



May 3, 2021

President Joseph R. Biden
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Biden,

On behalf of Global Health Council and the global health community, we greatly appreciate the historic increase to the International Affairs Budget included in your initial Fiscal Year 2022 Discretionary Budget Request and its vital funding for global health security and pandemic preparedness, as well as the more than \$10 billion in emergency funding for the global COVID-19 response included in the American Rescue Plan Act. These are critical first steps to reducing the impact of COVID-19 on global health programs and helping countries respond to the pandemic. However, additional funding and U.S. leadership is needed to help stop the spread of the virus, fully mitigate the impacts of the pandemic, and achieve equitable recovery.

Therefore, we urgently ask you to ensure your FY22 Discretionary Budget includes additional increases to global health programs, beyond those proposed for global health security, to begin to meet the significant rise in health needs in the wake of COVID-19. Moreover, we ask that any such increases not come at the expense of other poverty-focused development or humanitarian assistance funding.

Unfortunately, bilateral global health program budgets and many multilateral accounts have remained essentially flat over the last ten years. As organizations with deep-rooted commitments to ending suffering around the globe, we are all too aware of how stagnant budgets stall progress, both during emergencies and in their aftermath. We are also painfully aware of how the underfunding of public health, both in the U.S. and around the world, in the years leading up to COVID-19 crippled our ability to control the pandemic. This awareness shapes our disappointment that the FY22 Discretionary Budget only provides meaningful increases to one aspect of global health programming and misses an opportunity to set forth a holistic vision for U.S. global health programs—one that both bolsters pandemic preparedness *and* prioritizes increased investments in longstanding programs that ensure access to essential health services and address existing epidemics. These programs not only support key U.S. government objectives, but also help build stronger, more resilient health systems and well-trained health workforces that contribute to global health security.

The pandemic continues to contribute to poor health outcomes across the board from HIV, tuberculosis and malaria; has set back efforts to eliminate long-standing challenges like neglected tropical diseases and other inequities in non-communicable diseases; and undermines key interventions for women and girls, among many devastating effects. Without additional increases, vulnerable communities will face longstanding challenges to their health and survival and decades of U.S. investments in global health will be at risk.

Your budget request will greatly influence Congress as they determine funding levels for FY22. Once again, we urgently ask you to ensure your FY22 Discretionary Budget includes additional increases to global health programs. Attached is our letter to the Office of Management and Budget for further explanation on need, and we are happy to discuss further, including starting the conversation on investments in FY23.

We look forward to working with your Administration to build upon America's legacy of leadership in global health.

Sincerely,

1. 1,000 Days, an initiative of FHI Solutions
2. Advancing Synergy
3. American Academy of Pediatrics
4. American Heart Association
5. American Jewish World Service
6. American Public Health Association
7. American Society of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene
8. Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health
9. AVAC
10. Bay Area Global Health Alliance
11. Better World Campaign
12. Bread for the World
13. CARE USA
14. Center for Biological Diversity
15. Center for Global Surgery University of Utah
16. CHANGE (Center for Health and Gender Equity)
17. Chemonics International
18. Clearinghouse on Women's Issues
19. CORE Group
20. Defined Impact Group
21. DNDi
22. Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation
23. Fast-Track Cities Institute
24. Feminist Majority Foundation
25. FIND
26. Food for the Hungry
27. Friends of the Global Fight Against AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria
28. Frontline Health Workers Coalition
29. Fund for Global Health
30. Global Citizen
31. Global Health Technologies Coalition
32. Global Surgery Student Alliance
33. Global Water 2020
34. Guttmacher Institute
35. Health GAP
36. Heartland Alliance International
37. HIV Medicine Association
38. Humanity & Inclusion
39. IAVI
40. Infectious Diseases Society of America
41. InterAction
42. International Association for Dental Research
43. International Association of Providers of AIDS Care
44. International Medical Corps
45. International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease
46. International Women's Health Coalition
47. Intrahealth International
48. Ipas
49. John Snow, Inc. (JSI)

50. Malaria No More
51. Management Sciences for Health
52. MiracleFeet
53. Mobile Surgery International
54. MPact: Global Action for Gay Men's Health & Rights
55. MSI Reproductive Choices
56. National Birth Equity Collaborative
57. Nothing But Nets
58. Nuclear Threat Initiative
59. ONE Campaign
60. PAI
61. Pandemic Action Network
62. Partners In Health
63. PATH
64. Pathfinder International
65. Planned Parenthood Federation of America
66. Population Connection Action Fund
67. Population Institute
68. Population Services International (PSI)
69. Project Angkor
70. R2H Action [Right to Health]
71. RESULTS
72. ReSurge International
73. Sabin Vaccine Institute
74. Save the Children
75. Shot@Life
76. Social Innovation on Drug Resistance Program, Boston University
77. Stop TB USA
78. TB Alliance
79. The Borgen Project
80. The G4 Alliance
81. The Task Force for Global Health
82. Treatment Action Group
83. Tuberculosis Roundtable
84. UNICEF USA
85. VillageReach
86. WaterAid
87. What To Expect Project
88. Women in Global Health

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