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Dear Member of Congress,

**The undersigned members and partners of InterAction urge support for full funding in Fiscal Year 2019 for poverty-focused international development and humanitarian assistance accounts at no less than the levels outlined in the attached recommendations.** These funding levels reflect the minimum requirements needed to maintain American leadership in these vital areas, and could be achieved with an International Affairs Budget of **\$59.1 billion**. Funding for each of these programs must not come at the expense of other poverty-focused development, global health and humanitarian assistance that works together to serve the common goal of creating a safer and more prosperous world. As implementing organizations and advocacy partners, we also believe that there are opportunities for Congress to step up and invest additional funding to better meet unprecedented global challenges and catalyze American leadership.

It's clear that U.S. investments have had an instrumental impact, creating healthier, safer, and more stable societies. Polio has nearly been eradicated. In the last 30 years, we have halved the number of preventable under-five child deaths, the number of people living in poverty, and the number of children and adolescents out of school. In the past five years, USAID programming has ended hunger for 1.7 million more households. Eighty-seven percent of the world's population has access to safe, affordable, and sustainable drinking water and sixty-one percent have access to improved sanitation. Results like this show that American engagement matters and is consistent with the values and generosity of the American people.

Despite this progress, U.S. leadership and engagement continues to be critical to address ongoing global crises. While budgetary resources are not enough to meet these challenges, they are necessary to address the needs of the most vulnerable. Currently, 135.7 million people need humanitarian assistance. Of this number, 65 million people have been forced from their homes. An estimated 76 million people will need emergency food assistance in 2018, and famine-like conditions are expected to impact a growing number of countries. Public health threats in the last year have included outbreaks of cholera in Yemen, diphtheria among refugees from Myanmar, and the bubonic plague in Madagascar. While crisis response remains urgent, we must also invest in programs that help populations resist shocks and prevent crises in the first place.

At less than one percent of the total U.S. federal budget, poverty-focused development and humanitarian assistance programs are essential to support lifesaving work and promoting U.S. global leadership. Through these programs, U.S. investments: build sustainability; fight disease; respond to disasters; improve global health and nutrition – particularly for mothers and children; help smallholder farmers; educate children;

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support democracy and good governance; promote human rights; strengthen civil society; protect people from exploitation; provide access to clean water and better sanitation and hygiene; foster equitable growth; advance gender equality; empower women and girls; and safeguard the environment.

These programs are accountable to American taxpayers, with increasingly well-measured and transparent outcomes that assure assistance delivers results and saves lives. Effective programs also galvanize efforts from other nations, donors, the private sector, and civil society in partner countries. Efforts to reduce poverty and end human suffering are more effective and help transition to sustainable and independent economies that can responsibly grow beyond the need for U.S. assistance. Private American organizations, including members of InterAction, leverage \$15 billion in funding to address these needs but rely on the U.S. government to open doors. Continued American leadership is necessary as these programs are in the national interest – now is not the time to back away.

Thank you for your consideration of these requests. Please do not hesitate to reach out to Kevin Rachlin [Krachlin@interaction.org](mailto:Krachlin@interaction.org), Soshana Hashmie [shashmie@interaction.org](mailto:shashmie@interaction.org), or Sara Nitz [snitz@interaction.org](mailto:snitz@interaction.org)

<b>InterAction Key Accounts</b>	<b>Minimum Requirement for American Leadership** (in millions)</b>
<b>STATE AND FOREIGN OPERATIONS</b>	
<b>Title I—Department of State and Related Agencies</b>	
Contributions to International Peacekeeping Activities	\$1,907.56
National Endowment for Democracy	\$170.00
<b>Title II—USAID</b>	
Operating Expenses	\$1,347.68
<b>Title III—Bilateral Economic Assistance</b>	
Global Health Programs	
Maternal and Child Health	\$829.50
of which Gavi	\$290.00
Polio in all accounts	\$59.00
Family Planning in all accounts	\$623.0
Nutrition	\$125.00
Vulnerable Children	\$23.00
Malaria	\$755.00
Tuberculosis	\$261.00
Neglected Tropical Diseases	\$100.00
HIV/AIDS (USAID)	\$330.00
PEPFAR (State)	\$4,320.00
Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis & Malaria	\$1,350.00
Development Assistance	\$3,000.00
International Disaster Assistance	\$4,427.79
Economic Support Fund	\$4,681.56
Migration and Refugee Assistance	\$3,359.00
Emergency Refugee and Migration Assistance	\$50.00
Millennium Challenge Corporation	\$905.00
<b>Title IV—International Security Assistance</b>	
Peacekeeping Operations	\$695.00
<b>Title V—Multilateral Assistance</b>	
International Organizations and Programs	\$363.00
Contribution to International Development Association	\$1,097.01
Contributions to International Fund for Agricultural Development	\$30.00
Global Environment Facility	\$140.00
Global Agriculture and Food Security Program	\$23.00
<b>Title VII—General Provisions</b>	
Microfinance	\$265.00
Basic Education	\$800.00
Green Climate Fund	\$500.00
Adaptation, Clean Energy, and Sustainable Landscapes	\$476.79
Biodiversity	\$269.00
Democracy Programs	\$2,308.00
Feed the Future	\$1,000.60
Water in all accounts	\$400.00
Gender Equality ( <i>allocated within the above accounts</i> )	\$1,300.00
<b>AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATIONS</b>	
Food for Peace Title II	\$1,600.00*
McGovern Dole	\$206.62
USDA Local and Regional Procurement	\$15.00
<b>LABOR – HHS APPROPRIATIONS</b>	
Bureau of International Labor Affairs	\$86.13
CDC Global Health	\$535.10
Emerging & Zoonotic Infectious Disease	\$584.92

\*\*These numbers represent the highest funding levels allocated within FY17 or FY18 House or Senate Appropriations

\*This number is not inclusive of an additional \$300 million transfer from IDA in FY 17

1. ACDI/VOCA
2. ARAHA
3. Action Against Hunger
4. Action Corps NYC
5. ACTED
6. Adventist Development and Relief Agency International (ADRA)
7. Alliance for Peacebuilding
8. Alliance to End Hunger
9. American Academy of Pediatrics
10. American Jewish World Service
11. American Red Cross
12. Americares
13. American Heart Association
14. Association of Volunteers in International Service, USA (AVSI USA)
15. Bank Information Center
16. Basic Education Coalition
17. Better World Fund
18. Bread for the World
19. Bethany Christian Services
20. Borgen Project
21. BRAC USA
22. CARE
23. Christian Connections for International Health
24. Childfund International
25. Church World Service
26. Concern Worldwide US
27. CORE Group
28. Creative Learning
29. Doctors Of the World USA
30. Elizabeth Glasser Pediatrics Aid Foundation
31. Education Development Center
32. Episcopal Relief and Development
33. Feed the Children
34. Food for the Hungry
35. Foreign Policy America
36. Friends of ACTED
37. Franciscan Action Network
38. Frontline Health Workers Coalition
39. FXB USA
40. Global Communities
41. Global Health Council
42. Global Health Technologies Coalition
43. Global Impact
44. Global Campaign for Education—US
45. Habitat for Humanity International
46. Headwaters Disaster Relief Organization
47. Heart to Heart International
48. Heifer International
49. Helen Keller International
50. Humentum
51. Housing Works Inc.
52. Humanity and Inclusion
53. IMA World Health
54. InterAction
55. International Center for Not-for-Profit Law
56. International Center for Research on Women (ICRW)
57. International Eye Foundation
58. International Orthodox Christian Charities
59. International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES)
60. International Medical Corps
61. International Rescue Committee
62. Internews
63. Intrahealth International
64. Islamic Relief USA
65. Jesuit Refugee Service/ USA
66. J Street
67. Jon Snow Inc.
68. Lutheran World Relief
69. Management Sciences for Health
70. Mennonite Central Committee U.S.
71. Mercy Corps
72. Mercy-USA for Aid and Development
73. National Peace Corps. Association
74. NCBA CLUSA
75. Norwegian Refugee Council USA
76. ONE
77. One Acre Fund
78. Oxfam America
79. Outreach Aid to Americas, Inc.
80. PAI
81. PATH
82. Plan
83. Planet Aid
84. Plant with Purpose
85. Planned Parenthood Federation of America
86. Population Action International
87. Presbyterian Church (USA)
88. Project Concern International
89. Project HOPE International
90. Refugees International
91. Relief International
92. RESULTS
93. ReSurge International
94. Rise Against Hunger
95. RTI International
96. Save the Children
97. Solar Cookers International
98. Solidarity Center
99. Shot at Life
100. STAND
101. SPOON
102. The Hunger Project
103. The Nature Conservancy
104. U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants
105. U.S. Fund for UNICEF
106. United Methodist Church, General Board of Church & Society
107. United Methodist Committee on Relief
108. United Nations Association of the USA

109.Volunteers for Economic Growth Alliance  
(VEGA)  
110.Village Enterprise  
111.Water Aid America  
112.Water for South Sudan, INC.  
113.WEEMA International  
114.WellShare International  
115.Women's Refugee Commmission

116.World Concern  
117.World Hope International  
118.World Education Inc.  
119.World Learning  
120.World Renew  
121.World Vision  
122.Yemen Peace Project  
123.Zakat Foundatin of America

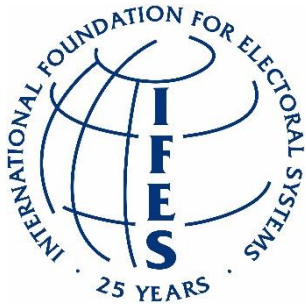




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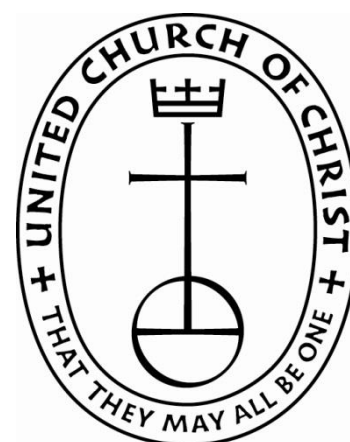
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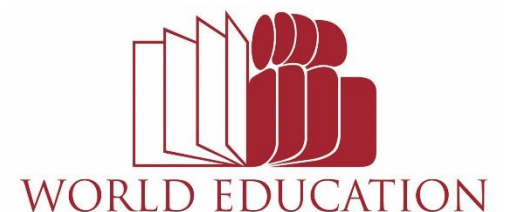




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