

Maintain Strong U.S. Leadership in the Fight Against AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria

Engage: At the height of the AIDS crisis, the world came together to fight back, pooling resources and creating the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB, and Malaria. Now, almost two decades later, that international partnership has helped save *27 million lives*. This is stunning progress, but it will not continue unless we step up efforts.

Problem: Growing drug resistance, shortfalls in funding, and wavering political commitment are threatening progress in the fight against AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria. This isn't just about saving lives, it's about the chance to *end* these epidemics once and for all. Science shows that it's possible. But without increased commitment, this opportunity could slip out of reach.

Illustrate/Inform: In October the Global Fund will convene an international replenishment conference in France seeking \$14 billion for the next 3 years of critical work (2020-2022). *This will save an additional 16 million lives. {Insert your story/why you care.}* The US has been a driver of the Global Fund's success and should continue to provide one-third of the resources needed to fight these epidemics.

Calls to Action: Congress must lead by example and maintain the U.S.'s robust funding commitment of one-third of the total need.

1. Senate/House committee leads for foreign affairs are each introducing Global Fund resolutions. **Will Rep./Sen. XXX** cosponsor the Global Fund Resolutions?
2. **Will Sen. XXX** follow up with Appropriations Committee leaders and ask for \$1.56 billion for the Global Fund in any final FY20 spending bill?

U.S. Leadership Needed to Scale Up Nutrition

Engage: Every parent has big dreams for their child, but too often malnutrition cuts those dreams short.

Problem: Fighting malnutrition requires more than just providing food and making sure people get enough calories. It's also about making sure pregnant women and children have access to the essential micronutrients and vitamins like iron, iodine, and vitamin A they need to thrive. Almost half of under-five child deaths, 2.5 million each year, are attributed to malnutrition. And stunting – caused by chronic malnutrition – means 165 million children each year won't meet their full potential physically or cognitively.

Illustrate/Inform: While UNICEF reports stunting has decreased globally, it has *increased* in Africa with 8 million more children stunted annually since 2000. Worldwide, hunger has been on the rise for the last three years. Investments in nutrition have a profound impact on a child's life, from their brain development and IQ to their immune system and physical growth. Yet, globally, less than 1 percent of all development assistance is for nutrition efforts {Insert your story/why you care.}

Calls to Action: To end preventable child and maternal deaths and to reduce stunting, U.S. foreign aid must prioritize improving nutrition during the critical 1,000 window between the start of pregnancy and a child's second birthday.

1. **Will Rep. XXX** co-sponsor H.Res. 189, the Marshall/McGovern bipartisan global nutrition resolution?
2. **Will Sen. XXX** co-sponsor S.Res. 260, the Collins/Coons bipartisan global nutrition resolution?

In addition, we'd like to see an increase over the House's flat-funding of \$145 million for Nutrition in FY20. **Will Sen. XXX** follow up with Appropriations Committee leaders and ask for \$250 million for the Nutrition Account in Global Health in any final FY20 spending bill?