



## ADVOCATE TO PROTECT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS IN CENTRAL AMERICA

## THE UNITED STATES – NORTHERN TRIANGLE ENHANCED ENGAGEMENT ACT (H.R. 2615)

In April, the White House announced plans to cut U.S. foreign assistance to El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras – a plan that would threaten progress in addressing the root causes of migration, including poverty and violence. But now a bipartisan bill has been introduced to ensure that foreign assistance programs and the work of international development organizations like World Vision can continue to address poverty and violence in the region. World Vision's programs – strengthened currently by \$145 million in U.S. government grants in the region – use evidence-based approaches to create more stable communities where children can live free from fear and have hope for a future.

Please ask your member of Congress to support this important legislation to protect these life-changing programs that address poverty, violence and irregular migration sustainably.

Learn more about H.R. 2615 and why it's needed from World Vision's Policy Advisor for Child Protection, Nate Lance, in <u>this blog post</u>. You can email and call your House representative using World Vision's forms and call script by clicking "Act Now" in the blog.

## » HOW TO ADVOCATE

An in-person meeting is the most effective way to ask your member of Congress to support this bill. Meeting preparation and participation will require approximately 5 hours of time. Here's what World Vision provides to ensure your success:

- Sign-up to meet with your House representative in their district office. <u>Click here to email Cassie Rollins</u>, World Vision's Grassroots Organizer, to get started.
- **STEP 2** World Vision helps you identify your member of Congress and schedule your meeting.
- **STEP 3** World Vision helps you prepare with talking points, a suggested meeting agenda, background resources and a conference call.
- STEP 4 Conduct the meeting at your representative's local office. World Vision can help answer any questions the office may have and can help you follow-up with the office.

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