

October 24, 2022

The Honorable Patrick Leahy  
Chairman  
Senate Appropriations Committee  
437 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Richard Shelby  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
304 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Christopher Coons  
Chairman  
House Appropriations Subcommittee on State,  
Foreign Operations, and Related Programs  
218 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Lindsey Graham  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Subcommittee on State,  
Foreign Operations, and Related Programs  
290 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Leahy, Ranking Member Shelby, 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' continued support for robust funding for global health; nutrition; water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH), and biosafety and biosecurity programs within the International Affairs (150), the Health and Human Services (550), and the Department of Defense (CTR) global health-related budgets as you consider final Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 appropriations. **At a minimum, we support increased investments for these programs, in line with the highest dollar amount requested for each line item either by the House of Representatives or the Senate.**

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.<sup>1</sup> 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.

Americans consistently support global health and development assistance funding. 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, as the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated lagging progress against some of the world's most pressing health challenges. U.S. leadership can accelerate progress toward the global

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.brookings.edu/blog/future-development/2020/07/21/how-investing-in-health-has-a-significant-economic-payoff-for-developing-economies/>

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 FY23 appropriations package reflects this urgent need. Additionally, we strongly urge Congress to support the \$4 billion put forth by the Senate for the global COVID-19 and emerging infectious disease threats, like monkeypox and Ebola. This critical funding will ensure support to countries as they continue to manage existing and emerging pandemics, as U.S. bilateral global health programs carry on their lifesaving work.

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. Please find an appendix with specific programmatic request levels for each request below.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Kiki Kalkstein ([kkalkstein@globalhealth.org](mailto:kkalkstein@globalhealth.org)) and Ansley Moore ([amoore@globalhealth.org](mailto:amoore@globalhealth.org)).

Sincerely,

1. 1,000 Days, an initiative of FHI Solutions
2. Abt Associates
3. Advancing Synergy
4. Advocates for Youth
5. Aidsfonds
6. American Academy of Pediatrics
7. American Heart Association
8. American Jewish World Service
9. American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene
10. Americas TB Coalition
11. AVAC
12. Bay Area Global Health Alliance
13. Better World Campaign
14. CARE
15. Catholic Medical Mission Board
16. Center for Global Health Innovation
17. ChildFund International
18. Children's HeartLink
19. Christian Connections for International Health
20. Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd, U.S. Provinces
21. CORE Group
22. Drugs for Neglected Diseases initiative, North America
23. Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation
24. Every Mother Counts
25. Friends of the Global Fight Against AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria
26. Georgia AIDS Coalition
27. Global Communities
28. Global Health Council
29. Global Health Technologies Coalition (GHTC)

30. Guttmacher Institute
31. Heartland Alliance International
32. HIV Medicine Association
33. Infectious Diseases Society of America
34. InterAction
35. International Association for Dental Research
36. InterNews
37. IntraHealth International
38. Ipas
39. Islamic Relief USA
40. JSI and World Education
41. Management Sciences for Health
42. Medical Impact
43. MPact Global Action
44. NASTAD
45. National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd
46. National Birth Equity Collaborative
47. Network Lobby for Catholic Social Justice
48. Nuclear Threat Initiative
49. PAI
50. Pandemic Action Network
51. PATH
52. Pathfinder International
53. Planned Parenthood Federation of America
54. Population Connection Action Fund
55. Population Institute
56. Population Services International
57. Prevention Access Campaign
58. Public Citizen
59. Resolve To Save Lives
60. RESULTS
61. Shot@Life
62. Sightsavers
63. Stop TB USA
64. The Borgen Project
65. The END Fund
66. The Task Force for Global Health
67. Together for Girls
68. Treatment Action Group (TAG)
69. UNICEF USA
70. United Nations Association of the USA
71. United to Beat Malaria at the UN Foundation
72. University Research & Co., LLC (URC)
73. WaterAid America
74. What To Expect Project

**Appendix**

	<b>FY 2022 House Funding Level</b>	<b>FY 2023 Recommended Funding Level</b>
<b>Global Health Programs (USAID &amp; State)</b>	<b>\$11,276,450</b>	<b>\$17,545,000</b>
Maternal and Child Health	\$879,950	\$1,100,000
of which Gavi	\$290,000	\$290,000
of which Polio (all accounts including ESF)	\$65,000	\$165,000
Malaria (PMI)	\$820,000	\$1,000,000
Tuberculosis	\$469,000	\$1,000,000
Family Planning (all accounts)	\$830,000	\$1,740,000
of which UNFPA (IO&P)	\$70,000	\$116,000
Nutrition	\$160,000	\$300,000
Vulnerable Children	\$30,000	\$35,000
Neglected Tropical Diseases	\$112,500	\$150,000
HIV/AIDS (USAID)	\$330,000	\$350,000
PEPFAR	\$4,520,000	\$5,120,000
Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB, and Malaria	\$1,560,000	\$2,000,000

Global Pandemic Preparedness Fund (all accounts)	N/A	\$2,000,000
Global Health Security	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
of which CEPI	N/A	\$200,000
Emergency Reserve Fund	\$90,000	\$300,000
Water and Sanitation	\$475,000	\$600,000
SIGHT Fund for R&D	N/A	\$750,000
Office of Health Systems	N/A	\$100,000
<b>UNICEF (IO&amp;P)</b>	\$134,000	\$175,000
<b>NIH (HHS)</b>		
Fogarty International Center	\$96,800	\$106,842
NIAID	\$6,557,803	\$7,036,523
Office of AIDS Research	\$3,290,000	\$3,845,000
<b>CDC (HHS)</b>		
Center for Global Health	\$842,821	\$996,310
of which Parasitic Diseases and Malaria	\$31,000	\$34,000
of which Global Public Health Protection, Global Disease Detection and Global Health Security	\$448,200	\$456,400
of which Global HIV & TB	\$128,421	\$128,910

of which Global Tuberculosis	\$9,200	\$21,000
of which Global Immunization	\$226,000	\$356,000
Center for Emerging Zoonotic and Infectious Diseases	\$674,272	\$900,000
of which Global WASH	N/A	\$10,000
Infectious Diseases Rapid Response Fund	\$35,000	\$300,000
<b>Department of Defense</b>		
Biological Threat Reduction Program (within Cooperative Threat Reduction account)	\$225,396	\$250,000