

August 5, 2025

The Honorable Marco Rubio  
Secretary of State  
U.S. Department of State  
2201 C Street NW  
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Secretary Rubio:

We urge you to ensure the remaining \$2 billion of Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24) funds for Global Health Programs are obligated by September 30, 2025. These critical resources support life-saving efforts approved and prioritized by the Administration, such as programs that combat threats such as malaria, HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and vaccine-preventable diseases, as well as those that improve maternal and child health and nutrition and bolster global health security. This funding was appropriated by Congress with strong bipartisan support and was recently protected in the rescissions package. Timely obligation of these funds is essential to delivering on U.S. commitments to save millions of lives worldwide while also making America safer, stronger, and more prosperous.

Our understanding is that the State Department has already approved \$1.5 billion of these FY24 funds, however, they cannot be obligated in part due to a recently imposed restriction limiting funding to program activities occurring through December 31, 2025. An additional \$500 million is currently awaiting approval before it's sent for Congressional Notification, which is required for Global Health Security funds. Given recent and possible future staff changes, we're concerned that this nearly \$2 billion in funding could encounter challenges and expire without timely action.

The importance of this funding has been heralded by the Administration in the President's Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) budget request and supported by Congress in the FY26 National Security and Related Program (NSRP) Appropriations bill recently approved in the House Appropriations Committee. The immediate obligation of these funds is consistent with Congressional intent and is essential to avoid disruptions to life-saving global health programs.

Obligating these funds in a timely manner would continue life-saving health interventions and longstanding U.S. efforts to fight disease. It would strengthen health systems, and advance strategic foreign policy goals. The implications for lives and America's credibility are too great to ignore.

We urge you to take immediate steps to fully and expediently obligate the funds. We stand ready to support this effort and appreciate your leadership in advancing this critical work.

Sincerely,

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American Society for Tropical Medicine and Hygiene  
BASF Corporation  
Christian Connections for International Health

Corporate Alliance for Malaria in Africa  
Friends of the Global Fight  
Global Citizen  
Global Health Council  
Global Health Technologies Coalition  
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