**FY24 SFOPS Appropriations Programmatic Request: Nutrition**

**Agency** – USAID

**Account** – Global Health

**Subject/Sector** – Nutrition

**Type** (Funding or Language)

**FY24 Administration/Budget request level** – $160 million

**FY23 Administration/Budget request level** – $150 million

**FY22 Administration/Budget request level** – $150 million

**FY23 Enacted level –** $160 million

**FY22 Enacted Level** – $155 million

**Your suggested FY24 request level** – *$300 million for Nutrition*

**Rationale/Justification** –

Of the 5 million child health deaths annually, almost half of those deaths are attributed to malnutrition and are preventable and/or treatable. With critical resources from this nutrition account, USAID helps 14 priority countries strengthen their ability to deliver and monitor nutrition services—particularly for pregnant people, newborns, and children—through existing health structures. Counseling for breastfeeding and infant and young child feeding practices, monitoring child growth, and providing micronutrient supplements are pillars of this account.

Nutrition investments in stunting (too short for age), wasting (too thin for height), anemia (low blood iron) and breastfeeding save lives, prevent disabilities, and generate hundreds of billions in economic returns. For example, the World Bank reports every dollar invested in breastfeeding yields $35 in economic returns for a community. Nutritious diets strengthen children’s immune systems and lowers their risk of succumbing to disease. But progress is not happening quickly enough and there are significant gaps. Critical new investments are needed.

Prioritizing nutrition is key, as kids with proper nutrition in the first 1,000 days are far more likely to overcome infections, particularly from leading childhood killers, such as pneumonia or diarrhea. Additionally, the financial case for increasing nutrition funding is clear:

* Nutrition is one of the “best buys” in international health, with every $1 invested in nutrition resulting in up to $35 in economic returns
* Malnutrition in all its forms could cost society up to $3.5 trillion per year
* Malnutrition can rob individuals of up to 10 percent of their annual earnings due to reduced education and productivity

**Additional information:** <https://results.org/wp-content/uploads/FY24-Nutrition-Appropriations-Memo.pdf>

**Bill or Report Language Recommendation (and please indicate if language recommendation is new or from a previous year)**  – N/A