

2026 Global Poverty Laser Talk

Shape the future of foreign assistance in the FY27 budget

Engage: For decades, the U.S. has been a leader in improving global health and development. For less than one percent of the federal budget, these programs have helped avert millions of deaths from HIV, tuberculosis (TB), malaria, and prevented tens of millions of babies from dying from diseases like measles and pneumonia.

Problem: The Trump Administration drastically reduced the size and scale of foreign assistance. This has been disastrous to the communities that foreign assistance programs serve and caused thousands of preventable deaths.

Inform: Congress has an opportunity to prevent future deaths by passing a bipartisan FY27 budget. House appropriators support maintaining strong global health and education funding levels in their bill. The Senate must do the same. Congress must exercise their constitutional authority over funds they've already appropriated, reject any rescissions of critical foreign aid, and set a high bar for FY27.

Call to Action: Will you urge House and Senate leaders to support strong global health funding in FY27? Will you also push for budget language that ensures funding is spent as intended by Congress?

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