

## International Poverty-Reducing Development and Humanitarian Accounts



Appropriations Accounts (\$ in thousands) (OCO included)	FY 19 Enacted	FY 20 Enacted*	FY 21 House	FY 21 Senate	USCCB/CRS FY 21 Request
State, Foreign Operations (SFOPs)	22,217,616	22,832,193	23,164,624	22,556,564	23,825,624
Maternal and Child Health (including GAVI)	835,000	851,000	850,000	865,000	865,000
Nutrition	145,000	150,000	145,000	150,000	150,000
Vulnerable Children (orphans and displaced children)	24,000	25,000	24,000	30,000	30,000
HIV/AIDS (USAID)	330,000	330,000	330,000	330,000	330,000
Malaria	755,000	770,000	755,000	785,000	785,000
Tuberculosis	302,000	310,000	310,000	325,000	325,000
Neglected Tropical Diseases	102,500	102,500	102,500	102,500	102,500
Global Health Security	100,000	100,000	125,000	275,000	275,000
PEPFAR (including Global Fund)	5,720,000	5,930,000	5,930,000	5,930,000	5,930,000
Development Assistance (including Water, Basic Ed)	3,000,000	3,400,000	3,800,000	3,000,000	3,800,000
International Disaster Assistance	4,385,312	4,395,362	4,395,362	4,395,362	4,395,362
Migration and Refugee Assistance	3,432,000	3,432,000	3,432,000	3,432,000	3,432,000
Emergency Refugee and Migration Assistance	1,000	100	100	100	100
Complex Crises Fund	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
Millennium Challenge Account	905,000	905,000	905,000	912,000	912,000
Atrocities Prevention Board (ESF & INCLE)	5,500	5,500	5,000	5,000	5,000
Contributions for International Peacekeeping Activities	1,551,000	1,526,383	1,456,314	1,441,094	1,456,314
Peacekeeping Operations	488,670	457,348	457,348	406,508	457,348
Green Climate Fund (Treasury)	0	0	0**	0	500,000
U.S. Institute of Peace	38,634	45,000	45,000	45,000	45,000
Anti-Trafficking in Persons (DA, ESF, AEECA, INCLE)	67,000	67,000	67,000	97,000	97,000
Agricultural (Ag)	1,926,255	1,945,000	2,010,000	1,945,000	2,010,000
Title II Food for Peace	1,716,000	1,725,000	1,775,000	1,725,000	1,775,000
McGovern-Dole	210,255	220,000	235,000	220,000	235,000
Labor, Health and Human Services (LHHS)	86,125	96,000	96,000	96,125	96,125
Bureau of International Labor Affairs (DOL/ILAB)	86,125	96,000	96,000	96,125	96,125
COMBINED TOTAL	24,229,996	24,873,193	25,270,624	24,597,689	25,931,749

<sup>\*</sup> COVID-19 Supplemental Legislation appropriated \$435M to GH-USAID, \$558M to IDA, \$350M to MRA, and \$250M to ESF. \*\* While not explicitly mentioning GCF, \$500 million is available in the House bill for a contribution or grant to an international fund to pursue adaptation and mitigation.

## **Summary of Message to Congress and Account Descriptions**

The Church views international assistance as an essential tool to promote human life and dignity, advance solidarity with low and middle-income nations, and enhance human security. The USCCB and CRS prioritize the accounts below because they are most focused on saving lives and reducing poverty. This assistance is just over one-half percent of the federal budget. We urge Congress to **fund international poverty-reducing development and humanitarian programs to alleviate suffering and invest in peace**.

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Maternal and Child Health programs provide low-cost, life-saving interventions such as micronutrient supplementation, nutritional support, newborn care, immunization, and treatment of pneumonia and diarrheal disease – addressing the biggest killers of mothers and children in the developing world. This account also provides funding for the U.S. contribution to GAVI, the Vaccine Alliance, which purchases vaccines for children in poor countries. Programs such as these have helped reduce the number of preventable child deaths worldwide from 12.6 million in 1990 to 5.3 million today.

*Nutrition* programs provide interventions such as micronutrient supplementation and growth monitoring, which combined with an adequate diet and clean water and sanitation, improves outcomes during the first critical years of a child's life. Malnutrition is the underlying cause of 45 percent of preventable child deaths.

*Vulnerable Children* funding promotes family care for vulnerable children and seeks to reduce violence against children.

HIV and AIDS PEPFAR (USAID & State Funding) supports HIV and AIDS efforts in 50 countries to achieve epidemic control. Ten percent of PEPFAR funding focuses on mitigating the negative impact of HIV on orphans and vulnerable children affected and infected by HIV and AIDS. Also included is funding for the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria which works to prevent, treat and care for people with HIV, TB and Malaria and build health systems. The Global Fund is working in over 100 countries and has saved 32 million lives. Although we have principled concerns about those PEPFAR prevention activities we find inconsistent with Catholic teaching and do not implement or advocate for these activities, we support PEPFAR's overall lifesaving mission and urge robust funding for the Global Fund.

Malaria programs treat, prevent, and control this deadly disease which is one of the biggest killers of children under five worldwide.

*Tuberculosis* programs screen, diagnose, and treat millions of people each year. TB is the leading infectious killer globally.

Neglected Tropical Diseases programs focus on scaling up integrated treatment to prevent parasitic and bacterial diseases that cause morbidity and mortality.

Global Health Security programs prevent, prepare for, and respond to unanticipated and emerging global health threats.

**Development Assistance** programs support an array of critical development activities, including basic education; Global Food Security Act implementation; clean water and sanitation; microfinance, democracy promotion and good governance, and conflict management and mitigation.

**International Disaster Assistance** funds emergency health, water, shelter and nutrition efforts, as well as disaster risk reduction and rehabilitation through the Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA). It also supports cash and voucher-based emergency food security programming via the Emergency Food Security Program (EFSP). **Migration and Refugee Assistance** protects refugees and internally displaced persons, helps them to repatriate when conflict ends or natural disaster responses permit, and supports resettlement to safe countries like the U.S. This level would fund the admission process for 75,000 refugees to the U.S.

**Emergency Refugee and Migration Assistance** is a drawdown account used, with Presidential authority, to respond to humanitarian crises. The administration has not utilized this funding. ERMA is currently capped at \$100 million.

**Complex Crisis Fund** enables rapid investments to catalyze peace and mitigate conflict in the face of unforeseen crises or violence.

Millennium Challenge Account provides U.S. funding to countries with a commitment to good governance, focusing on infrastructure projects.

Atrocities Prevention Board (APB) improves collaboration, analysis and information sharing to mobilize U.S. efforts to prevent future atrocities and crises.

Contributions to International Peacekeeping Activities deploy peacekeeping troops to protect civilians in places like Sudan and Somalia. Based on UN assessed rates of contribution, the U.S. is currently in arrears estimated at more than \$956.2 million.

**Peacekeeping Operations** finances the training and equipping of peacekeeping troops and the professionalization of militia groups committed to protecting their people. **Green Climate Fund** provides assistance to developing countries to adapt to and mitigate the impacts of climate change. In lieu of Green Climate Fund, other multilateral and bilateral program to address climate change adaption and mitigation should be considered.

**U.S. Institute of Peace** works to prevent, reduce, and resolve armed conflict around the world by providing analysis, education, and resources to those working for peace. **Combatting Trafficking in Persons** US assistance helps other nations to prevent trafficking, prosecute perpetrators, and support victims.

**Title II Food for Peace** provides U.S. food aid for emergencies and funds \$350 million in long-term development programs that support nutrition and build resilience. **McGovern-Dole** provides school lunches and take-home food rations to encourage students, especially girls, to attend school, and other school support efforts. At least \$15 million should provide for local and regionally procured commodities for sustainability.

Bureau of International Labor Affairs funds programs to combat the worst forms of child labor, forced labor, and trafficking in persons.