million in 2001 to \$694 million in 2008, current investments are not targeted toward removing barriers – such as school fees – for the more than 77 million primary school aged children currently out of school around the world.

Economic Opportunity

Microcredit loans are revolutionizing the way we look at poverty alleviation. Despite a strong history of proven accomplishments, microcredit has not been made a priority by either the U.S. Agency for International Development or World Bank.

Global Health

HIV/AIDS, TB and malaria present a huge challenge to global health, economics and social stability. Funding for the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Malaria and TB will need to triple in the next several years to achieve the Millennium Development Goals. TB is both a consequence and cause of poverty, yet the U.S. has failed to launch a major initiative to address this killer.

Child Survival: More than 26,000 children under five still die daily from largely treatable and preventable causes. Funding for maternal and child health programs falls far short of the need and resources are not being effectively invested in priority countries or measurable outcomes.

IMF Reform

Before the World Bank and most donor governments will provide development loans or assistance, poor countries must adhere to the International Monetary Fund's economic policies. While these budget caps on health and education may help keep spending down, they cause millions to drop out of school and forego healthcare treatment.

Our Current Goals

Education for All

- Strengthen Congressional oversight of basic education funding to ensure U.S. programs support Fast Track Initiative country plans and abolition of school fees.

Economic Opportunity

- Fully implement the *2004 Microenterprise Results and Accountability Act* directing half of microfinance assistance to the very poor and requiring poverty measurement tools.
- Increase appropriations for microfinance development programs specifying half of the funding for the very poor.
- Increase pressure on the World Bank to increase microfinance lending, at least half to the very poor.

Global Health

- Increase appropriations for global TB control programs and the Global Fund to provide U.S. "fairshare".
- Pass and enact the *Stop TB Now Act* to align U.S. policy/funding with the Global Plan to Stop TB.
- Increase resources directed through the Global Fund and expand TB-HIV components as part of reauthorization of the global AIDS initiative.
- Sustain Congressional pressure on the World Bank to increase funding for Africa TB programs
- Strengthen reporting/oversight and increase funding for child survival and maternal health programs.
- Build Congressional support for UNICEF's Accelerated Child Survival and Devel. Program.
- Support *Global Child Survival Act* passage.

IMF Reform

- Build Congressional pressure on the IMF to lift policies that restrict borrowers' ability to invest in health and education.