

July 11, 2024

<p>The Honorable Patty Murray Chairwoman Senate Appropriations Committee 154 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510</p>	<p>The Honorable Susan Collins Ranking Member House Appropriations Committee 413 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510</p>
<p>The Honorable Tammy Baldwin Chairwoman Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health, and Human Services 141 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510</p>	<p>The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito Ranking Member Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health, and Human Services 170 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510</p>

Dear Chairwoman Murray, Ranking Member Collins, Chairwoman Baldwin, and Ranking Member Capito:

Global Health Council is the leading member organization devoted to advancing global health priorities by uniting advocates, implementers, policymakers, and other stakeholders. We strongly encourage Congress’ support for robust funding for global health; nutrition; water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH), and biosafety and biosecurity programs within the Health (550) account, as well as all other global health-related budgets as you consider Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 appropriations.

The 10-11% cuts proposed by the House Appropriations Committee to the overarching Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies (LHHS) budget from its FY24 enacted level falls woefully short of the funding necessary to address global converging crises and would signal a cessation of U.S. leadership and influence on the world stage. **To pursue the achievement of critical U.S. global health goals and commitments, we, the undersigned organizations, strongly encourage increased investments for these programs and, at a minimum, support funding at FY24 enacted levels.** Please find our account and program recommendations for FY25 in the table below.

Investments in these programs save lives, transform communities, and advance health equity. For example, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)’s Global Health Center Division for Global Public Health Protection (DGHP) programs bolster critical health system capacities in partner countries. Their efforts support field epidemiology training programs around the world, building the public health workforce needed to detect, investigate, and control emerging health threats and respond to the public health impacts of natural disasters and humanitarian crises.

DGHP's work is vital to our shared global health security and necessitates robust funding levels. Further, the work of CDC's National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases, Division of Parasitic Diseases and Malaria (DPDM) helps protect Americans through its efforts to detect, prevent, and respond to infectious disease and malaria threats, both at home and abroad. DPDM provides crucial monitoring and surveillance of transmission, evaluation of interventions for effectiveness and impact, development of key diagnostics, and testing of tools in a real-world setting that are critical to ensuring that our global health investments in infectious disease and malaria have maximum impact.

Furthermore, CDC's global HIV work with the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), is responsible for more than half of PEPFAR's annual results across key HIV testing, treatment, prevention, and other interventions known to have the greatest impact on HIV incidence and mortality. This work provides lifesaving treatment and care for approximately 700,000 mothers, children, and adults while also seeing the development of improved diagnostics and research to inform future cross-cutting global health efforts at both CDC and the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

At the NIH's National Institute for Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), the research conducted prepares the U.S. to address re-emerging threats like neglected tropical diseases and malaria. This research—past, present, and future—conducted at NIAID underpins our responses to antimicrobial resistance, one of the world's most pressing health threats, and re-emerging and emerging diseases such as the growing H5N1 threat. The efforts of NIAID researchers are actively supporting the development of more effective diagnostic tests, new antibiotics, vaccines, and novel treatments effective against these threats that will benefit all Americans.

Global Health Council, and the undersigned organizations, strongly urge Congress to ensure the final FY25 appropriations package reflects this urgent need.

We are excited for the opportunity of continued bipartisan partnership with Members of Congress to ensure the U.S. maintains its leadership and impressive record of success in addressing global health challenges.

If you have any questions about our recommendations, please feel free to contact the Global Health Council at advocacy@globalhealth.org.

Sincerely,

1. 1,000 Days, an initiative of FHI 360
2. Advocacy Network Africa (AdNetA)
3. Advocates for Youth
4. American Academy of Pediatrics
5. American Public Health Association

6. American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene
7. Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations (AAPCHO)
8. AVAC
9. Christian Connections for International Health
10. CORE Group
11. Drugs for Neglected Diseases initiative
12. Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation
13. Fast-Track Cities Institute
14. FIND
15. First Focus Campaign for Children
16. Georgia AIDS Coalition
17. Global Focus on Cancer
18. Global Health Council
19. Global Health Technologies Coalition
20. Health GAP (Global Access Project)
21. HIV Medicine Association
22. IAVI
23. Infectious Diseases Society of America
24. International Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research
25. International Association of Providers of AIDS Care
26. International Medical Corps
27. Management Sciences for Health
28. Marked By Covid
29. MSI Reproductive Choices
30. Operation Smile
31. PAI
32. Pandemic Action Network
33. PATH
34. Pathfinder International
35. Population Council
36. Population Institute
37. Population Services International
38. Project HOPE
39. Public Citizen
40. Resolve to Save Lives
41. RESULTS
42. Seed Global Health
43. Shot@Life
44. Smile Train
45. Stop TB USA

- 46. TB Alliance
- 47. TB Elimination Alliance
- 48. The Task Force for Global Health
- 49. Together for Girls
- 50. Treatment Action Group
- 51. United to Beat Malaria
- 52. University of Miami Public Health Policy Lab
- 53. WaterAid
- 54. We Are TB
- 55. What to Expect Project
- 56. Women's Refugee Commission

Appendix: Account & Program Recommendations for Fiscal Year 2025 (in thousands)

	FY 2025 Recommended Funding Level (in thousands)
National Institutes of Health (HHS)	
Fogarty International Center	\$116,100
National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases	\$7,840,250
Office of AIDS Research	\$3,953,000
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (HHS)	
Global Health Center	\$1,002,300
of which Parasitic Diseases and Malaria	\$40,000
of which Global Public Health Protection	\$456,400
of which Global HIV/AIDS	\$128,900
of which Global Tuberculosis	\$21,000
of which Global Immunization	\$356,000

National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases	\$900,000
of which Global WASH	\$10,000
Infectious Diseases Rapid Response Reserve Fund	\$300,000