



Write to Congress: Preserve, maintain, and protect global aid

The Constitution establishes that it is the responsibility of Congress to determine how to spend the money in the U.S. Federal Budget. This means that Congress is the first line of defense to protect and support global anti-poverty programs.

The [appropriations process](#) to determine the budget for fiscal year 2026 (FY26), which starts on October 1, 2025, is happening now. Most of the money is already earmarked for mandatory programs. These include Social Security and Medicare. A smaller part of the budget is flexible "discretionary spending". This can be spent on programs Congress considers a priority. Now is the time to submit appropriations requests to both the House and Senate for discretionary spending. We must tell our members of Congress to maintain and increase global health and anti-poverty development funding.

The Trump Administration has frozen foreign aid funds and is working to shut down USAID. They have also announced plans to withdraw funding from Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance. But, Congress has been able to undo some of the negative actions taken by the administration. They have done this by standing up and opposing those actions. Congress can and must do the same now by protecting funding for foreign aid programs in the next fiscal year.

For over two decades there has been bipartisan congressional support for lifesaving foreign aid. We need to remind every member of Congress to engage in the appropriations process. They must prioritize areas that drive poverty around the world. These include maternal and child nutrition, education, and global vaccine programs. Constituents can and do influence spending decisions. Your work on FY25 appropriations requests resulted in significant protection of RESULTS' priorities.

The key to being heard in this political climate is early, clear, and frequent outreach to Congress. You can make your voice heard by writing to your offices and by filling out the individual FY26 Appropriations Member Form for each office. That will let them know that their constituents care about fighting poverty. That will also show you want them to submit requests for increased global health and education funding. Members of Congress can personally speak or write to the leadership of the State and Foreign Operations (SFOPS) Subcommittee on Appropriations and ask them to include specific funding levels in the FY26 bill.

RESULTS staff can help you fill out the forms, and cheat sheets with the information you'll need are below. Email Katie Fleischer at kfleischer@results.org with any questions.

Appropriations requests for FY26

Account	FY24 Enacted	FY25 House	FY25 Senate	FY25 Enacted	FY26 RESULTS Request
Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria	\$1.65 billion	\$1.25 billion	\$1.2 billion	\$1.65 billion	\$2 billion
USAID Tuberculosis	\$394.5 million	\$394.5 million	\$394.5 million	\$394.5 million	\$1 billion
USAID Maternal and Child Health	\$915 million	\$915 million	\$940 million	\$915 million	\$1.15 billion
Of which, Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance	\$300 million	\$300 million	\$300 million	\$300 million	\$340 million
USAID Nutrition	\$165 million	\$172.5 million	\$165.5 million	\$165 million	\$300 million
USAID Basic Education	\$922 million	\$922 million	\$640.55 million	\$922 million	\$1.15 billion
Of which, the Global Partnership for Education	\$121.6 million	\$121.6 million	\$85 million	\$121.6 million	\$200 million

For more background on these requests please review the memos and cheat sheets:

Appropriations requests memos for F26

- [FY26 Global Fund Appropriations Memo](#)
- [FY26 Global Tuberculosis Appropriations Memo](#)
- [FY26 Maternal and Child Health, Gavi, Nutrition Appropriations Memo](#)
- [FY26 Global Education and GPE Appropriations Memo](#)

Member forms cheat sheets for FY26

- [Appropriations Forms 101 Recording](#)
- [FY26 Common Questions Cheat Sheet](#)
- [FY26 Global Fund Cheat Sheet \(Word\)](#)
- [FY26 Tuberculosis Cheat Sheet \(Word\)](#)
- [FY26 Maternal and Child Health \(MCH\) Cheat Sheet \(Word version\)](#)
- [FY26 Nutrition Cheat Sheet \(Word\)](#)
- [FY26 Education Cheat Sheet \(Word\)](#)

Sample letter to member of Congress and/or foreign policy aide in EPIC format

Consider organizing a group outreach activity to write to your senators and representatives. Invite RESULTS group members, Action Network members, and others who care about these issues. You can find a [sample meeting agenda here](#).

Subject: Please take action on fiscal year (FY26) global poverty appropriations

Engage: The U.S. has historically been an important leader in the fight against poverty. The U.S. has invested 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 are devastated by the freeze to funding and termination of programs at the congressionally-mandated USAID. Conflict and other crises also continue to reverberate. Deaths due to tuberculosis, AIDS, malaria, preventable childhood malnutrition, and cuts to education, all contribute to the theft of people's futures.

Inform: The State and Foreign Operations Subcommittee on Appropriations (SFOPS) will soon be considering spending levels for global health and education for FY26.

Call to action: Will you include these critical FY26 funding levels in your personal requests to Appropriations subcommittee leadership: Reps. Diaz-Balart and Frankel or Sens. Graham and Schatz?

- Select your requests from the chart above.

This funding is both smart and compassionate. These investments support some of the highest-impact and cost-effective anti-poverty efforts. They keep us all safe from infectious diseases and increase economic stability around the world. They are a vital part of our global leadership and soft power. Will you weigh in with the subcommittee on these vital requests?

Thank you, name, address, phone number

Tips for your letters

- Find your members of Congress at: <https://results.org/volunteers/legislator-lookup>
- You can handwrite or type your letters.
- Plan to follow form instructions or e-mail requests to the appropriations or foreign policy aides in each office. Contact RESULTS staff for help at grassroots@results.org.
- When you get a response, please let RESULTS staff know what they said.

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