



Reach Every Mother and Child Act (H.R.4022 / S.1730)

The Problem:

- Despite the fact that, in the last 25 years, deaths of mothers and children under five globally have been nearly cut in half, **every day approximately 800 women, almost entirely from developing countries, die from preventable causes related to pregnancy and childbirth.**
- The risk of a woman dying in childbirth is 47 times higher in Africa than in the United States and **more than 17,000 children under five years old will die each day of treatable conditions.**

The Solution: The bipartisan Reach Every Mother and Child Act will strengthen the U.S. government's efforts to end the preventable deaths of mothers, newborns and young children in developing countries by:

- **Requiring a five-year, comprehensive strategy** with specific, measurable goals to end preventable maternal, newborn and child deaths by 2030;
- Designating a current U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) employee to serve as the **Maternal and Child Survival Coordinator**, focused on implementing strategies to ensure that the most effective interventions are scaled up in target countries; and
- Requiring the Executive Branch to develop a **financing framework** to leverage commitments from the private sector, nonprofits, partner countries and multinational organizations.

Other Noteworthy Facts

- H.R.4022 was introduced into the House by Rep. Dave Reichert (R-WA-8) along with Reps. McCollum (D-MN-4), Barbara Lee (D-CA-13), and Daniel Donovan (R-NY-11),
- S.1730 was introduced into the Senate by Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME) along with Sens. Chris Coons (D-DE), Jerry Moran (R-KS), Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH), Marco Rubio (R-FL), Richard Blumenthal (D-CT), Mike Enzi (R-WY), Johnny Isakson (R-GA), Richard Durbin (D-IL), and Chris Murphy (D-CT).
- A previous version of the bill (H.R.3706 / S.1911) gained strong bipartisan support in the 114th session, with 218 co-sponsors for the House version and 35 co-sponsors for the Senate version.