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Quick Summary

USAID published its [Multi-Sectoral Nutrition Review Report](#), which compiles resources from across multiple sectors to gain a better grasp of solving nutrition issues. The sections include Capacity Strengthening, Early Childhood Development, Food Systems, Knowledge Management, Monitoring Evaluation and Learning, Nutrition and Health Systems, Nutrition in Humanitarian Contexts, and Social and Behavior Change and Gender. To subscribe to the bi-monthly review, click [here](#).

The White House met with the Governments of Mexico and Canada in the [4th annual Trilateral Working Group on Violence Against Indigenous Women and Girls](#). During the meeting, all parties reaffirmed commitments to “Exchange information about policies,

programs and promising practices to prevent and respond to gender-based violence (GBV) impacting Indigenous women and girls,” “Enhance cooperation to address violent crimes against Indigenous women and girls,” “Enhance prevention efforts and the responses of our justice, health, education, and child welfare systems to violence against Indigenous women and girls,” “Facilitate meaningful engagement with Indigenous women and girls,” and “Address the need for improved data collection and research to better understand the extent of gender-based violence.” [The National Crime Information Center](#) reports that, in 2016, there were 5,712 reports of missing American Indian and Alaska Native women and girls, though the US Department of Justice’s federal missing person database, [NamUs](#), only logged 116 cases. To read the notes from this meeting, click [here](#).

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee held a hearing on **Dec 1, 2021** to consider from various political nominations appointees, including [Scott Nathan](#). He is nominated to be the Chief Executive Officer of the [United States International Development Finance Corporation](#) (DFC). Nathan stated that “The needs of the developing world are too great to meet with government resources alone and DFC can be a catalyst for bringing private capital to worthy projects. By bringing together OPIC and DCA through the BUILD Act, setting a new dual mandate (both developmental and strategic), and providing expanded tools and investment targets, Congress has challenged DFC to make a greater impact.” To view the hearing, click [here](#).

Spotlight

The United States International Council on Disabilities (USICD) held its annual gala on December 2, the International Day for Disabilities. The two Dole-Harkin honorees were [Senator Bob Menendez \(NJ\)](#), Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and [Dr. Victor Pineda](#), President of World Enabled. The International Advocate award was presented to [Her Excellency Catalina Devandas](#), former Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities.

During this event, **Senator Menendez** announced that he will be “introducing the **Global Disability Rights & Family Inclusion Act**, which I believe will fill a critical gap by providing support to local disability organizations abroad in their efforts to keep children with disabilities out of institutions and with families.” This legislation will be introduced to Congress in the next couple of days. He also emphasized that “Hundreds of thousands of men and women and children with mental disabilities have been literally shackled, chained and confined to small spaces.” Disability Rights International and USICD have been collaborating with Senator Menendez’s committee office to offer content and expertise for the **Global Disability Rights & Family Inclusion Act**.

Sponsors for the gala included JP Morgan Chase & Co., Google, Adaptive Compliance Solutions, New Editions Consulting, Inc, The Foundation for Global Sports Development, AT&T, Senator Bob Dole and others. To watch the USICD gala and the announcement of the Global Disability Rights and Family Inclusion Act, click [here](#).

Virtual Events

- **UNICEF's [Global Forum for Children and Youth](#)**. December 7-9, 2021.
- Womanity Foundation, Giving Women and SVRI [virtual event](#) **“Womanity Award 4: South to South Collaborations to Prevent Violence against Women and Girls”** Dec 8, 2021 at 7am EST.
- University of Miami Institute for Advanced Study of the Americas, Orange the World & Lancet Commission on Gender-Based Violence and Maltreatment of Young People [virtual event](#) **“Gender-based Violence Against Women and Children in the Americas: Countering Another Pandemic”** Dec 8, 2021 at 2pm EST.
- Search for Common Ground & the United Network of Young Peace Builders [virtual event](#) **“Beyond Tokenism: Meaningful Youth Engagement in EU Peace and Security Efforts - roundtable discussion”** Dec 9, 2021 at 10am CET.
- End Violence Partnership & UNICEF [virtual event](#) **“Together to #End Violence at Global Forum for Children and Youth (CY21)”** December 9, 2021 at 8am EST.
- Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict (GPPAC) [virtual discussion](#) **“Youth Peacebuilding Leaders on Implementing 2250”** December 9, 2021 at 8:30am EST.
- Women in International Security and the Embassy of Liechtenstein [virtual event](#) **“Afghanistan: Humanitarian Emergency and Gender Exclusion”** December 9, 2021 at 11am EST.
- Basic Education Coalition (BEC) [virtual webinar](#) **“USAID Education Progress Report Launch with the Implementers”** Dec 9, 2021 at 9am EST.

Reports, Articles & Resources

- Disability Debrief [article](#) “What does 15% mean?”
- GEM Uganda [YouTube video](#) “Ensuring Education Continuity For Pregnant Girls and Teenage Mothers.”
- Devex [report](#) “World Bank nutrition programs are effective, could be stronger”
- The Alliance for Child Protection in Humanitarian Action [article](#) “A New Blueprint for Protecting Children in Humanitarian Settings”

Job Opportunities

Save the Children is seeking to hire a Humanitarian Policy Advisor. They will “advance Save the Children’s humanitarian policy and advocacy agenda within U.S. foreign policy and assistance and multilateral bodies as strategic to protect the rights of children living in humanitarian and emergency settings.” Additionally, other essential duties include leading the development and implementation of successful humanitarian advocacy strategies, identify, cultivate and maintain relationships for Save the Children with key U.S. government officials and conduct policy research, provide real time policy analysis, and develop tailored advocacy and campaigns resources with many more. To learn more and apply to this position, click [here](#).

RESULTS is seeking to hire a Global Education Policy Manager. They will be responsible for “developing and driving RESULTS’ advocacy strategy and policy portfolio on global education across a set of core objectives including: mobilizing resourcing for learning outcomes in low- and middle- income countries; increasing political support for action in key donor markets; and building support for greater accountability for learning outcomes within donor and international organizations. To learn more and apply to this position, click [here](#).



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