

PLANTING HOPE, FEEDING FUTURES

INTERNATIONAL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Protect and Fund Lifesaving Global Health and Nutrition Programs

End Global Hunger. Support American Farmers. Strengthen National Security.

Anchored in Genesis 1:27, we believe every human being is made in God's image and should have access to enough nutritious food for good health. Funding critical global health and nutrition programs – which work together to allow families and individuals to flourish – will save millions of lives. We also know that international aid, which comprises less than 1% of the federal budget, has an outsized impact in strengthening the U.S. economy and national security.

We therefore urge Congress to protect and fund global health and nutrition programs in fiscal year FY 2027 at the following levels:

GLOBAL NUTRITION

Food for Peace Title II Programs - \$1.619 Billion

Food for Peace programs provide emergency and long-term nutrition assistance that targets the most vulnerable populations. In FY 2023, Food for Peace reached more than 45 million people with emergency aid and nutrition assistance in 35 countries. American farmers benefit greatly from selling nearly \$2 billion in commodities annually for use in these programs. Food for Peace saves lives by:

- **Delivering emergency assistance** to areas impacted by disasters and conflict
- **Providing emergency in-kind food donations** from American farmers
- **Facilitating local food purchases** that are culturally accepted and market based
- **Focusing on territories with the greatest need:** the program must once again target and include compounding crises in places, such as the West Bank/Gaza, Sudan, Somalia and Yemen

ASK: Support \$1.619 Billion in funding for Food for Peace Title II in FY 2027.

McGovern-Dole Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program - \$240 Million

McGovern-Dole programs provide U.S. commodities and financial and technical assistance to lower-income countries to establish school feeding programs for preschool and primary school children. In FY 2023, the program delivered nutritious school meals to more than 2.5 million food-insecure children in 34 countries. Funding will support:

- **Safe transportation** of donated U.S. commodities to participating countries
- **Educational instruction**, teacher training, and school site improvements
- **Strong relationships with local farmers** to grow nutritious, sustainable food

ASK: Support \$240 Million in funding for the McGovern-Dole Food Program in FY 2027.

GLOBAL HEALTH

Nutrition Programs for Global Health - \$165 Million

Globally, children who do not receive nutritious food suffer from stunting, anemia, acute malnutrition, or worse, even early death. These critical programs provide lifesaving treatment for 61,000 malnourished children and cure more than 185,000 women of anemia, among other outcomes. This funding will provide a return on investment for the American taxpayer by securing fragile regions vital to U.S. national security. Specifically, it will provide:

- **Breastfeeding** as a primary source of nutrition for babies
- **Ready-to-use therapeutic food (RUTF)** to treat acute malnutrition
- **Healthy child development** through nutrition supplements, education, and more

ASK: We urge Congress to support \$165 Million in funding for nutrition in global health programs in FY 2027.

U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) - \$5.4 Billion

PEPFAR was established in 2003 to support HIV prevention, care, and treatment in more than 55 countries. Globally, PEPFAR is credited with saving **26 million lives and achieving HIV epidemic control**. It also provides critical nutrition assistance to ensure compliance with treatment plans, especially for mothers and children. PEPFAR funding will:

- **Provide** lifesaving antiretroviral treatment and testing for tens of millions of people across 55 countries
- **Strengthen** programs for orphaned and vulnerable children (OVC)

ASK: Support \$5.4 Billion in funding for life-saving treatment through PEPFAR in FY 2027.

The Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunizations (Gavi) - \$300 Million

Gavi was founded in 2000 as a global public-private partnership to help vaccinate children against deadly diseases. And since 2000, the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunizations (Gavi) has prevented **20.6 million future child deaths** globally. The U.S. is one of six original donor countries that established Gavi. Funding Gavi will help:

- **Make** routine childhood vaccines available globally
- **Strengthen** routine immunization systems
- **Maintain** emergency stockpiles for outbreak-prone diseases

ASK: Support \$300 Million in funding for life-saving vaccinations and immunizations through Gavi in FY 2027.