

International Humanitarian Assistance

RESULTS requests \$6.5 billion for International Humanitarian Assistance in FY27.

U.S. government-funded humanitarian assistance helps save millions of lives each year amidst the worst crises and disasters. **U.S. funds provide vital emergency shelter, food, health services, and water, sanitation, and hygiene programs.** [In FY2024](#), U.S. government humanitarian assistance supported responses to 84 crises in 66 countries. This emergency assistance is the last line of defense in crisis.

Today's conflicts are more intense and prolonged than at any time in recent history. Even as humanitarian needs rise, the resources available to meet them are shrinking.

U.S. assistance delivers proven impacts during crisis

U.S. humanitarian programs help reduce death and disease in crisis settings. U.S.-funded programs provide lifesaving basic healthcare, help prevent disease, and strengthen pharmaceutical supply chains so people can access safe, quality assured medicines even in the most dire circumstances. This assistance also supports access to safe drinking water and treatment for wasting, the deadliest form of malnutrition. Basic education support for children, especially in refugee camps, is lifesaving. It provides a sense of normalcy and hope for the future, even in the face of such difficult situations. **U.S. government-funded programs address urgent needs while strengthening livelihoods and resilience, helping communities withstand and recover from crises in the future.**

Humanitarian needs are rising. Last year, more than [300 million](#) people required humanitarian assistance worldwide. Now instability and shipping disruptions in Southwest Asia and North Africa, including the Strait of Hormuz, are restricting access to food and key agricultural inputs like fertilizer. This drives up prices and makes food insecurity worse in regions that are already vulnerable and on the brink of a hunger crisis.

Increased funding is critical to keep pace with rising needs

In 2025, humanitarian funding saw its greatest contraction in a decade. Donor cuts caused funding to drop below 2016 levels, despite significantly more people in need.

Sharp funding cuts are forcing humanitarian organizations to scale back life-saving support that children and communities rely on. According to the most recent Global Humanitarian Overview, health services for 52.6 million people were shuttered or reduced

due to underfunding in 2025. These cuts affected nearly 7,000 health facilities. In Somalia alone, more than 150 health facilities have closed, including at least 8 hospitals.

The impacts of cuts are disproportionately affecting women and young children. Within UNICEF's nutrition program, a 72 percent [funding gap](#) in 2025 led to cuts in 20 countries, reducing the number of women and children supported by nearly 20 million.

Hostilities in the Middle East and beyond are generating ripple effects for humanitarian aid. In the near term, shipping carriers for essential humanitarian cargo are [rerouting](#) away from key maritime corridors. These diversions alone add weeks to transit times and can increase costs by 15-25 percent. Even after conditions stabilize, supply chains typically require several months to rebalance. UNICEF [estimates](#) these disruptions could continue to delay the delivery of critical supplies by up to six months.

In parallel, fertilizer shortages are expected to reduce agricultural yields, particularly in parts of Africa and Asia. Farmers planting during the current season face lower harvests, increasing the risk of food and nutrition insecurity and poverty in the years ahead.

RESULTS' request and funding history

Sustained and increased U.S. investment is critical to prevent millions of deaths. Without continued leadership, the consequences of conflict, climate shocks, and displacement will intensify, putting millions more lives at risk and undermining global stability. In FY26, Congress approved a 37% reduction to International Humanitarian Assistance.

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This request seeks to bring the amount of U.S. humanitarian assistance closer to estimates of the increasing need, according to United Nations annual estimates and previous years of U.S. humanitarian funding.

Members of Congress can show their support by submitting a formal appropriations request to NSRP/SFOPS subcommittee of Appropriations leadership. Please contact cnicovich@results.org for more information.

Account	FY24 Enacted	FY25 Enacted	FY26 Enacted	FY27 PBR	FY27 RESULTS Request
International Humanitarian Assistance	\$8.7 billion	\$8.7 billion	\$5.4 billion	\$4 billion	\$6.5 billion