

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 Christopher Coons Chairman Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs 218 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510</p>	<p>The Honorable Lindsey Graham Ranking Member Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs 211 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510</p>

Dear Chairwoman Murray, Ranking Member Collins, Chairman Coons, and Ranking Member Graham:

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 International Affairs (150) 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 State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs (SFOPS) budget, including an 8% cut to global health programs specifically, 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. In concert with U.S. humanitarian and development programs, these programs are also cost-effective and support U.S. foreign assistance priorities to reduce poverty, achieve gender equality, promote human rights, and improve national and global security by supporting stable, resilient, and democratic communities. It is estimated that for every \$1 invested in health, there is an economic return of between \$2 to \$4 across developing countries. Furthermore, U.S. global health investments draw attention to and prioritize solutions that address non-communicable and other neglected health threats that increasingly affect the economies of key trading partners and encourage investment by peer countries.

We also support much needed investments in multilateral institutions, such as the World Health Organization (WHO); UNICEF; the UN Population Fund (UNFPA); Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance; the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria; and the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI), all of which leverage U.S. dollars to broaden impact and save more lives. U.S. investment in multilateral global health organizations also yields economic benefits. For example, U.S. investments in WHO's work result in a \$35 return on investment at least for every \$1 invested.

Americans consistently support global health and development assistance funding, with a 2023 poll showing that a majority of Americans believe the federal government should particularly invest more in pandemic preparedness both at home and abroad. U.S. global health programs deliver real results with wide ranging health, security, and economic benefits for the U.S. and the world. Continued U.S. investment in global health is needed to build on these achievements and safeguard against backsliding. U.S. leadership can accelerate progress toward the global goal of ensuring healthy lives and promoting well-being for all at all ages by scaling up investments in effective bilateral and multilateral programs; supporting research, development, and innovation; and strengthening health systems.

Global Health Council, and the undersigned organizations, strongly urge Congress to ensure the final FY25 appropriations package reflects this urgent need. Additionally, we strongly urge Congress to support a clean PEPFAR reauthorization for a minimum of five years, ensuring this landmark program does not falter and maintains long-term program sustainability.

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 Heart Association
6. American Public Health Association
7. American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene
8. Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations (AAPCHO)
9. AVAC
10. CARE USA
11. Center for Biological Diversity
12. Christian Connections for International Health
13. CORE Group
14. Drugs for Neglected Diseases initiative
15. Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation

16. Fast-Track Cities Institute
17. FIND
18. First Focus Campaign for Children
19. Georgia AIDS Coalition
20. Global Focus on Cancer
21. Global Health Council
22. Global Health Technologies Coalition
23. Health GAP (Global Access Project)
24. Helen Keller Intl
25. HIV Medicine Association
26. IAVI
27. Infectious Diseases Society of America
28. International Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research
29. International Association of Providers of AIDS Care
30. International Medical Corps
31. Management Sciences for Health
32. Marked By Covid
33. MSI Reproductive Choices
34. Operation Smile
35. PAI
36. Pandemic Action Network
37. PATH
38. Pathfinder International
39. Planned Parenthood Federation of America
40. Population Council
41. Population Institute
42. Population Services International
43. Project HOPE
44. Public Citizen
45. Resolve to Save Lives
46. RESULTS
47. Save the Children
48. Seed Global Health
49. Shot@Life
50. Smile Train
51. Stop TB USA
52. TB Alliance
53. TB Elimination Alliance
54. The Task Force for Global Health
55. Together for Girls
56. Treatment Action Group
57. United to Beat Malaria
58. University of Miami Public Health Policy Lab
59. VillageReach

- 60. WaterAid
- 61. We Are TB
- 62. What to Expect Project
- 63. Women's Refugee Commission

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

	FY 2025 Recommended Funding Level (in thousands)
Global Health Programs (USAID & State)	\$15,365,000
Maternal and Child Health	\$1,150,000
of which Gavi	\$340,000
of which Polio (all accounts including ESF)	\$165,000
Malaria (PMI)	\$925,000
Tuberculosis	\$1,000,000
Family Planning (all accounts)	\$1,740,000
of which UNFPA (IO&P)	\$116,000
Nutrition	\$300,000
Vulnerable Children	\$35,000
Neglected Tropical Diseases	\$125,000
HIV/AIDS (USAID)	\$350,000
PEPFAR	\$5,140,000
of which UNAIDS	\$60,000
The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria	\$1,650,000
Pandemic Fund (all accounts)	\$1,000,000

Global Health Security	\$1,000,000
of which CEPI	\$200,000
Emergency Reserve Fund	\$300,000
SIGHT Fund for R&D	\$250,000
Global Health Worker Initiative	\$200,000
Health Systems Strengthening	\$200,000
Development Assistance (DA)	
Water and Sanitation	\$500,000
Contributions to International Organizations (CIO)	
World Health Organization	\$134,580
International Organizations & Programs (IO&P)	
UNICEF	\$175,000
of which FGM	\$5,000