



The Urgent Need for Global COVID-19 Funding

The Borgen Project applauds Congress' passage of a second supplemental package to address the conflict in Ukraine. However, lawmakers missed a critical opportunity to include funds to help combat the global pandemic, especially as USAID Administrator, Samantha Powers, testified to Congress in early May that the agency had already spent 95% of global COVID-19 funding and the rest is expected to be exhausted by July 2022.

Today, less than 16% of people in low-income countries have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. What is needed now more than ever is funding to ensure low-income countries have the resources to administer vaccines once they are delivered successfully. This requires funding for PPE, cold storage, syringes, education campaigns to combat vaccine hesitancy and training for frontline healthcare workers.

Millions of people have lost their lives due to COVID-19, including one million Americans. If global leaders do not address this pandemic now, more lives will be lost. **This is why Congress must pass \$5 billion to address the global response to COVID-19, which covers funding for last-mile efforts in vaccine delivery.**

The Importance of U.S. Investments

By investing in a global recovery, the U.S. can also address the secondary impacts of the virus that affect us all.

- **On U.S. Leadership and National Security:** The U.S. military has warned that the spread of the virus and accompanying instability could lead to a resurgence of ISIS in Syria and elsewhere. Terrorism is already on the rise in sub-Saharan Africa. Retired military leaders have been vocal on this topic since the beginning of the pandemic—statement *from the [Co-Chairs of the National Security Advisory Council](#)*.
- **On Economic Recovery:** Providing foreign assistance is an investment that yields returns. Before the start of the pandemic, approximately 50% of U.S. exports went to developing countries. American export jobs are now at stake—[Economic relief letter to Senate leadership](#)
- **On Humanitarian Response:** Showing global leadership is the right thing to do to save lives, end suffering and prevent future pandemics. Before the pandemic, global poverty rates were on the decline. However, due to the secondary consequences of COVID-19, an additional 97 million more people were pushed into extreme poverty in 2021—[Faith-based leaders' letter](#)

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TABLE I: USAID COVID SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING SUMMARY BY ACCOUNT AS OF JANUARY 3, 2022

Table I provides a summary of funding provided by the COVID-19 Supplemental (P.L. 116-123), the CARES Act (P.L. 116-136), the Consolidated Appropriations Act (P.L. 116-260), and ARP (P.L. 117-2).

	Appropriated	Approved/Notified*	Obligated
All Accounts	\$11,104,000,000	\$10,469,800,000	\$9,672,827,958
American Rescue Plan Act	\$5,766,000,000	\$5,131,800,000	\$4,390,486,598
Economic Support Funds (ESF)*	\$4,925,000,000	\$4,290,800,000	\$3,576,596,779
USAID Operating Expenses	\$41,000,000	\$41,000,000	\$13,889,819
Title II	\$800,000,000	\$800,000,000	\$800,000,000
FY 2021 Omnibus and COVID Relief and Response Act	\$4,000,000,000	\$4,000,000,000	\$4,000,000,000
USAID Global Health Programs (GHP-USAID)	\$4,000,000,000	\$4,000,000,000	\$4,000,000,000
Supplemental I and CAREs Act	\$1,338,000,000	\$1,338,000,000	\$1,282,341,360
USAID Global Health Programs (GHP-USAID)	\$235,000,000	\$235,000,000	\$235,000,000
Emergency Reserve Fund	\$200,000,000	\$200,000,000	\$185,652,156
USAID Operating Expenses	\$95,000,000	\$95,000,000	\$65,699,640
International Disaster Assistance (IDA)	\$300,000,000	\$300,000,000	\$300,000,000
	\$258,000,000	\$258,000,000	\$258,000,000
Economic Support Funds (ESF)**	\$250,000,000	\$250,000,000	\$237,989,564

* Funds were congressionally notified to the extent notification was required. Funds for disaster relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction do not require notification

**PL 117-2 ESF is jointly managed by the Department of State and USAID. Therefore, a portion of the appropriated funding is or will be managed by State; those obligations are not reported here. PL 116-123 appropriated \$250 million in the ESF account. Of this, USAID transferred \$7 million in ESF-COVID funding to the USAID Operating Expenses (OE) Account. The Department of State will manage \$11.9 million in ESF-COVID funding (of which, \$11.2 million has been notified and \$0.63 is unallocated). State's obligations and disbursements are not reported here.

Note: \$3.75 billion in ARP/HIV funds that were appropriated to the Department of State are not included in this table. State manages the \$3.75 billion in ESF for HIV/AIDS/Global Fund programs. USAID only obligates the funds but S/GAC programs and manages these funds.

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