

June 22, 2011

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Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Norm Dicks  
Ranking Member  
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The Honorable Kay Granger  
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The Honorable Nita Lowey  
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Dear Chairman Rogers, Ranking Member Dicks, Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member Lowey:

As you continue work on the Fiscal Year 2012 (FY12) Appropriations bills we, the undersigned organizations, respectfully urge you to support and defend long-standing U.S. efforts to meet critical health and development needs in developing countries by robustly funding the International Affairs Account, including global health accounts, within the State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs Appropriation bill. We respectfully urge you to, at a minimum, fund fully the President's FY 12 request for the International Affairs Account of \$53 billion for core accounts, including robust funding for global health accounts.

Maximizing efficiencies in investments requires that all elements of the global health program are strong. Global health accounts must be funded at a level that allows supported programs and initiatives to leverage the measureable impact they have made and continue to improve the health of the world's most impoverished; we recognize the FY12 President's request as the minimum amount that would allow existing programs to sustain impact. As organizations committed to addressing the broad global health agenda, we urge you and your colleagues to recognize the need for the U.S. to continue exemplifying leadership in global development by providing robust funding for all global health programs in FY12. Specifically, we urge you to support the following funding levels within the FY12 State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs Appropriation bill:

- **USAID-GHCS Maternal and Child Health:** \$846 million including \$115 million in contributions to GAVI
- **USAID-GHCS Nutrition:** \$150 million
- **Family Planning/Reproductive Health:** \$1.0 billion, including \$935 million to bilateral programs and \$65 million in contributions to UNFPA.
- **USAID- GHCS Malaria:** \$691 million
- **USAID-GHCS Tuberculosis:** \$650 million
- **USAID-GHCS Neglected Tropical Diseases:** \$100 million
- **USAID-GHCS Global AIDS Program:** \$350 million
- **STATE-GHCS Global HIV/AIDS (bilateral only):** \$7.25 billion
- **Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria:** \$1.3 billion, including \$1.0 billion in contributions from STATE-GHCS and \$300 million in contributions from the National Institutes of Health
- **UNICEF:** \$134 million in contributions through International Organizations and Programs

U.S. global health efforts have seen decades of bipartisan support. From U.S. efforts to eradicate polio under President Franklin D. Roosevelt to the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) led by President George W. Bush, the U.S. is a critical leader in global health and development. Such efforts are rightfully seen as a moral imperative—but in a world where health, development and economic growth are inextricably linked, it is in the best interest of our economy and national security to ensure the creation of strong and healthy nations. It is important that U.S. efforts to defend our national security be augmented by health and development policies and programs that prevent inequity and unrest. The U.S. must remain committed to battling conditions that lead to extreme deprivation – such as lack of access to food, safe water, adequate health care – and infringement of basic human rights, which create environments conducive to fostering threats against the security of our nation.

Now is not the time to roll back progress. Although the U.S. budget for global health comprises less than one percent of the total federal budget, supported programs are extremely high impact and cost effective. Appropriations for global health-- which are supported by an overwhelming majority of Americans across the political spectrum-- have provided funding that has enabled the U.S. to treat more than 3 million people living with HIV and prevent HIV transmission among millions more; reach 12 million people through malaria treatment programs; immunize more than 100 million children each year; treat 10 million people with tuberculosis; treat more than 168 million people for neglected tropical diseases; help millions of women prevent unintended pregnancies; increased the number of skilled birth attendants present during deliveries; and support research to develop and deliver new vaccines, drugs, and other critical health tools. These resources allocated to global health are critical to advancing U.S. interests and other international development targets and objectives, mitigating the effects of the global financial crisis and securing a healthier, safer world.

We recognize and understand the difficult fiscal environment facing this country. Never the less, the U.S. must maintain its funding commitments to improving health in developing countries, without cutting other broader humanitarian efforts and development or imposing any new policy restrictions.

We thank you in advance for your consideration and look forward to working with you to make this request a reality.

Sincerely,

1,000 Days

A Call to Service International

Accordia Global Health Foundation.

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency, International (ADRA)

Advocates for Youth

Aeras

The AIDS Institute

American Jewish World Service

American Medical Student Association

Americans for UNFPA

The American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (ASTMH)

amfAR, the Foundation for AIDS Research

African Medical and Research Foundation (AMREF)

BIO Ventures for Global Health (BVGH)

A Call To Serve International

CARE USA

Center for Health and Gender Equity (CHANGE)

Center for Reproductive Rights

Christian Connections for International Health (CCIH)

Drugs for Neglected Diseases *initiative* (DNDi)

EngenderHealth

Family Care International

FHI

FIND (Foundation for Innovative New Diagnostics)

Friends of the Global Fight

GAVI Alliance

Global Alliance to Prevent Prematurity and Stillbirth (GAPPS)

Global Health Council

Global Network for Neglected Tropical Diseases

Helen Keller International

HIV Medical Association

IMA World Health

Infectious Diseases Society of America

International Women's Health Coalition

IntraHealth International, Inc.

John Snow, Inc.

Medicines for Malaria Venture

mothers2mothers

Nothing But Nets

OneWorld Health

PATH

Pathfinder International

Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA)

Population Action International (PAI)

Population Connection

Population Institute

Population Services International (PSI)

Public Health Institute

Research!America

Save the Children

Seva Foundation

The TB Alliance

United Methodist Church, General Board of Church & Society

World Learning