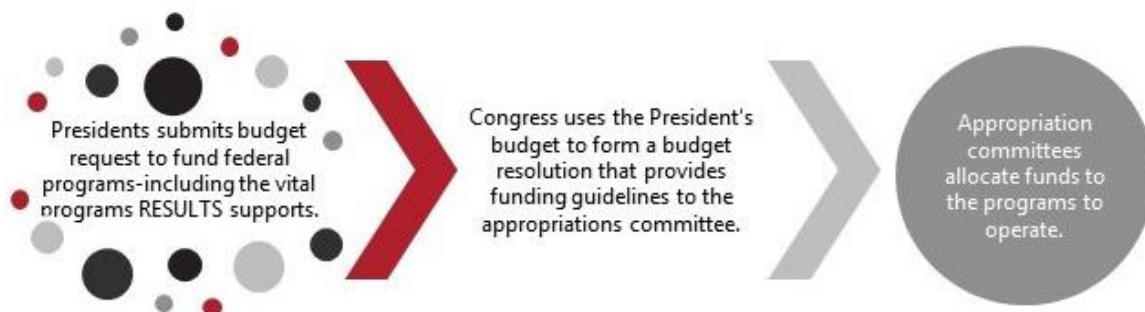


ACTION SHEET

Write to Your Senators: Prioritize Global Poverty in FY24 Appropriations

As the 118th Congress looks at its spending plan for fiscal year 2024, it's time to tell them what their priorities should be. As a leader in global health and development, the United States must prioritize maternal and child health and nutrition, basic education, and global tuberculosis programs. Each of these areas drive and exacerbate poverty around the world. That's where your work on the appropriations process enters the picture. Did you know that you, as a constituent, can influence the government spending process? You absolutely can – and should!

“Appropriation” is the act of setting aside money for a specific purpose. Every year Congress directs federal funding by “appropriating” resources for the next fiscal year to various programs, including international development programs supported by RESULTS. The graphic below shows how the process works. The following tips will help you influence spending decisions to continue the progress we are making.



The key to being heard in this political climate is early, clear, and frequent outreach to Congress. We must remind all members of Congress that constituents care about fighting poverty. We must encourage every member of Congress to engage in the spending process. Our window for influencing the House has closed, but there is still time to tell the Senate they should prioritize protecting and increasing funding for anti-poverty programs in global health and education for fiscal year 2024 (which starts on Oct. 1, 2023).

Take Action: Ask your senators to include RESULTS' funding requests on global maternal and child health, Gavi (vaccines), nutrition, global education, the Global Fund, and global tuberculosis in their requests to the State and Foreign Operations Appropriations Subcommittee (SFOPS). For background on each of these issues, please review the [Set the Agenda resources](#), each of which contain additional background and talking points.

After sending your funding requests, ask your senators to sign-on to corresponding “Dear Colleague” letters for these requests. For information on the “Dear Colleague letters,” go to [our blog](#). Unless your member of Congress [has supported all of the issues in the past](#), considering selecting one or two issues you think your member is most likely to support.

Summary of RESULTS' FY24 Appropriations Requests	
Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria	At least \$2 billion
Bilateral Tuberculosis	At least \$1 billion
Global Nutrition	At least \$300 million
Global Maternal and Child Health	At least \$1.15 billion, of which \$340 million is for Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance
Global Basic Education	At least \$1.15 billion
Global Partnership for Education	At least \$200 million

Sample Letter to your Senators and/or Foreign Policy Aide(s) in EPIC Format

Consider organizing a group outreach activity by inviting RESULTS group members, Action Network members, expansion leads, and others who care about these issues to write to your congressional legislators. You can find a [sample letter-writing meeting agenda here](#).

Subject: Please take action on FY24 global poverty appropriations

Engage: The U.S. has historically been a partner in the fight against poverty by investing in effective and accountable global development programs that improve access to good education, good health, and brighter futures.

State Problem: We know that global health and education programs were devastated during the COVID-19 pandemic, and that conflict and other crises continue to take a toll on people's lives. Deaths due to and cases of tuberculosis – a disease that drives poverty – have increased for the first time in ten years. Preventable deaths from malnutrition, especially among children under age five, are also continuing to rise. And school closures have created further learning loss—missing out on foundational literacy and numeracy skills will negatively impact the future success of students around the world.

Inform: The State and Foreign Operations Appropriations Subcommittee (SFOPS) will soon be deciding on spending levels for global health and education for fiscal year 2024.

Call to Action: Will you please write and speak to the leadership of SFOPS in the Senate, Sens. Chris Coons and Lindsey Graham, and ask that they include the following funding levels in their FY24 spending bill?

- Select your requests from the chart above.

This funding is both smart and compassionate. These investments support some of the highest impact anti-poverty efforts and improve U.S. impact and equity in the world. Will you weigh in with the subcommittee on these vital requests?

Thank you, *name, address, phone number*.