During this time of unprecedented and dire food insecurity in the world, we urge members of Congress to prioritize addressing global hunger and climate change—issues that disproportionately impact communities experiencing poverty and vulnerability the most—so that all people may live with dignity and thrive.

About Catholic Relief Services

CRS is the official international Catholic relief and development agency of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. CRS works in over 100 countries around the world to address the root causes of poverty, promote the sacredness and dignity of human life and help build more just and peaceful societies.

International Poverty-Reducing Humanitarian Relief and Development Assistance: For decades, U.S. leadership in international poverty-reducing humanitarian and development assistance has had tangible results in the lives of millions. CRS looks forward to working with Congress to increase poverty-reducing international assistance to save lives and uphold human dignity.

Farm Bill Reauthorization: CRS looks forward to working with Congress to enact timely reauthorization of the 2023 Farm Bill to addresses global hunger and support the implementation of U.S.-funded emergency and development food security programming around the world.

GLOBAL HUNGER AND CLIMATE CHANGE

- 349 million people are experiencing crisis or worse levels of acute food insecurity and malnutrition—a magnitude of hunger that our world has not seen before. Families are struggling to meet their food needs due to the compound effects of conflict, climate change, COVID-19 and rising food costs.

- Climate change continues to be an urgent challenge for our world today and especially affects people who live in poor and vulnerable communities that are more susceptible to the impacts of droughts and flooding—which can devastate homes, disrupt livelihoods and cause economic instability and inequality.

- CRS works with communities to build a pathway to resiliency so that people can once again provide for themselves and thrive, decreasing the need for future humanitarian assistance.

CRS looks forward to working with the U.S. Congress to support communities experiencing poverty and vulnerability build sustainable livelihoods, develop resilience against future economic and climate shocks and create a better future for themselves and their families.

Contact Information

Budget and Appropriations: David Cronin, Senior Policy and Legislative Specialist, Catholic Relief Services david.cronin@crs.org

Farm Bill: Ari Shaw-Obasogie, Senior Policy and Legislative Specialist, Catholic Relief Services ari.shaw@crs.org