

International Poverty-Reducing Development and Humanitarian Accounts



Appropriations Requests (\$ in thousands) (OCO included)	FY 17 Enacted	FY 18 Omnibus	Administration's FY 19 Request	USCCB/CRS FY 19 Request
State, Foreign Operations (SFOPs)	22,660,013	21,788,823	15,128,395	23,662,828
Maternal and Child Health (including GAVI)	814,500	829,500	619,600	829,500
Nutrition	125,000	125,000	78,500	125,000
Vulnerable Children (orphans and displaced children) i	23,000	23,000		23,000
HIV/AIDS (USAID)	330,000	330,000	0	330,000
Malaria	755,000	755,000	674,000	755,000
Tuberculosis	241,000	261,000	178,400	261,000
Neglected Tropical Diseases	100,000	100,000	75,000	100,000
Combating Emerging Disease Outbreaks ii	142,500	72,550	72,500	142,500
HIV/AIDS (DOS/PEPFAR)	5,670,000	5,670,000	4,775,100	5,670,000
Development Assistance (including Water, Basic Ed) iii	2,995,465	3,000,000		3,000,000
International Disaster Assistance	4,427,786*	4,285,312	3,557,412	4,285,312
Migration and Refugee Assistance	3,359,000**	3,359,000	2,800,375	3,604,000
Emergency Refugee and Migration Assistance	50,000	1,000	0	50,000
Complex Crises Fund	30,000	30,000	0	30,000
Millennium Challenge Account	905,000	905,000	800,000	905,000
Atrocities Prevention Board (ESF & INCLE)	10,000	5,750	0	10,000
Contributions to International Peacekeeping Activities	1,907,564	1,382,080	1,196,108	2,574,000
Peacekeeping Operations	659,014^	537,925	291,400	351,800
Green Climate Fund (Treasury)	0	0	0	500,000
U.S. Institute of Peace	37,884	37,884	20,000	37,884
Anti-Trafficking in Persons (DA, ESF, AEECA, INCLE) iv	77,300	78,822		78,822
Agricultural (Ag)	1,801,626	1,923,626	0	2,106,620
Food for Peace (Title II) v	1,600,000	1,716,000	0	1,900,000
McGovern-Dole	201,626	207,626	0	207,626
Labor, Health and Human Services (LHHS)	86,125	86,125	18,500	91,125
Dept. of Labor International Labor Affairs (DOL/ILAB)	86,125	86,125	18,500	91,125
COMBINED TOTAL	24,547,764	23,798,574	15,156,895	25,861,579

^{*}IDA enacted funding for 2017 includes \$616 million in emergency spending from the December 2016 CR; and \$990 million in emergency spending from the omnibus, \$300 million of which was transferred to Food for Peace Title II. The omnibus level is \$3.8 billion.

^{**}MRA enacted funding for 2017 includes \$300 million in emergency spending from the December 2016 CR. The omnibus level is \$3.059 billion.

[^]PKO enacted funding for 2017 includes \$50 million in emergency spending from the December 2016 CR. The omnibus level is \$609 million.

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 developing 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, not the 20-25% many Americans believe it constitutes. We urge Congress to **maintain funding for international poverty-reducing development and humanitarian programs to meet urgent needs and invest in peace**.

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.

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.

¹ *Vulnerable Children* programs address the special needs of displaced children and orphans. The Administration's FY19 Request does not specify this account. *HIV and AIDS PEPFAR (USAID & State Funding)* funding focuses on prevention, care and treatment, and the support of children affected and infected by HIV and AIDS. 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 with the vision of ending preventable child and maternal deaths. The programs build government capacity to treat and prevent malaria.

Tuberculosis programs screen, diagnose, and treat millions of people each year affected by the leading infectious disease killer globally to cure and prevent the spread of TB. *Neglected Tropical Diseases* programs focus on scaling up integrated treatment to prevent parasitic and bacterial diseases that cause morbidity and mortality.

ii Combating Emerging Disease Outbreaks programs prevent, prepare for, and respond to unanticipated and emerging global health threats. The Administration's FY19 Request reprograms \$72.5 million from FY15 Ebola emergency appropriations. The Senate and House title this account Contagious Infectious Disease Outbreaks and Global health security and emerging health threats, respectively.

ⁱⁱⁱ **Development Assistance** programs support an array of critical development activities, including primary education; Global Food Security Act implementation; clean water and sanitation; microfinance, democracy promotion and good governance, and conflict management and mitigation. The Administration's FY19 Request combines the DA and ESF accounts into a new Economic Support and Development Fund account, and proposes \$5 billion. This reduces overall funding compared to FY17 funding levels for DA and ESF by 43%. The Senate and House FY18 bills do not support consolidation of accounts.

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 to resettle to safe countries like the U.S. This level would fund resettlement of 75,000 refugees in the U.S.

Emergency Refugee and Migration Assistance is a drawdown account used, with Presidential authority, to respond to humanitarian crises.

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.

Peacekeeping Operations finances the training and equipping of peacekeeping troops before they deploy to conflict countries and the professionalization of militia groups into formal military forces committed to protecting their people.

Green Climate Fund provides assistance to developing countries to adapt to, and mitigate, impacts of climate change.

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.

- iv Combatting Trafficking in Persons US assistance helps other nations to prevent trafficking, prosecute perpetrators, and provide assistance to victims. The Administration's FY19 request does not aggregate anti-trafficking programming from various accounts, therefore, the topline number is inconclusive.
- ^v Food for Peace (Title II) provides U.S. food aid for emergencies and funds \$350 million in long-term development programs that support nutrition and build resilience. The Administration's FY19 Request eliminates all funding for Food for Peace and shifts programming to IDA and Economic Support and Development Fund. 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. The Administrations FY19 Request eliminates all funding for the program. International Labor Bureau funds programs to combat the worst forms of child labor, forced labor, and trafficking in persons.