

February 28, 2022

Joseph R. Biden
President of the United States of America
The White House
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Dear President Biden:

On behalf of organizations working across a multitude of global health, humanitarian, and development challenges, we strongly urge you to swiftly send a formal request to Congress asking for additional emergency supplemental funding that reflects the true needs outlined by your agency experts to respond to the challenges of COVID-19 globally, as well as the increasingly alarming global hunger and humanitarian situations. We also ask that you engage with Congress to support increased funding for the global health, humanitarian, and development accounts in the final Fiscal Year 2022 spending package.

The length and severity of the pandemic means that previous United States government resources for the global COVID-19 response are all but expended. According to USAID testimony to Congress, in a few weeks' time there will be no additional U.S. resources available to deliver the vaccines your administration has procured, to deliver technical assistance to protect people from COVID-19, or to respond to the other devastating impacts of the pandemic without severely undermining core global health programs. Without additional investment now, the leadership the United States has shown in vaccine deployment will be wasted as vaccines risk expiration before they can reach those in need.

An under-resourced global COVID-19 response puts the success of existing global health, development, and humanitarian programs at risk if financial resources, human capital, and health systems are stretched beyond their capacity. Unfortunately, numerous humanitarian and hunger crises are already worsening, many as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic and its related economic shocks. Our previous global COVID-19 investments have leveraged existing U.S. global health and development ingenuity, platforms, and relationships to efficiently and effectively impact the pandemic, but with funding running out, there is a financial and programmatic cliff ahead. According to World Bank reporting, over 80 million people globally have been plunged into extreme poverty during the pandemic, and additional shocks will further exacerbate the pandemic's devastating effects.

As we have learned time and time again, COVID-19 knows no borders and the pandemic will not be over in the United States until it is under control around the world. Please do not abandon requesting additional resources for the global response. Countries, communities, and families are desperately in need of our support and are looking to the United States for leadership.

If news reports are true, the proposed need that your administration briefed to Congress last week would dramatically underfund your goals to vaccinate 70% of the world and respond to the devastating impacts of COVID-19, stymying U.S. leadership. Please send a formal request to Congress for additional and robust supplemental funding for the global COVID-19 response today.

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