# U.S. Poverty Request

## Short-term ask for Democratic offices: Extend the Child Tax Credit with Permanent Full Refundability to All Low-Income Families

Congress is currently working behind the scenes on an economic/reconciliation package, and we are pushing Congress to **extend the larger Child Tax Credit (CTC) with permanent full refundability.** In 2021, monthly CTC payments helped families put food on the table, pay the rent, and keep the lights on. The payments also lifted [3-4 million children out of poverty](https://www.povertycenter.columbia.edu/publication/montly-poverty-december-2021) each month in late 2021. Unfortunately, some in Congress blocked efforts to continue the expanded CTC at the end of 2021. As a result, [child poverty went up by 41 percent](http://www.povertycenter.columbia.edu/news-internal/monthly-poverty-january-2022), and an estimated [27 million children in low-income families](https://www.cbpp.org/research/federal-tax/if-congress-fails-to-act-monthly-child-tax-credit-payments-will-stop-child) have lost all or part of the CTC.

Inflation is straining family budgets, making it harder to put food on the table. But Congress has the solution right in front of them. Congress must extend the expanded CTC with monthly payments and permanent full refundability (so all low-income children receive the full credit).

### Background Documents and Leave Behinds

* [Child Tax Credit Overview](https://results.org/wp-content/uploads/2022-Policy-Overview_CTC-for-Advocacy-Month.docx)
* [Child Tax Credit Laser Talk](https://results.org/resources/2022-u-s-poverty-laser-talks/)
* [Child Tax Credit Leave-Behind](https://results.org/wp-content/uploads/2022-RESULTS-U.S.-Poverty-CTC-Request.docx)

### HOUSE and SENATE Request

Will you urge leadership to include the expanded CTC with permanent full refundability in reconciliation legislation this summer?

## Long-term ask: The Child Tax Credit Needs Broad Bipartisan Support to Reduce Poverty

We need **broad bipartisan support for a** **Child Tax Credit (CTC) that reduces poverty.** In 2021, monthly CTC payments helped families put food on the table, pay the rent, and keep the lights on. Families finally had the support they needed to obtain or maintain steady employment while meeting their family’s basic needs.

When the monthly payments stopped at the end of 2021, [child poverty went up by 41 percent](http://www.povertycenter.columbia.edu/news-internal/monthly-poverty-january-2022), and an estimated [27 million children in low-income families](https://www.cbpp.org/research/federal-tax/if-congress-fails-to-act-monthly-child-tax-credit-payments-will-stop-child) have lost all or part of the CTC. It was not just the CTC that was lost. With it, families lost support to afford stable housing, children lost reliable meals, and parents lost critical support for educational expenses and child care, jeopardizing their ability to provide for their families through work.

Since the CTC was first passed with bipartisan support in 1997, it has been increased and expanded multiple times by both parties. Today, Congress should again work together to expand the CTC long-term to reduce poverty and strengthen families.

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* [Child Tax Credit Laser Talk](https://results.org/resources/2022-u-s-poverty-laser-talks/)
* [Child Tax Credit Leave-Behind](https://results.org/wp-content/uploads/2022-RESULTS-U.S.-Poverty-CTC-Request.docx)

### HOUSE and SENATE Request

Congress must find a long-term bipartisan solution to strengthen families and fight child poverty. Will you work with your congressional colleagues to build support to expand the CTC, prioritizing the needs of families with the lowest or no incomes? And, will you urge leadership to prioritize long-term CTC expansion in any tax legislation this year?

# Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria Request

## Become a Champion for the Global Fund

At the height of the AIDS crisis, the world came together to fight back, pooling its resources to create the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. This partnership has helped **save 44 million lives** and become the world’s most powerful tool for funding community-led responses to health. **COVID-19 sent progress against AIDS, TB and malaria tumbling backwards for the first time in decades.** But the Global Fund now has a new plan to support countries to save 20 million more lives, claw back progress against the diseases, and build the health systems to help stop the pandemics of the future.

President Biden announced he intends to pledge $6 billion to the Global Fund over the next three years, matching $1 for every $2 from other countries. **Bipartisan leadership in Congress is now needed to deliver those resources, push the White House to show more global leadership, and encourage other global donors to come forward.**

### Background Documents and Leave Behinds

* [Global Fund Overview](https://results.org/wp-content/uploads/Global-Fund-Background-2-Pager-and-Leave-Behind.pdf)
* [Global Fund Investment Case](https://results.org/wp-content/uploads/US-investment-case-FY23-Global-Fund.pdf)
* [Global Fund Laser Talk](https://results.org/wp-content/uploads/Global-Fund-Laser-Talk.pdf)
* [Global Fund Leave Behind](https://results.org/wp-content/uploads/Global-Fund-Background-2-Pager-and-Leave-Behind.pdf)

### HOUSE and SENATE Requests

We’re looking to leaders in Congress to champion the Global Fund with their colleagues, the White House, global policymakers, and the public. Here are four increasing levels of leadership members of Congress can take this year to support the Global Fund.

#### **Speaking to Key Committee Leaders**

Right now, members of Congress are deciding global health spending levels for Fiscal Year 2023. The appropriations subcommittees on State and Foreign Operations (SFOPS) will write these bills (led by Sen. Coons and Graham, and Rep. Lee and Rogers).

* **Secure U.S. funding:** Will you speak personally with subcommittee leadership, asking for $2 billion in Fiscal Year 2023, plus specific language supporting a three-year pledge of $6 billion?

#### **Showing Support Publicly**

Public support from members of Congress for the Global Fund can help transform the fight against old and new pandemics.

* **Build U.S. political will:** Will you use your platform as a champion in support of the Global Fund? Here are some ideas. What other ideas do you have?
  + Give a speech on the floor of Congress
  + Record a video about the Global Fund and share it on social media
  + Work with RESULTS to plan an in-district event or town hall where the Global Fund is prominently featured
  + Ask that the Global Fund be a focus for a congressional caucus to which you belong
  + Invite a colleague from the other party to join you in one of these actions

#### **Reaching out to the Biden Administration**

The White House announced it will host the replenishment conference this September, and made a landmark commitment to pledge $6 billion over three years in the President’s Budget request. Now they need to reach out to other donor countries, to collectively reach the full $18 billion.

* **Push the Administration to show global leadership:** Will you ask your contacts in the Biden Administration (State Department, USAID, White House) to engage other donor countries?

#### **Engaging Other Donor Countries**

Right now, members of Parliament and government ministers around the world are deciding how much their governments will contribute to the Global Fund. We can only reach the full $18 billion target if the world comes together.  G7 and G20 countries are particularly important to engage.

* **Encourage other donors to step up:** Do you have a relationship with a member of Parliament or policymaker in another country (a “sister city” or a place you’ve traveled or somewhere you have strong ties)? Would you write and ask them to make the Global Fund a priority, so that the global community can reach the full $18 billion and fulfill the U.S. match?

# Global Nutrition Request (Senate Only)

## Cosponsor and Pass the Global Malnutrition Act (S.2956)

All children deserve a strong start in life, regardless of where they are born. As a leader in global health and development, the United States has been instrumental in [reducing](https://www.who.int/data/gho/data/themes/topics/joint-child-malnutrition-estimates-unicef-who-wb) the number of countries with very high prevalence of child malnutrition by half over the past 20 years—from 67 to 33. But progress is not happening quickly enough. **Even before the COVID-19 pandemic, malnutrition underpinned** [**nearly half**](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(13)60937-X/fulltext) **of all deaths of children under 5 years old.** Child malnutrition and poverty go hand-in-hand. With COVID-19 reversing progress on global poverty for the first time in decades, bold U.S. leadership on nutrition is needed— especially for young children who face the gravest impacts of severe malnutrition.

Fortunately, Congress has introduced a bipartisan bill, the Global Malnutrition Prevention and Treatment Act ([S.2956](https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/2956?s=1&r=24)/[H.R.4693](https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/4693?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22global+malnutrition+prevention+and+treatment%22%2C%22global%22%2C%22malnutrition%22%2C%22prevention%22%2C%22and%22%2C%22treatment%22%5D%7D&s=2&r=1)) that calls for a coordinated USAID strategy, clear targets, and highly effective interventions so that assistance reaches the most impoverished children. After receiving more than 100 bipartisan co-sponsors**, the House of Representatives passed the bill 384-44. Now the Senate must do its part.**

### Background Documents and Leave Behinds

* [Global Nutrition Overview](https://results.org/wp-content/uploads/RESULTS-Global-Nutrition-Background_2022-Conference.pdf)
* [Global Nutrition Laser Talk](https://results.org/resources/2022-global-poverty-laser-talk/#globalnutrition)
* [Global Nutrition Leave Behind](https://results.org/wp-content/uploads/IC-UPDATE_Global-Malnutrition-Prevention-and-Treatment-Act-Congressional-Request.pdf)

### SENATE Request

Will you cosponsor the Global Malnutrition Prevention and Treatment Act ([S.2956](https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/2956?s=1&r=24)) and push for it to be passed by the Senate Foreign Relations committee?

**HOUSE Thank You**

Thank you for voting in favor of the Global Malnutrition Prevention and Treatment Act and passing it out of the House! As you are following up on annual appropriations, please push leadership to include $300 million for Nutrition in Global Health in the SFOPS bill for fiscal year 2023.