2025 Global Policy Laser Talks

Senate: Protect foreign assistance in fiscal year (FY)26 budget



Engage: In July, Congress approved a rescission request that cut over \$8 billion in foreign aid. That funding would have ensured that millions of children were fed, educated, and vaccinated.

Problem: Budget tactics such as partisan rescissions and year-long continuing resolutions (CRs) stifle lifesaving support for those around the world impacted by poverty.

Inform: Nearly 300,000 children have died as a result of foreign aid cuts this year. Now, Congress has an opportunity to prevent future deaths by passing a properly considered and bipartisan FY26 budget. House appropriators are calling for strong global health and education funding. The Senate must do the same. Any deal must also include safeguards against future partisan rescissions and impoundments.

Call to action: Senator, will you urge Senate leaders to follow the House's lead for strong foreign aid funding in FY26? Will you also push for budget language that ensures funding is timely spent as intended by Congress?

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