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## *A Youth-Led Movement for Global Peace*

For the last 15 years, STAND: The Student-Led Movement to End Mass Atrocities has been empowering youth to advocate for a global community invested in preventing, mitigating, and resolving genocide and mass atrocities wherever they may occur. We are one piece of a **global movement of youth**, from the Sunrise Movement, to March for Our Lives, to the Forces of Freedom and Change in Sudan and other youth-led uprisings around the globe.

In our view, the key to creating sustainable change around the world is to empower youth with the resources and platforms they need to promote peace and justice. That's what we've been fighting to accomplish for the last 15 years, and we're not alone. In 2015, **10,000 young peacebuilders** participated in the first-ever Global Forum on Youth, Peace, and Security. As a result of this forum, the United Nations Security Council unanimously adopted **Resolution 2250** on YPS.

### KEY FACTS

- About 1 in 4 young people are living in or otherwise affected by armed conflict
- As of 2014, youth are 1.8 billion of the world's population; there are more youth than adults in many developing countries
- Over six years in Somalia, education and civic engagement programs funded by USAID contributed to a near 50% reduction in youths' willingness to support or participate in political violence

# YOUTH, PEACE & SECURITY



## *A New Vision for U.S. Foreign Policy*

The bipartisan **Youth, Peace and Security Act** (H.R.6174) introduced by Representatives Meng (D-NY), Brooks (R-IN), Phillips (D-MN), and Curtis (R-UT), would create important systemic change for youth in U.S. foreign policy by building on Resolution 2250. STAND is working with partners to advocate for this bill, including the Alliance for Peacebuilding and Search for Common Ground.

If passed, the YPS Act will **increase** U.S. support for the youth, peace and security efforts worldwide; **ensure** that youths' experiences are integrated into the design and implementation of U.S.-funded programming and strategies; **support** youth-led programming to prevent violent conflict and build peace through financial and diplomatic assistance; **protect** the physical safety, economic security, and dignity of young people; and **collect** and **analyze** age-disaggregated data to better understand the roles played by young people in areas affected by fragility and conflict.

Join us in supporting this legislation and empowering youth around the world by calling upon your Representatives to vote YES for YPS today.

STAND is the student-led movement to end mass atrocities To learn more, visit [standnow.org](https://standnow.org).