



The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Patrick Leahy
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Richard Shelby
Vice Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairwoman DeLauro, Chairman Leahy, Vice Chairman Shelby, and Ranking Member Granger:

We, the undersigned international, implementing, and advocacy organizations, respectfully request that in F.Y. 2023 you prioritize funding for the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related programs bill and provide the subcommittee with a 302(b) allocation of at least \$72.9 billion. Within this increase, we ask that Congress appropriates meaningful increases for programs addressing food security, humanitarian action, climate change, democracy, and global health. We understand that Congress faces difficult choices, but as global needs continue to increase, U.S. leadership is key to eliminating poverty, alleviating human suffering, and fostering just and peaceful societies.

Additional investment in foreign assistance is crucial. The long-term effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and multiple humanitarian crises, including the continuing crisis in Ukraine, demonstrate the need for increased funding and support for programming to address food security and humanitarian relief. Higher prices for food and energy greatly impact low- and middle-income countries where millions are already facing food insecurity and limited access to adequate nutritious food. The United Nations projected 274 million people would need humanitarian assistance this year—39 million more people than just last year. Global displacement has doubled in just **10 years to over 35 million people**, and of the **161 million people experiencing crisis conditions** in 2021, 81% lived in countries affected by fragility, conflict, and violence.

The ongoing impacts of climate change will disproportionately affect women, children, and other vulnerable groups. According to the World Bank, climate change could “push 132 million people into poverty over the next 10 years, and cause 216 million people to migrate internally by 2050.” Extreme changes in temperature and rainfall negatively affect the small farms and crops that produce the world’s agriculture and food supply. Without significantly more adaptation programming, climate change may depress growth in global agriculture yields up to 30% by 2050, affecting more than 500 million small farms globally.

75% of people now live in countries where freedom is declining. The continued decline in democracy has led to human rights violations, political corruption, and a lack of institutional checks on power, seeding more violence, instability, and misery.



For approximately 1% of the overall federal budget, American foreign assistance saves lives, builds economies, supports peace, creates a more secure world, and advances American values. We ask for your support of a 302(b) allocation for the State, Foreign Operations Bill of \$72.9 billion in F.Y. 2023.

Sincerely,

Undersigned Organizations

Accelerate Global	Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns
ActionAid USA	Mennonite Central Committee U.S.
ADRA International	Mercy Corps
Alliance to End Hunger	Mines Advisory Group (MAG) America
American Jewish World Service	National Cooperative Business Association
Asylum Access	CLUSA International
Bread for the World	National Wildlife Federation
CARE	Nonviolent Peaceforce
Catholic Relief Services	Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) USA
ChildFund International	NRDC
Church World Service	ONE Campaign
Citizens' Climate International	Oxfam America
Concern Worldwide U.S.	Refugees International
Corus International	ReSurge International
E3G	RTI International
Environmental Defense Fund	Rural Education and Agriculture Development
Faiths for Safe Water	Organization (READO)
Farm Journal Foundation	Save the Children
Food for the Hungry	Solidarity Center
Foreign Policy for America	The Nature Conservancy
Global Communities	The Union for Reform Judaism
Global Health Council	The United Methodist Church – General Board of
GOAL USA	Church and Society
Habitat for Humanity International	UNICEF USA
Helen Keller Intl	Union of Concerned Scientists
Helping Hand for Relief and Development	Unitarian Universalist Service Committee
HIAS	Unite North Metro Denver
Humanity & Inclusion	United Nations Association – National Capital Area
InterAction	Wall of Women
Interfaith Power & Light	WaterAid America
Internews	Wildlife Conservation Society
Islamic Relief USA	Women's Refugee Commission
Jesuit Refugee Service/USA	World Learning
Kids in Need of Defense (KIND)	World Vision U.S.
League of Conservation Voters	World Wildlife Fund