



THE FUND FOR GLOBAL HEALTH



Our Mission

The mission of the Fund for Global Health is to provide the maximum possible health benefit to vulnerable people in developing countries. One of the best ways to accomplish this is by advocating for increased U.S. funding for effective global health programs. This year we are focused on increasing U.S. foreign aid for addressing maternal & child health, immunization and tuberculosis.

The Issues

Maternal and Child Health

Birth attendants trained with U.S. aid are saving the lives of mothers and infants who could otherwise perish in a risky childbirth. This is one initiative of the U.S. Agency for International Development's Maternal and Child Health (MCH) program, which has saved the lives of 4.6 million children and 200,000 women since 2008. However, every day over 16,000 children still die of things like pneumonia, diarrhea and malaria, all of which have low-cost solutions.

GAVI, the Vaccine Alliance

By preventing illness, immunization improves a child's cognitive skills, physical strength and performance at school. Vaccination currently saves between 2 and 3 million lives every year. But 1.5 million children still die each year of vaccine-preventable diseases, and the U.S. must keep its pledge of financial support. to GAVI, the Vaccine Alliance.

Tuberculosis

Tuberculosis is now the biggest infectious disease killer worldwide, taking 1.8 million lives a year, yet funding has decreased over the past few years. With multi-drug resistant tuberculosis emerging as a threat to global health security, it's very important to step up funding for TB programs.

Congressional Appropriations for Global Health

A small number of U.S. Representatives and Senators on the State and Foreign Operations Subcommittees of Appropriations decide on funding levels for these programs. Your school is in a district represented by one of these subcommittee members, which means you have a unique and important opportunity to make a difference on funding levels for global health. We are offering an internship in which you will be trained and supported to engage in effective citizen lobbying of this Member of Congress. We believe the foreign aid bill will be marked up by these House and Senate subcommittees soon, so now is the time to take action.



Join us

Together, we can make a big difference in Congressional funding this year for tuberculosis, maternal and child health, and immunization programs! To find out more, please contact:

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