



## **Education for All Act of 2016 (H.R. 4481 / S. 3256)**

**The Problem:** Currently, 59 million primary school-aged children globally do not attend school while 250 million do not have access to quality education. Gender discrimination in school contributes to the illiteracy of over 500 million women in adulthood as well. These issues, along with frequent global conflict and attacks upon schools, undermine the benefits of education.

**The Solution:** The Education for All Act of 2016 (H.R. 4481 / S. 3256) is a low-cost bipartisan initiative that will further advance quality basic education for all, while protecting U.S. national security interests by:

- Strengthening the 2011 USAID strategy by improving reading skills in primary grades, generating workforce-training skills that are relevant to each country's needs and ensuring equal access for students in areas of conflict.
- Designating a Senior Coordinator of United States Government Actions to provide basic education within USAID to organize the national and international response.
- Improving the quality of education by supporting educational goals in developing countries, replicating successful education interventions and measuring learning outcomes in students.
- Amending previous goals of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 in order to develop a coordinated, sustainable and aid-effective plan to promote universal basic education, with assistance priority to underserved, marginalized and conflict-afflicted populations.

The implementation of this bill would also promote and contribute to an overall increase in economic growth for underdeveloped countries, improve democratic institutions of government, encourage empowerment for women and young girls, and likely decrease extremism in politically vulnerable underdeveloped countries. According to the Congressional Budget Office, enacting this bill will cost less than \$500,000 per year.

### **About The Borgen Project**

The Borgen Project believes that the leaders of the most powerful nation on earth should be doing more to address global poverty. It is an innovative, national campaign that is working to make poverty a focus of U.S. foreign policy.