



November 20, 2024

The Honorable Martin Heinrich
Chairman
Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural
Development, Food and Drug Administration
Senate Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate

The Honorable John Hoeven
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural
Development, Food and Drug Administration
Senate Committee on Appropriations
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The Honorable Andy Harris
Chairman
Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural
Development, Food and Drug Administration
House Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Sanford Bishop, Jr.
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural
Development, Food and Drug Administration
House Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives

Dear Chairman Heinrich, Ranking Member Hoeven, Chairman Harris, and Ranking Member Bishop,

We thank you for your continued bipartisan leadership and dedication to issues of food and nutrition security, recognizing the fiscal constraints placed on the subcommittee with significantly restricted allocations to cover critical programs in the Agriculture bill.

We continue to face an unprecedented global food crisis, fueled primarily by conflict and climate-related extreme weather events, which have led to over 733 million people around the world going hungry. Sudan is now the world's largest food crisis, with over 21 million people (nearly half of the country's population) facing high levels of food insecurity, in Haiti, the number of food-insecure people has tripled since 2016. A total 5.4 million Haitians – nearly half the population – do not have enough to eat, with continued gang violence and political upheaval compounding the crisis. In Gaza, experts are warning of imminent famine in the northern part of the territory.

On behalf of the undersigned members of the Alliance to End Hunger, we respectfully request that you provide sufficient funding for critical programs that save lives, protect livelihoods, and build resiliency and self-sufficiency as you conference the FY25 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration bill.

Specifically,

- **\$1.721 billion** for **Food for Peace Title II**, the Senate funding level.
- **\$250 million** for **McGovern-Dole**, the Senate funding level.
 - \$25 million for Local and Regional Procurement within the McGovern-Dole account.

Food for Peace Title II and McGovern-Dole Food for Education and Child Nutrition programs provide food insecure communities around the world with critically needed support in the fight against hunger and malnutrition. These programs both help to respond to emergencies, as well as provide longer-term support for communities to sustain their food and nutrition security, strengthening the resilience of these communities against recurrent shocks. In emergencies, Food for Peace provides individuals with life-saving treatment, such as Ready-to-Use-Therapeutic Food (RUTF). By supporting the world's most vulnerable, these programs are building a more stable world and ensuring that people can lead healthy, productive lives.

We recognize that additional resources were provided this year through a drawdown of the Commodity Credit Corporation, providing critically needed emergency food relief to countries facing extreme hunger and malnutrition, some on the verge of famine. However, with the ongoing global food crisis showing no signs of slowing, continued robust support of programs such as Food for Peace is critical.

We appreciate the continuing role of U.S. leadership in combating world hunger and malnutrition. These investments not only help alleviate hunger and malnutrition among the world's most vulnerable, but also bolster our national security. Where hunger and malnutrition persist, instability grows. Responding to hunger is a critical tool for achieving peace and stability in fragile places and protecting American interests through our goodwill.

Thank you for your consideration of our request in our shared goal of reducing hunger and malnutrition around the world.

Sincerely,

Bread for the World
Cantera Partners
Congressional Hunger Center
CNFA (Cultivating New Frontiers in
Agriculture)
Edesia Nutrition
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Islamic Relief USA
Meds & Food for Kids
Opportunity International
Rise Against Hunger
Save the Children
World Food Program USA