



## **Protecting Girls' Access to Education in Vulnerable Settings Act (H.R.5735)**

**The Problem:** Today, 50 percent of the 65 million displaced peoples in the world are under the age of 18 and one in four of said children does not have access to primary or secondary education. Women and girls in these vulnerable settings are often disproportionately denied access to education, which can hinder their ability to find jobs, engage in civil society and access other economic opportunities.

**The Solution:** The Protecting Girls' Access to Education in Vulnerable Settings Act (H.R.5735) will prioritize efforts to support access to primary and secondary education for displaced children with a specific focus on the inclusion of women and girls in foreign assistance programs by:

- Encouraging countries hosting displaced peoples to support efforts that guarantee displaced youths have access to invulnerable, quality primary and secondary education.
- Authorizing the Secretary of State and the Administrator for the USAID to coordinate with multilateral organizations like the World Bank and the U.N. to implement programs that collect data separated by sex and age.
- Strengthening training and capacity for the governments hosting displaced peoples to coordinate with the U.N., the World Bank, local and international NGOs and civil society organizations to effectively design and implement programs which address barriers to equal education.
- Focusing on the elimination of child marriage, gender based violence, forced labor and trafficking in order to promote girls access to education.
- Ensuring that women and girls are included and considered in the design, implementation and execution of programs related to the advancement of education.

The passage of this bill will encourage the inclusion of displaced girls in education and thereby promote global gender equity and fairness. In addition, a focus on education for young displaced peoples will likely contribute to the reduction of extremism in vulnerable countries across the world.

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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.