

## Please invest in Humanitarian Assistance in the FY27 budget

**Engage:** It feels like the news cycle brings us new weekly global conflicts. Food supplies, shelter, healthcare, and more are decimated in times of war.

**Problem:** Last year, cuts caused humanitarian funding to drop below 2016 levels. More than 300 million people required humanitarian assistance last year. New conflicts are increasing the need. Women and young children are disproportionately impacted by funding cuts.

**Inform:** U.S. humanitarian funding supports emergency shelter, food, health, water, sanitation programs, and more. They address urgent needs and help communities rebuild. In fiscal year 2026 (FY26), Congress enacted a 37 percent reduction to this lifesaving account. Without increased investment, millions more lives will be at risk. Deliberations for fiscal year 2027 (FY27) are not yet complete. You, as a member of Congress, can voice robust support for strong U.S. funding so that people in danger can eat, find safety, and receive care.

**Call to Action:** Congress must appropriate \$6.5 billion for International Humanitarian Assistance in the FY27 budget. We must match the growing need. We must show compassion – quickly.

### Notes