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Congress must deliver global health and education funding

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Over decades, the world has made vital progress in global health and education. This has meant millions of lives saved. Bipartisan congressional support for these advances has been key. **The U.S. has a history of providing one-third of the financial resources of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. This has helped save 70 million lives.** In fact, it has [reduced the death rate of the three diseases by 63 percent.](#)

While tuberculosis (TB) specifically is often thought of as a disease of the past, it is the world's leading infectious killer. And it is a key driver of poverty. We've known how to prevent, treat, and cure TB for decades. But in 2024, [10.7 million people fell ill with the disease. And 1.23 million died of it.](#)

[Rates of maternal, infant, and child deaths are still astonishingly high.](#) This is especially true in low-income countries. **For the first time this century, the number of children dying before their fifth birthday has risen.** An estimated 4.8 million young children died in 2025, over 200,000 more than 2024. [Routine vaccinations have saved over 154 million lives in the past 50 years,](#) mostly children under 5. But one in five children do not have access to these vaccinations, putting their lives at risk.

Vaccines for common childhood killers also make children less likely to become malnourished. Good nutrition helps ward off deadly disease. And yet [undernutrition is the underlying cause of nearly half of all deaths among children under five.](#) Malnutrition like stunting (too short for age) must be addressed. The same is true for wasting (too thin for height) and anemia. This will save lives and prevent disabilities.

Finally, the world has achieved incredible educational advances. But still [over 270 million children are not in school.](#) Access to school does not equal learning. Education quality must be supported.

Reach out via email or phone today to your members of Congress. Ask them to lead on this. Ask them to submit the following fiscal year 2027 (FY27) budget requests to the National Security, Department of State, and Related Programs (NSRP)/State and Foreign Operations (SFOPS) subcommittee of Appropriations right away.

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A helpful way to frame your letter, call script, or laser talk for a lobby meeting is to use **EPIC Laser Talk format** outlined below. The more personal you make your message, the better. Use the bullet points as a guide.

Sample message to Congress (EPIC format)

E = ENGAGE the listener: What makes you passionate about this issue?

- A person's access to lifesaving care and advances shouldn't depend on where they're born.

P = State the PROBLEM: What is the problem you want the listener to solve?

- In 2025, USAID was abruptly dismantled. Lifesaving investments in global health and education were severely compromised. This has had devastating consequences. Tens of thousands of lives have been lost. Decades of U.S. goodwill has evaporated.

I = INFORM on the solution: What would help solve the problem?

- Congress remains committed to global health and education. It expressed this commitment in the recent FY26 budget. Longstanding bipartisan support for these programs has helped save millions of lives. Congress can make these critical investments to promote prosperity. These investments will re-establish the U.S.' leadership in the fight against global poverty.

C = CALL to action: What specific action do you want the listener to take?

- Will you urge *[Rep./Sen. Name]* to submit the following FY27 budget requests to the NSRP/SFOPS subcommittee of Appropriations right away?
 - \$1.53 billion for the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria
 - \$1 billion for bilateral Tuberculosis
 - \$1.15 billion for Maternal and Child Health, including \$340 million for Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance
 - \$300 million for bilateral Nutrition
 - \$970 million for International Basic Education, including \$150 million for the Global Partnership for Education (GPE)