

July 11, 2023

<p>The Honorable Kay Granger Chairwoman House Appropriations Committee 1026 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515</p>	<p>The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member House Appropriations Committee 2413 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515</p>
<p>The Honorable Mario Diaz-Balart Chairman House Appropriations Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs 374 Cannon House Office Building Washington, DC 20515</p>	<p>The Honorable Barbara Lee Ranking Member House Appropriations Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs 2470 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515</p>

Dear Chairwoman Granger, Ranking Member DeLauro, Chairman Diaz-Balart, and Ranking Member Lee:

Global Health Council (GHC) is the leading member organization with more than 120 members devoted to advancing global health priorities by uniting advocates, implementers, policymakers, and other stakeholders.

As a community of global health and development advocates, we are deeply concerned with the steep cuts being proposed to the House State and Foreign Operations and Related Programs (SFOPS) budget at a time when the world is facing concurrent destabilizing events, such as the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, further instability and food insecurity caused by the war in Ukraine, and the continuous threat of emerging infectious diseases.

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 budget being proposed by the House Appropriations SFOPS Subcommittee falls woefully short of the resources needed to address these converging crises and severely undercuts critical global health and humanitarian assistance programs, which are a key component of how the U.S. engages with the world. According to the U.S. Agency for International Development, these cuts would reverse gains made to combat infectious diseases, including through the President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), programs to prevent maternal and childhood deaths, and funds to support health workers and global health security.

This bill is a dangerous signal to the rest of the world that the U.S. is ceding leadership on the global stage. Therefore, as FY24 appropriations negotiations progress, GHC, and the undersigned organizations, strongly encourage robust funding for global health and humanitarian assistance programs within the International Affairs (150) account and, at a minimum, support investments for these programs in line with the FY23 enacted levels. Additional funds should come as an increase to the overall topline and not at the expense of any other accounts.

If you have any questions about our recommendations, please feel free to contact the Global Health Council at [advocacy@globalhealth.org](mailto:advocacy@globalhealth.org).

Sincerely,

Abt Associates  
Action Against Hunger  
Advancing Synergy  
AHF Global Public Health Institute  
Aidsfonds  
American Academy of Pediatrics  
Amref Health Africa  
American Heart Association  
American Jewish World Service  
American Leprosy Missions  
American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene  
AVAC  
CARE  
Center for Biological Diversity  
ChildFund International  
Children's HeartLink  
Christian Connections for International Health  
CORE Group  
Drugs for Neglected Disease initiative (DNDi)  
Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation  
Fast-Track Cities Institute  
Global Health Council  
Global Health Technologies Coalition  
Global Justice Center  
Global Network of Black People working in HIV  
Heartland Alliance International  
Health GAP (Global Access Program)  
Helen Keller Intl  
HIV Medicine Association  
IADR - International Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research  
International Association of Providers of AIDS Care  
International Center for Research on Women  
International Medical Corps  
IntraHealth International  
Ipas  
JSI  
Management Sciences for Health  
Marked By Covid  
MPact Global Action  
m2m  
NCD Alliance  
Operation Smile

PAI

PATH

Pathfinder International

Planned Parenthood Federation of America

Policy Cures Research

Population Connection Action Fund

Population Institute

Preventing Pandemics At The Source (PPATS) Secretariat

Project HOPE

Public Citizen

RESULTS

RH Impact

RTI International

Save the Children

Shot@Life

Spark Street Advisors

Stop TB USA

Task Force for Global Health

TB Alliance

The END Fund

Treatment Action Group (TAG)

United to Beat Malaria

University of Miami Health Policy Lab

VillageReach

WaterAid America

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Women's Refugee Commission

World Vision