

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Charles Schumer  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
Minority Leader  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Minority Leader  
United States Senate  
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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  
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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 Speaker Pelosi, Majority Leader Schumer, Minority Leader McCarthy, Minority Leader McConnell, Chairwoman DeLauro, Chairman Leahy, Vice Chairman Shelby, and Ranking Member Granger:

As organizations that implement and support poverty-focused health, development, and humanitarian programs, we are deeply concerned by the intertwined global crises of COVID-19 and the dramatic rise in hunger and food insecurity exacerbated by the war in Ukraine. These twin crises require immediate U.S. global leadership and resources, without which we risk even greater humanitarian, social, and economic suffering and protracted political instability.

**We call on Congress to appropriate \$5 billion in emergency resources to address food insecurity and humanitarian crises exacerbated by the conflict in Ukraine and \$5 billion for the global COVID-19 response.**

**We urge Congress to provide at least \$5 billion in supplemental funding for urgent humanitarian, food security, and nutrition needs globally in addition to the already requested funds for Ukraine.**

Global food insecurity was dire prior to the war in Ukraine, driving wheat prices to unprecedented levels and causing global supply chain disruptions. The Horn of Africa and the Sahel were experiencing some of the worst droughts in decades, putting more than [two million children](#) at risk of starvation. Estimates suggest that the war in Ukraine could push an additional 40 million people into poverty and food insecurity globally. We welcome the extraordinary step taken on April 27, 2022, by USAID and USDA to [fully draw](#)

[down](#) the Bill Emerson Humanitarian Trust to address these impacts. Still, more is needed quickly as food, treatment for malnutrition, fuel, and shipping costs continue to rise. Resources will take months to get to the field, let alone on people's plates.

**We also urge Congress to immediately provide at least \$5 billion for global COVID-19 response.**

Previously appropriated funds to address the global pandemic have been exhausted. Yet, there is still an urgent need to reduce senseless deaths and preventable negative health consequences from COVID-19, especially in low- and middle-income countries. The primary and secondary impacts of COVID-19 continue to threaten a decade of U.S. foreign assistance investments. In several countries, twice as many women and children have died due to disruptions to the health system as they have due to COVID-19. Unless we act now, the global response will falter and leave the world prone to the emergence of new variants that will increase costs as we face the need for boosters, overburdened health systems, and other challenges of a prolonged pandemic. At least \$5 billion in additional resources is urgently needed to deliver vaccinations and other life-saving interventions and support for frontline healthcare workers to bring this pandemic to an end.

The global shocks of the food insecurity crisis and the ongoing impacts of COVID-19 are compounding global humanitarian emergencies. **We urge Congress to meet the gravity of this moment by providing \$5 billion in emergency resources to address food insecurity and humanitarian crisis exacerbated by the conflict in Ukraine, and an additional \$5 billion for the global COVID-19 response.**

Sincerely,

1,000 Days  
Academic Pediatric Association  
Action Against Hunger  
ADRA International  
Advancing Synergy  
Alliance for Peacebuilding  
Alliance to End Hunger  
American Academy of Pediatrics  
American Jewish World Service  
American Pediatric Society  
American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene  
Amref Health Africa  
Association of Medical School  
    Pediatric Department Chairs  
AVAC  
Be a Hero  
Better World Campaign  
Bread for the World  
CARE  
Center for Global Health Innovation  
Christian Connections for International Health

Last Mile Health  
Management Sciences for Health  
MAP International  
Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns  
Medical Impact  
Mennonite Central Committee U.S.  
Mercy Corps  
National Cooperative Business Association  
    CLUSA International  
NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice  
North Carolina Global Health Alliance  
Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) USA  
ONE  
Oxfam America  
PAI  
Pandemic Action Network  
Partners in Health  
PATH  
Pathfinder International  
Physicians for Peace  
Plan International USA

Church World Service  
Concern Worldwide US  
Corus International  
Drugs for Neglected Diseases Initiative (DNDi),  
North America  
Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
Ex-Miners Association of Malawi  
Fast-Track Cities Institute  
Food for the Hungry  
Friends of the Global Fight Against AIDS,  
Tuberculosis and Malaria  
Friends of UNFPA  
GAIA Global Health  
Global Citizen  
Global Communities  
Global Health Council  
Global Health Technologies Coalition  
Global Network of Black People Working in HIV  
GOAL USA  
Health GAP  
Helen Keller Intl  
HelpAge USA  
HIAS  
HIV Medicine Association  
Humanity & Inclusion  
Humentum  
IAVI  
Infectious Diseases Society of America  
InterAction  
International Association of Providers of AIDS Care  
International Medical Corps  
Internews  
IntraHealth International  
IPAS  
Islamic Relief USA  
John Snow, Inc. (JSI)  
Kids in Need of Defense  
Planned Parenthood Federation of America  
PrEP4All  
Presbyterian Church (USA)  
Public Citizen  
R2H Action [Right to Health]  
Refugees International  
RESULTS  
Sabin Vaccine Institute  
Save the Children  
Shot@Life  
Solidarity Center  
Southern African Miners Association (SAMA)  
SPOON  
Stop TB USA  
Swaziland Migrant Mineworkers Association  
(SWAMMIWA)  
The Borgen Project  
The Campaign to End Covid Now  
The Episcopal Church  
The Task Force for Global Health  
Together Women Rise  
Training for Health Equity Network: THEnet  
UNICEF USA  
United Church of Christ, Justice and Local Church  
Ministries  
United Nations Association of the USA  
United to Beat Malaria  
University Research & Co., LLC  
UNRWA USA  
Water for South Sudan, Inc  
WaterAid America  
Women for Women International  
Women's Refugee Commission  
World Learning  
World Vision  
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