

parliamentary team report

september 2022 - september 2023



results

overview

A year is a long time in politics and 2023 has been no exception. The reporting period began with Prime Minister Liz Truss winning the Conservative leadership contest, propelled by strong support from party members. Her tenure, however, was short-lasting. 44 days and a “mini-budget” later, Truss and her key allies in Cabinet were forced to resign. Rishi Sunak, a relative newcomer to politics before his meteoric rise to Chancellor of the Exchequer in Boris Johnson’s government, was ushered in as Prime Minister on 25 October 2022. In his first statement outside Number 10, Prime Minister Sunak outlined his priority to tackle the cost of living crisis and economic instability to create a ‘highly productive UK economy’. Since becoming Prime Minister, Sunak has faced two confounding issues. In October 2022, inflation rates had reached a 41-year high at 11.1%; food prices were up by 15% on the previous year and energy prices had skyrocketed as a result of global supply chain disruptions and the effects of Russia’s invasion of Ukraine. Sunak simultaneously faced dissent within his own party which was increasingly divided by the previous Government’s handling of the Covid-19 pandemic, not to mention the “partygate” investigation.

What has this all meant for international development? It is not unprecedented that an economic downturn, like the one the UK is currently experiencing, pushes governments into adopting a more isolationist stance. With less money than usual to go around, the government focuses its energies, both in spending and

rhetoric, on domestic affairs. Throughout the last year, spending on overseas development has been pushed down the agenda and is threatened by politicisation as the Government determines what represents the best value for the British taxpayer. In these circumstances, raising political will for development has often felt like an uphill battle and it has been increasingly difficult for us to engage with parliamentarians on development issues which have been perceived as secondary to tackling the wider cost of living crisis.

It is worth noting, however, that the Prime Minister's appointment of the Rt. Hon Andrew Mitchell MP to Minister for International Development has been positive in raising the case for international development. It has been encouraging that the Minister for International Development has a deep understanding of development issues as well as an institutional understanding of the previous Department for International Development (DFID) – which was consistently ranked within the top 10 global institutions in terms of aid transparency.

The challenging domestic environment has pushed us to explore other advocacy strategies and adopt new methods to increase the impact and reach of our parliamentary advocacy. This has included identifying new partners to collaborate with from across but also outside the sector, including in academia, and ensuring that at every opportunity our advocacy is rooted in our anti-oppression values. We have also strengthened our relationships

with existing partners, including partners from ACTION, the global health advocacy partnership. For example, earlier this year we held a delegation in Kenya with several parliamentarians alongside our partners in Kenya, KANCO. We have continued to use our position as the secretariat of four All-Party Parliamentary Groups to amplify our presence in Parliament and have delivered a number of successful events throughout the year, connecting parliamentarians and ministers from across Whitehall with key stakeholders in global health and education. We have organised debates to build momentum ahead of key international moments such as around the SDG Summit in September and the UN High Level Meetings on TB, Pandemic Prevention, Preparedness and Response (PPPR) and Universal Health Coverage (UHC). Alongside this work, we have continued to feed into government consultations and drafted submissions to the Labour Policy Forum, the FCDO White Paper on International Development and more an International Development Committee Inquiry on achieving SDG 2 on Zero Hunger.

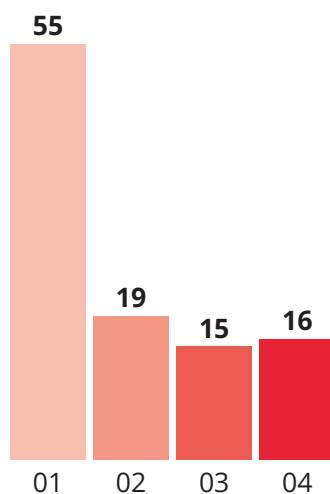
With an impending General Election shifting the focus away from development,

there is no doubt that it has been a challenging year for our parliamentary advocacy. That being said, we are approaching the General Election in a good position with an increased number of 'champions' in Parliament. We already know that as many as 76 MPs are standing down at the next election and we are closely aligning our parliamentary advocacy with a wider strategy that looks ahead to the next government. This includes closely monitoring and engaging with the Labour Shadow Cabinet as Sir Keir Starmer shapes the party in preparation for the next election, and seeking opportunities to feed in to Labour's international development policy to ensure that it prioritises poverty alleviation and listens to the voices of affected communities and local leaders in order to set its agenda. We have also begun to identify prospective parliamentary candidates standing in the next election and look forward to strengthening these relationships throughout the year. The next year will no doubt bring a lot of change and new advocacy opportunities for us to engage with, but with an agile strategy that looks beyond the General Election we begin the next year in a strong position.

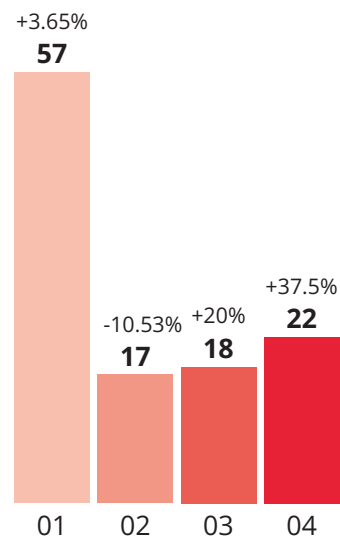
parliamentary tracking data

To quantify our engagement with parliamentarians, we apply a numerical value to each parliamentarian. We have a scale that runs from 0 (not engaged at all) to 4 (a champion for our specific issues-areas). While it is difficult to assign a numerical value to a relationship with an individual, the scale provides a framework that allows us to do that in the best way possible and map the data over time.

engagement levels 2022



engagement levels 2023



01 supporter 02 advocate 03 leader 04 champion

all-party parliamentary groups

Nutrition for Development

Over the past year, global nutrition has faced a series of challenges. At the end of 2022, the APPG gathered to discuss the impact of Russia's invasion of Ukraine on global food supplies and nutrition. In the spring, parliamentarians demonstrated their strengthened interest in nutrition at the group's annual general meeting, where they discussed innovative financing, climate change, food systems, and how to build robust cross-sector support for ending malnutrition. Throughout the year, the APPG has co-hosted a series of roundtables which explored inventive ways to finance and build political support for malnutrition, and looked at ways to prevent severe acute malnutrition reaching the stage of a humanitarian crisis. These discussions have prepared parliamentarians to contribute to debates and advocacy opportunities around Minister Andrew Mitchell's Global Food Security Summit, scheduled for November, as well as the upcoming Nutrition for Growth Summit, which will be hosted in Paris.



Global Tuberculosis

With the 2023 United Nations High-Level Meeting (HLM) on TB in September, international TB stakeholders have been working hard throughout the year to ensure the HLM acts as an epoch in the fight to eradicate TB by 2030 in line with SDG 3.3.2. In January, the APPG organised a roundtable of domestic TB stakeholders to discuss the UK's approach to the upcoming HLM. This included participation from lived-experience activists, researchers and academics from the UK Academics and Professionals to End TB (UKAPT), public servants and UK TB advocates. In March, the APPG hosted its annual World TB Day reception in Parliament and heard from Dr Helen Fletcher, Johnson & Johnson's Scientific Strategy and Innovation Lead. Working alongside Campaigns in Global Health (CGH), the APPG published a report which looked at the policy crossovers between the upcoming HLMs on TB and Pandemic Preparedness and Response (PPR). In July, the APPG organised a debate to discuss the FCDO's approach to the three upcoming HLMs and in response an FCDO Minister outlined the Government's engagement with other nations and the key aims and goals they were pursuing in relation to the HLMs.



Vaccinations for All

In the past year the APPG on Vaccinations for All has held a variety of events, ranging from in-person briefings and roundtable discussions to breakfast receptions. As a result of the continued engagement with UK Parliamentarians, civil servants, civil society, and other key stakeholders, since January 2023 the APPG has grown by approximately 50%, boasting a total of 113 members. Led by Dr Philippa Whitford MP, the group's priorities in this past year have focused on the ongoing impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on routine immunisation services in the UK and around the world, including on vaccine research and development. Its largest event this year, 'Lessons from the Pandemic', took place during World Immunisation Week in April and hosted Dr Seth Berkley as one of its keynote speakers, who was in London for the last time in his position as Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance's CEO. Alongside Dr Berkley, Dr Diana Atwine joined the event in-person from Uganda in her role as Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Health, as well as Claire Moran as the Head of Health Institutions and Health Security Department at the FCDO.



Global Education

It has been a dynamic year for the APPG on Global Education, which has engaged in a range of activities championing global education in Parliament. After meeting with Yasmine Sherif, CEO of Education Cannot Wait, APPG members pushed for the UK to make a commitment to replenishing the fund in line with past contributions. The APPG has hosted several events this past year including a roundtable with Minister Mitchell to discuss Results UK's 'Foundations First' report on foundational literacy and numeracy, a launch event for Send My Friend's 'Let My Friends Learn' report on education in emergencies, and a roundtable on the status of the Sustainable Development Goal on education in advance of the SDG Summit. Other activities include holding a debate to mark the International Day of Education highlighting the current learning crisis, as well as receiving cross-party support on a letter organised by youth leaders in the Global Partnership for Education advocating for the inclusion of global education in political party manifestos.



timeline of activities

parliamentary delegation to Transforming Education Summit at the United Nations General Assembly September 2022

Results UK organised a parliamentary delegation to the Transforming Education Summit at the United Nations General Assembly with former Shadow Secretary of State for International Development, Preet Kaur Gill MP, and Imran Hussain MP.



Results UK co-hosts luncheon at Transforming Education Summit September 2022

Results UK, US & Canada hosted a luncheon in New York at the Transforming Education Summit with Congressional representatives, UK and Canadian parliamentarians, USAID and FCDO officials, and education activist Gat Ramdjet, to discuss action and collaboration in addressing the learning crisis.

Results UK launches Foundations First report in parliamentary event in with Minister Mitchell December 2022

Results UK launched its *Foundations First* report in Parliament at an event with Minister Andrew Mitchell. The report included recommendations for maximising the UK's impact in addressing the learning crisis and was attended by parliamentarians, experts on foundational literacy and numeracy and a youth activist.



▲ september 2022

▼ october 2022

▲ december 2022

▼ november 2022

the APPG on Nutrition for Development holds roundtable on nutrition & war in Ukraine

October 2022

The APPG Nutrition for Development welcomed Webster Makombe, Youth Leader for Nutrition, Emma Massey, Nutrition Adviser (Humanitarian/Health) from the FCDO and Jenny Vaughan, Senior Policy Advisor for Child Health at UNICEF UK to discuss the impact Russia's invasion of Ukraine and the ongoing impact on nutrition worldwide.



the APPG on Global Education host roundtable with Yasmine Sherif in support of 222 million Dreams campaign

November 2022

The APPG on Global Education hosted a private roundtable to discuss Education Cannot Wait's 222 Million Dreams campaign. The roundtable was chaired by Harriett Baldwin MP, Co-Chair of the APPG, and the panel included Yasmine Sherif, Director of Education Cannot Wait and Judith Herbertson, Head of Girls Education, FCDO. The panel also included Sarah Amu, Youth 4 Education in Emergencies and Evie and Anneka, Send My Friend campaign champions.



Westminster Hall debate for International Day of Education

January 2023

Vicky Ford and FCDO Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Anne-Marie Trevelyan, called for action on the learning crisis at a Westminster Hall debate to mark International Day of Education 2023, which Results UK helped organise and supported through preparing briefings and speech writing.

the APPG on Global TB hosts roundtable for UK TB stakeholders on priorities in advance of 2023 HLM on TB

January 2023

The APPG on Global Tuberculosis organised a roundtable for UK TB stakeholders to discuss their priorities and strategies in advance of the 2023 UN High-Level Meeting on TB. The meeting included members and colleagues from the UK Academics and Professionals Network against TB (UKAPT), UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA), Foreign, Development and Commonwealth Office (FCDO) and the British Thoracic Society (BTS). The meeting was the first time since the Covid pandemic that such a large gathering of TB stakeholders had met in Parliament.



▲ January 2023

▼ February 2023

▼ March 2023

Results UK submits written evidence to Health & Social Care Select Committee inquiry

February 2023

Results UK submitted written evidence on why the Health and Social Care Committee should consider routine immunisation as part of its 'Prevention in health and social care' inquiry, and why immediate action is needed from the UK Government. Results UK contributed to the Committee's decision to consider what steps need to be taken for the UK to remain at the forefront of global vaccination policy.

Results UK signs on to joint report challenging the UK's support for private and commercial education overseas

February 2023

Results UK signed onto a joint report sent to the UN Committee for Economic Social and Cultural Rights using human rights law to challenge the UK's use of public funds for private and commercial education overseas. Results UK was joined by signatories from around the globe, including many countries where the UK has funded for-profit education projects that have contributed to the degradation of public school systems.

the APPG on Vaccinations for All holds Annual General Meeting with briefing from Gavi representative

March 2023

The APPG VfA held its Annual General Meeting in the UK Parliament to reconstitute the group. Following the official vote, representatives from Gavi briefed Parliamentarians on their updated 'Gavi 5.1' strategy for 2021-25 and Gavi's 2023 mid-term review.

the APPG on Global Education hosts report launch event for Send My Friend report on Education in Emergencies

April 2023

The APPG on Global Education hosted a Parliamentary report launch for the Send My Friend Coalition's report on Education in Emergencies, 'Let My Friends Learn'. Following the APPG's Annual General Meeting, Results UK organised a panel discussion for UK parliamentarians and senior leadership of the FCDO education team to hear about how the UK can prepare, protect, invest, and act to support education in emergency contexts. Speakers included experts in the field and youth voices from the UK and with lived experience. The importance of FLN for children in these contexts was a key theme of the discussions.



the APPG on Vaccinations for All hosts World Immunisation Week breakfast reception with Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance

April 2023

The panel consisted of Dr Seth Berkley, who was in London for the last time as Gavi's CEO for this in-person event, Dr Diana Atwine, the Permanent Secretary in Ministry of Health of the Republic of Uganda, and Claire Moran, the Head of Health Institutions and Health Security Department at the UK's Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO). Dr Philippa Whitford MP chaired the event and there were approximately 73 attendees.



▲ april 2023

Results UK submits evidence to the Labour Party's National Policy Forum

March 2023

Results UK submitted evidence to the Labour Party's Policy Forum, and made recommendations on a dedicated department to international development, development finance, decolonising international development, climate-friendly development and public narratives.



the AAPG on Global TB visit to IAVI lab

March 2023

The APPG on Global TB visited an IAVI lab at the Kensington and Chelsea Hospital alongside the APPG for HIV/AIDs. We heard from the Head of Laboratory and researchers who are working on the development of new TB and HIV vaccines. We then received a lab tour.

World TB Day reception in Parliament

March 2023

The APPG on Global TB held its annual World TB Day reception in Parliament and supported the launch of a new report: *'Ready Next Time - Beating TB today and preparing for pandemics tomorrow'*. The event was attended by TB survivors, stakeholders, MPs, civil servants, academics, doctors and nurses and heard from a range of speakers including Dr Helen Fletcher, Scientific Innovations Lead for Johnson & Johnson.



Results UK education team meet with FLN grant partners in Ottawa, Canada

May 2023

The education team convened with its FLN grant partners (Results US, Results Canada, IPNED) in Ottawa, Canada to reflect on the past two years of work on foundational literacy and numeracy and to chart a path forward for advocacy on global education in our respective countries into the next year and beyond.

Results UK supports parliamentary outreach for open letter organised by youth leaders from the Global Partnership for Education

May 2023

Results supported parliamentary outreach for an open letter organised by youth leaders from the Global Partnership for Education. The letter called for UK political parties to commit in their manifestos to fully funding the Global Partnership for Education and Education Cannot Wait and received signatures from 10 parliamentarians from the Conservative, Labour, SNP and Liberal Democrat parties

Results UK signs on to statement on a single dose schedule for HPV vaccine

May 2023

Alongside other advocacy, research and implementation partners, Results UK signed a statement to share evidence and raise awareness about the potential for a single-dose HPV vaccine schedule to reach more girls and prevent more cases of cervical cancer.

▲ **may 2023**

the APPG on Nutrition for Development hosts Annual General Meeting and panel discussion on priorities for nutrition in 2023

May 2023

The APPG Nutrition for Development hosted its Annual General Meeting, followed by a panel discussion on some of the most relevant issues for nutrition this year, including financing, food systems and climate change, and building cross-sector support to end malnutrition.



the APPG for Global TB holds Annual General Meeting

May 2023

The APPG unanimously re-elected Virendra Sharma MP and Lord Nick Herbert as co-chairs of the APPG. The Members also discussed APPG strategy in advance of the UN HLM.

the APPG on Nutrition for Development co-hosts roundtable with the World Food Programme

July 2023

The APPG on Nutrition for Development co-hosted a roundtable with the World Food Programme to discuss the importance of preventing acute malnutrition.



the APPG for Global TB holds a Westminster Hall debate on the upcoming HLM on TB

July 2023

Virendra Sharma MP, Co-Chair of the APPG for TB secured a debate in Westminster Hall to discuss the Government's approach to the upcoming 2023 UN HLMs. The debate was well attended, with a number of speakers raising TB specifically. The Minister responding gave a positive response which suggested the Government are keenly engaged with the HLM process.

the APPG on Vaccinations for All co-hosts roundtable on vaccine research & development

July 2023

'Preparing for the Next Pandemic: The Role of Vaccine Research & Development' – An APPG VfA roundtable discussion in partnership with the Pandemic Action Network (PAN) at the UK Parliament. The panel consisted of Professor Dame Jenny Harries, Chief Executive, UK Health Security Agency, Professor Pontiano Kaleebu, Director, Uganda Virus Research Institute, and Dr Melanie Saville, Executive Director of Vaccine Research and Development, Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI). The event was attended by Parliamentarians, civil servants, civil society representatives and other key stakeholders. Dr Philippa Whitford MP chaired the event.



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the APPG on Nutrition for Development co-hosts a private roundtable with the ONE Campaign

June 2023

The APPG on Nutrition for Development co-hosted a private roundtable with the ONE Campaign, which provided a forum for parliamentarians and leading voices in the sector to have a frank discussion on innovative ideas to build support and raise funds for ending malnutrition.



parliamentary delegation to Kenya

August 2023

We took a delegation of parliamentarians to visit Kenya alongside KANCO. While there, we met with FCDO officials in the British High Commission, visited TB, child health and nutrition programming and met with MPs in the Kenyan Parliament.

Results UK attends the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) RMG Retreat in Geneva

September 2023

Results UK's Child Health team attended the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) Resource Mobilization Group retreat in Geneva, where they met with other GPEI partners and discussed next steps for polio advocacy in the UK and across key areas of the globe.

