Global Health Security

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Title III
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What is Global Health Security?
Global Health Security (GHS) programming is essential to ensuring U.S. national security by strengthening global, regional, and country capacities to prevent, detect, and respond to emerging infectious disease outbreaks. The United States has committed to strengthening GHS through several programs and multilateral partnerships including the Global Health Security Agenda (GHSA), a multilateral initiative of nearly 70 countries and numerous private sector and non-governmental partners that combat global health threats posed by infectious diseases.

What do the funds support?
- **Capacity strengthening** for more than 50 countries and regions to prevent, detect, and rapidly respond to outbreaks, epidemics, and pandemics more effectively.
- **Developing and improving** disease surveillance systems, laboratory capacities, and establishing early warning systems and emergency operations centers.
- **Improved outbreak response** by supporting country coordination, messaging, and decision making.
- Investments in multilateral partners, such as the Pandemic Fund and the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations.

Foreign Aid Delivers
Investing in global health security is a cost-effective way to protect lives and safeguard communities, especially with the ongoing threat of new and emerging diseases. Strategies that **reduce the risk of an epidemic by half** would save 1.6 million lives per year and reduce mortality costs by $10 trillion. Since 2015, the U.S. has invested more than $2 billion in partnerships with host governments to address gaps, respond to health security threats, and strengthen national health security capacities. In FY2023, USAID’s Global Health Program trained over 40,000 professionals to respond to zoonotic and antimicrobial resistance (AMR) threats, distributed 22,780 units of personal protective equipment in 13 countries, and supported 20 countries to improve their infection prevention and control practices. Pandemic prevention actions cost less than **five percent** of the value of lives lost each year to emerging zoonotic diseases.

Funding History
Funding levels may not accurately reflect those in the appropriations bills and/or reports due to rounding.