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Policy Forum: U.S. Leadership to Fight Severe Malnutrition

October 21, 2021

What we'll cover



- **Severe malnutrition: who, where, and why**
- **Impact of COVID-19 pandemic on severe malnutrition**
- **U.S. global nutrition policy**

Nutrition is a human right

“Everyone has the **right to a standard of living** adequate for the health and well-being of himself and his family, **including food**, clothing, housing and medical care and necessary social services...”

- *Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Article 25 (A)*

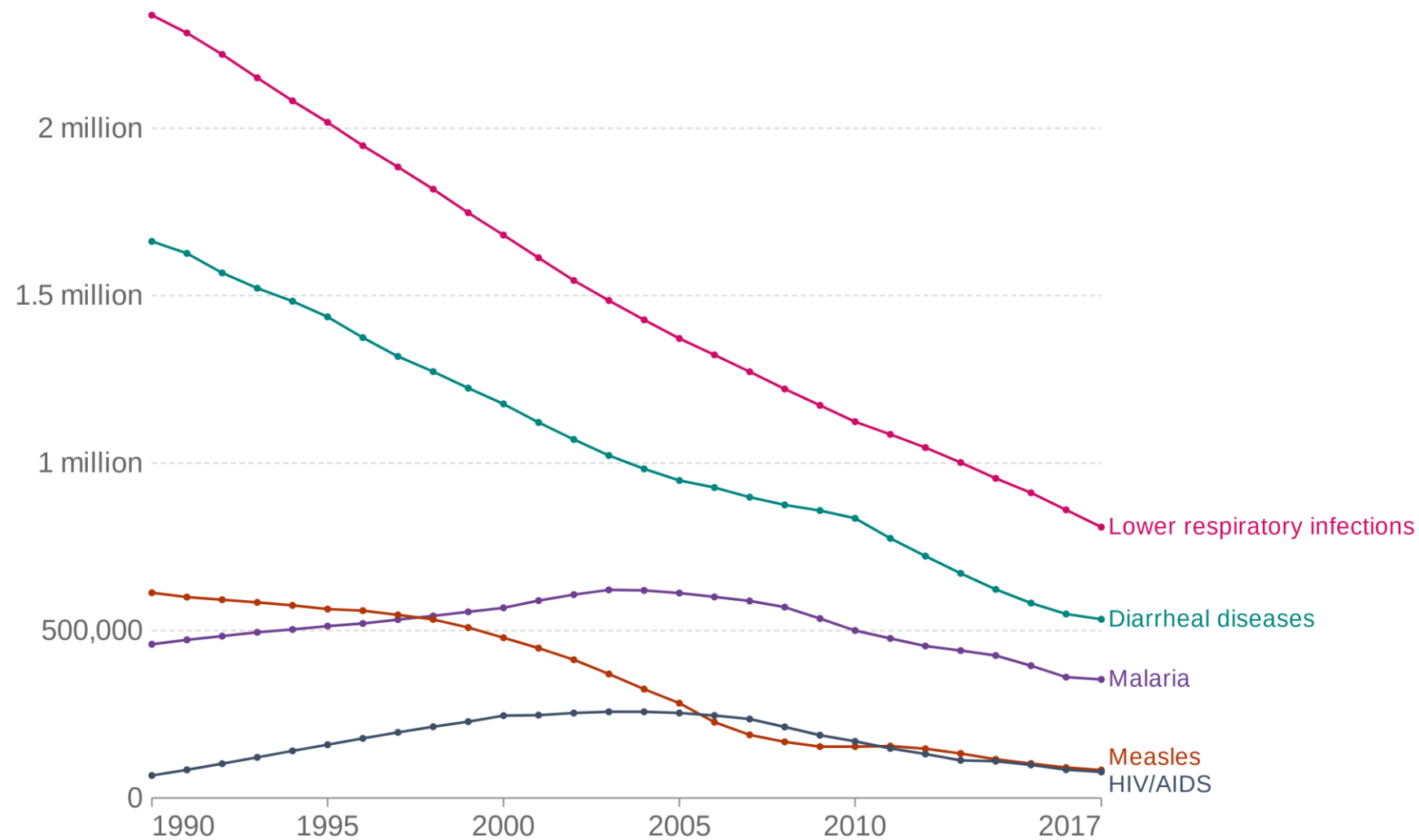
Every man, woman, and child has the **inalienable right to be free from hunger and malnutrition...**

- *Universal Declaration on the Eradication of Hunger and Malnutrition*

Malnutrition is the underlying cause of nearly half (45%) of child deaths.

Childhood deaths from the five most lethal infectious diseases worldwide, World

Our World
in Data



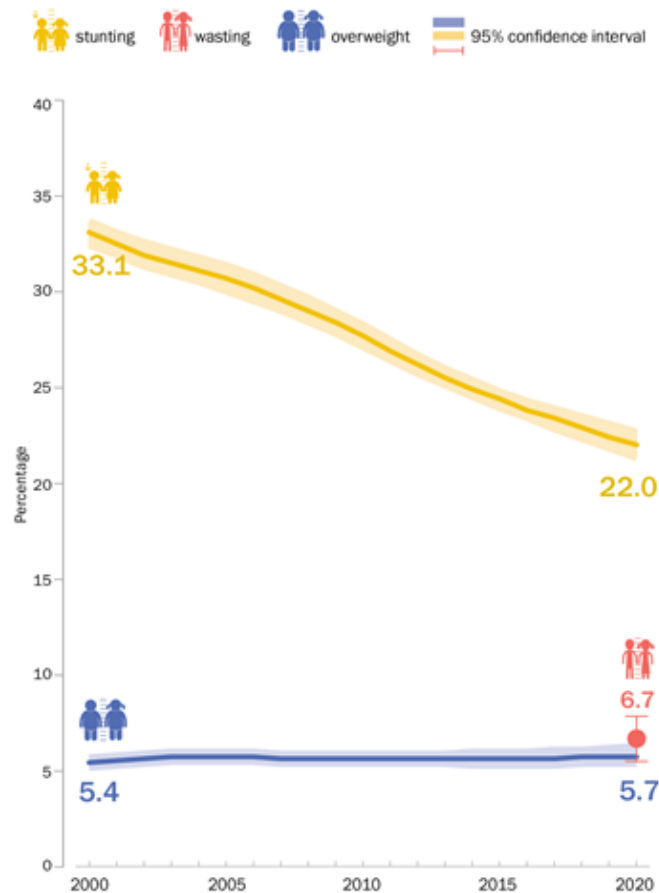
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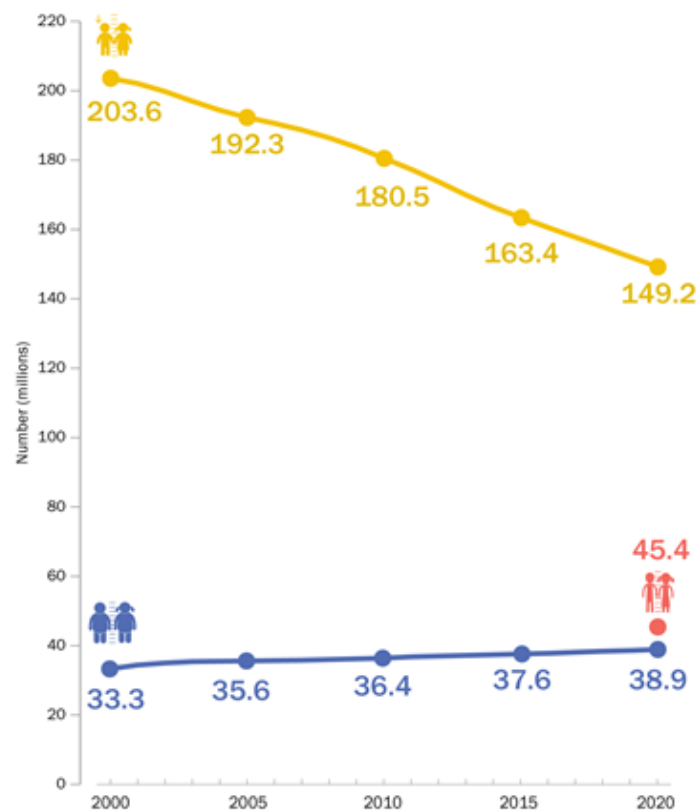
GLOBAL OVERVIEW

Stunting has declined steadily since 2000 – but faster progress is needed to reach the 2030 target. Wasting persists at alarming rates and overweight will require a reversal in trajectory if the 2030 target is to be achieved.

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Percentage of children under 5 affected by stunting, wasting and overweight, global, 2000–2020*



Number (millions) of children under 5 affected by stunting, wasting and overweight, global, 2000–2020*



STUNTING
149.2 million

Stunting affected an estimated 22.0 per cent or 149.2 million children under 5 globally in 2020*



WASTING
45.4 million

In 2020,* wasting continued to threaten the lives of an estimated 6.7 per cent or 45.4 million children under 5 globally

The Power 4

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**Prenatal
vitamins**



**Vitamin A
supplements**



**Breastfeeding
support**



**Emergency
Therapeutic
Foods**

By 2022, COVID-19-related disruptions could result in an additional:

- 9.3 million wasted children
- 2.6 million stunted children
- 168,000 additional child deaths
- 2.1 million maternal anemia cases
- \$29.7 billion in future productivity

USAID Nutrition

Implementing nutrition-specific interventions, or those that address the immediate **health-related determinants** of undernutrition.



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Figure 13

U.S. Funding for Global Nutrition, FY 2011 - FY 2021

(In Millions)

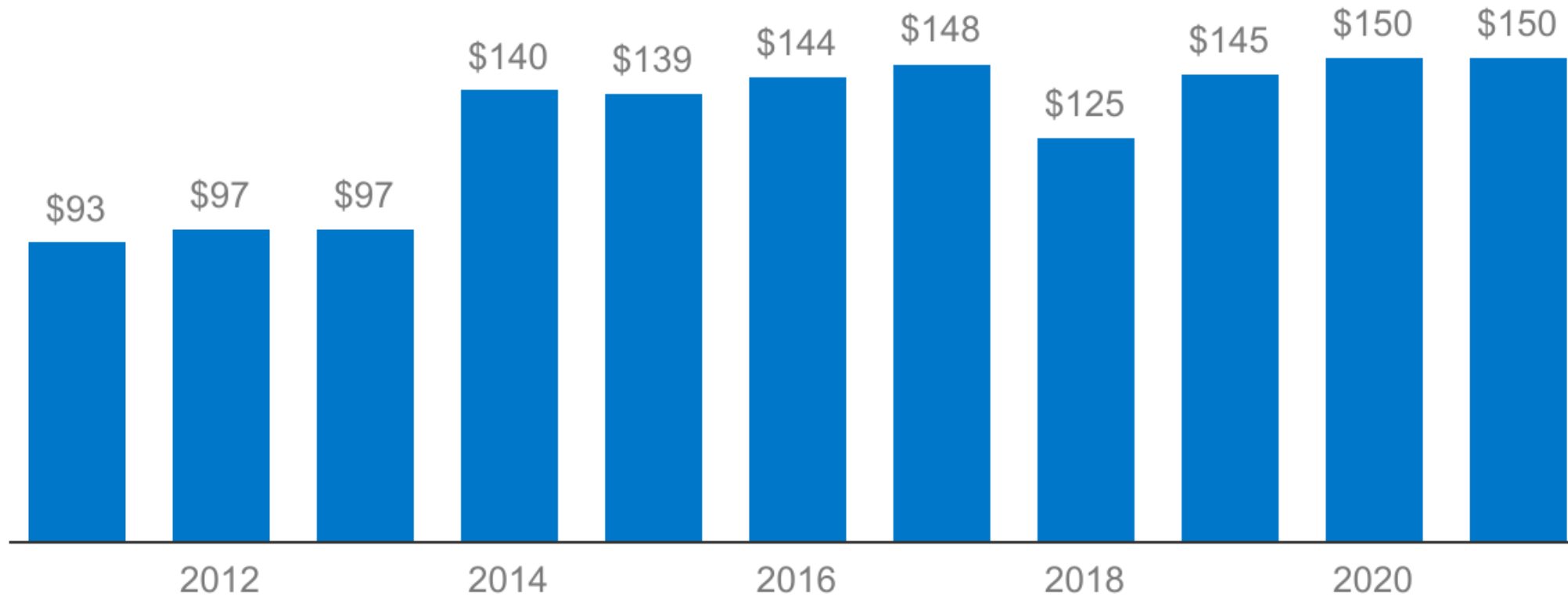


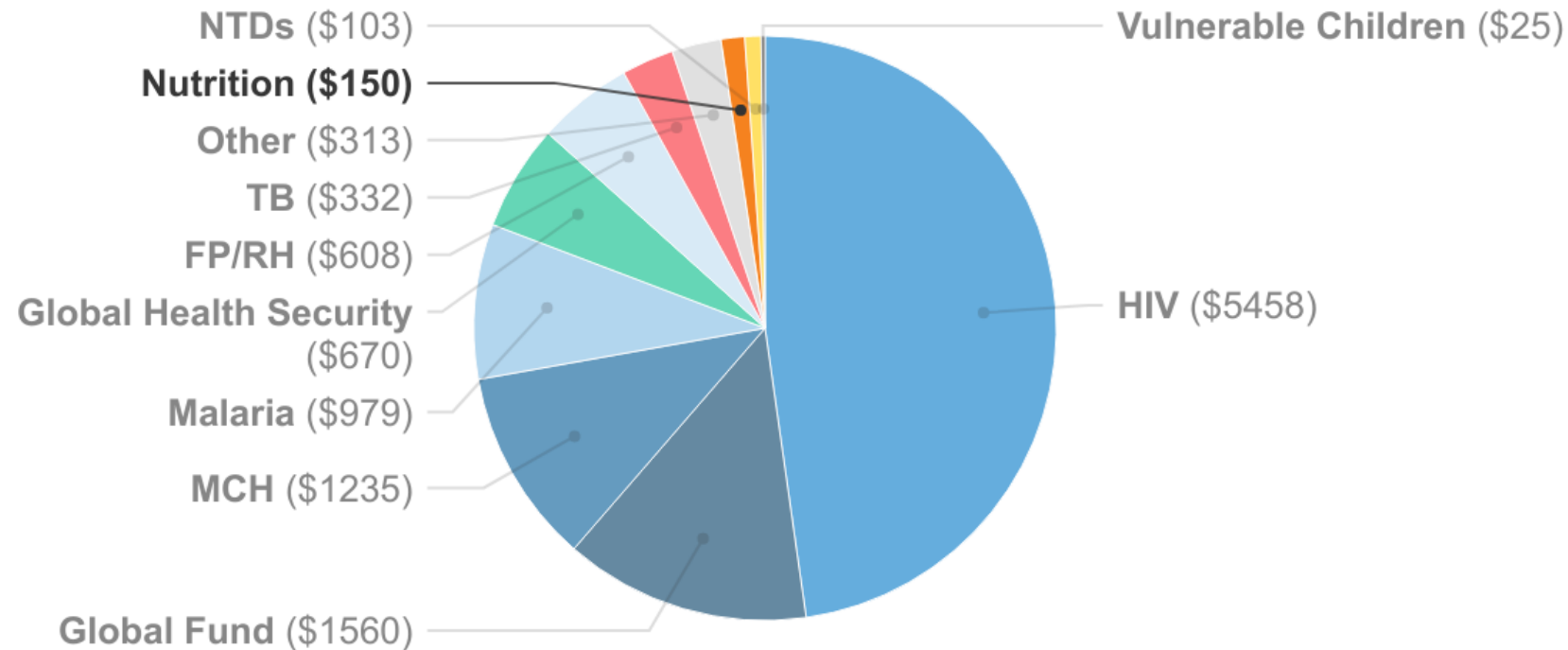
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U.S. Global Health Funding (in millions), By Sector, FY 2021

Total Funding = \$11.4 billion

Does not include COVID-19 supplemental funding

Click on button to view pie chart [with COVID-19 supplemental funding](#)



Global Malnutrition Prevention and Treatment Act of 2021



- House: H.R. 4693; Reps. McCaul (R-TX), Meeks (D-NY), Kim (R-CA), Houlihan (D-PA)
- Senate: H.R. 4693; Sens. Coons (D-DE), Wicker (R-MS), Kaine (D-VA), Boozman (R-AR)

Global Malnutrition Prevention and Treatment Act of 2021

- Optimize USAID's global nutrition assistance programming by increasing the four most effective interventions (known as **the Power 4**)
- Establish **clear implementation and congressional reporting requirements** to better track progress
- **Elevate and increase coordination** of nutrition programming within USAID and other agencies

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