March 7, 2016

Dear Representative,

We, the undersigned members and partners of InterAction, urge you to support funding in FY2017 for poverty-focused international development and humanitarian assistance accounts at no less than the levels outlined in the attached recommendations and our accompanying Choose to Invest FY2017.

With over 60 million people forcibly displaced worldwide, we are facing the largest displacement crisis since World War II. Overwhelming humanitarian needs remain across the globe particularly in Syria, Iraq, South Sudan, Yemen, and in El Nino and Ebola-affected countries.

While pleased with the funding provided in the final FY2016 appropriations to address crises around the world, we are concerned by the continued use of overseas contingency operations (OCO) funds to replace base funding. This practice exposes critical poverty focused programming to future cuts should OCO funds not be available. We urge Congress to move OCO funding into the base International Disaster Assistance (IDA), Migration and Refugee Assistance (MRA), and Contributions for International Peacekeeping (CIPA) accounts.

U.S. investments in development and humanitarian programs contribute immensely to our national security, benefit our economy, and fulfill America’s deepest moral values. At less than 1% of the total U.S. budget, these programs build sustainability; fight global diseases; improve maternal and child health and nutrition; help smallholder farmers; educate children; provide access to safe water, sanitation, and hygiene; support emerging democracies; foster equitable growth; advance gender equality; empower women and girls, and protect all people from violence, exploitation, and trafficking.

We fully understand the critical need to protect every taxpayer dollar and to ensure these programs generate real and lasting results. That is why we advocate for greater transparency and accountability. The fact is, U.S. foreign assistance delivers results and saves lives.

The FY2017 appropriations cycle represents a unique opportunity to build on U.S. leadership in creation of the newly adopted Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Nations, donors, civil society and the private sector around the world will join the U.S. in results-oriented partnerships which reduce extreme poverty and help developing countries build self-reliant and independent economies.

We urge you to fund these critical programs in FY2017 at no less than the levels outlined in the attached recommendations.

Please contact Amit Smotrich at asmotrich@interaction.org or 202-667-8227 for more information. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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2. ACDI/VOCA
3. Action Against Hunger
4. ActionAid USA
5. Adeso
6. ADRA- Adventist Development and Relief Agency
7. Advocates for Youth
8. African Methodist Episcopal Church Service and Development Agency (AME-SADA)
9. Alliance for Peacebuilding
10. Alliance to End Hunger
11. American Academy of Pediatrics
12. American Hindu World Service
13. American Jewish World Service
14. American Red Cross
15. American Refugee Committee
16. American Relief Agency for the Horn of Africa (ARAHA)
17. AmeriCares
18. Amigos de las Americas
19. Amref Health Africa in the USA
20. AMURT
21. ANERA
22. Association for International Agriculture and Rural Development
23. AVAC
24. AVSI USA
25. Basic Education Coalition
26. Better World Campaign
27. BRAC USA
28. Bread for the World
29. Brother's Brother Foundation
30. Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation
31. CARE USA
32. Catholics for Choice
33. CBM
34. Center for Biological Diversity
35. Center for Health and Gender Equity (CHANGE)
36. Center for Women Policy Studies
37. ChildFund International
38. Church of the Brethren, Office of Public Witness
39. Church World Service
40. CIVICUS: World Alliance for Citizen Participation
41. Concern America
42. Concern Worldwide (US) Inc.
43. Congressional Hunger Center
44. Convoy of Hope
45. Counterpart International
46. Creative Learning
47. Direct Focus Community Aid
48. Drugs for Neglected Diseases Initiative
49. EDC
50. Edesia Inc.
51. Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation
52. EngenderHealth
53. EPIC: Education for Peace in Iraq Center
54. Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
55. EVOLVE Adoption & Family Services
56. Fabretto Children's Foundation
57. Feed the Children
58. Food for the Hungry
59. Franciscan Action Network
60. Freedom From Hunger
61. Friends Committee on National Legislation
62. Friends of the Global Fight Against AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria
63. Girl Up
64. Global Communities
65. Global Health Action
66. Global Health Council
67. Global Links
68. Global Network for Neglected Tropical Diseases
69. Global Poverty Project
70. GlobalGiving
71. GOAL USA
72. Habitat for Humanity International
73. Handicap International USA
74. Headwaters Relief Organization
75. Heart to Heart International
76. Heartland Alliance for Human Needs & Human Rights
77. Heifer International
78. Helen Keller International
79. HelpAge USA
80. HIAS
81. ICCO, USA
82. IMA World Health
83. Imagine No Malaria Campaign, The United Methodist Church
84. InsideNGO
85. Institute for Sustainable Communities
86. InterAction
87. International Center for Not-for-Profit Law
88. International Center for Research on Women (ICRW)
89. International Executive Service Corps (IESC)
90. International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES)
91. International Medical Corps
92. International Medical Health Organization
93. International Orthodox Christian Charities
94. International Relief Teams
95. International Rescue Committee
96. International Youth Foundation
97. Internews
98. Intrahealth International
99. Islamic Relief USA
100. John Snow, Inc
101. Leadership Conference of Women Religious
102. Life for Relief and Development
103. Living Hope Organization (Livhorg)
104. Lutheran World Relief
105. MAFRAD
106. Management Sciences for Health
107. Medical Care Development, Inc
108. Mercy Corps
109. Mercy-USA for Aid and Development
110. Millennium Water Alliance
111. National Association of Social Workers
112. National Council of Churches
113. Natural Resources Defense Council
114. NCBA CLUSA
115. Norwegian Refugee Council USA
116. Nothing But Nets
117. One Acre Fund
118. Operation USA
119. Oxfam America
120. PAI
121. PATH
122. Pathfinder International
123. Pax Christi USA
124. Perkins International
125. Plan International USA
126. Planet Aid
127. Planned Parenthood Federation of America
128. Plant With Purpose
129. Population Communication
130. Population Council
131. Population Institute
132. Population Media Center
133. Presbyterian Church (USA)
134. Project C.U.R.E
135. Project Concern International (PCI)
136. Refugees International
137. Relief International
138. RESULTS
139. ReSurge International
140. Sabin Vaccine Institute
141. Salvation Army World Service Office
142. Save the Children
143. Self Help Africa
144. Seva Foundation
145. Shot@Life
146. Sierra Club
147. SNV USA
148. Solidarity Center
149. SOS Children's Villages - USA, Inc
150. SPOON Foundation
151. Stop Hunger Now
152. Syrian American Medical Society Foundation
153. The Borgen Project
154. The Episcopal Church
155. The Hunger Project
156. The LiftPoint Group
157. Transparency International - USA
158. Trickle Up
159. Unitarian Universalist Service Committee
160. United Church of Christ, Justice and Witness Ministries
161. United Methodist Church, General Board of Church and Society
162. United Methodist Committee on Relief
163. United Nations Association of America
164. United Nations Association of the National Capital Area
165. Universal Access Project
166. US Committee for Refugees and Immigrants
167. US Fund for UNICEF
168. US National Committee for UN Women
169. Volunteers for Economic Growth Alliance (VEGA)
170. WASH Advocates
171. Water for South Sudan
172. WaterAid
173. Waterlines
174. WellShare International
175. West African Academy of Public Health (WAAPH)
176. Wide Horizons For Children
177. Women Organizing for Change in Agriculture and Natural Resource Management (WOCAN)
178. Women Thrive Worldwide
179. Women's Refugee Commission
180. World Concern
181. World Connect, Inc.
182. World Education, Inc.
183. World Food Program USA
184. World Hope International
185. World Learning
186. World Neighbors
187. World Rehabilitation Fund
188. World Renew
189. World Vision
190. Zakat Foundation of America