



Global Fragility Reauthorization Act (H.R.9655)

The Problem: Violence, instability and fragility in countries around the world threaten U.S. national security by creating environments in which terrorism, criminal activity and corruption thrive. Violent conflict is also driving global displacement and humanitarian crises, with **117 million people forcibly displaced globally and 300 million people in need of humanitarian assistance in 2024.**

The Solution: On December 20, 2019, The Global Fragility Act was signed into law. The bill focuses **U.S. diplomatic, development and security efforts on preventing the root causes of violence and instability in countries worldwide** by applying a whole-of-government and locally-led approach to target the root causes of fragility, such as extreme poverty, lack of economic opportunity and weak governance.

The Global Fragility Act required 10-year strategies to address or prevent conflict in five different priority contexts: Haiti, Mozambique, Libya, Papua New Guinea and Coastal West Africa. It also authorized the Prevention and Stabilization Fund (PSF) and the Complex Crises Fund (CCF) to catalyze additional funding toward these efforts.

H.R.9655 reauthorizes the Global Fragility Act for an additional five years in order to:

- **Reauthorize the Prevention and Stabilization Fund (PSF) and the Complex Crises Fund (CCF)** to prevent violence, stabilize conflict-affected areas and prevent or respond to new or unexpected conflicts;
- **Enable the PSF and Economic Support Fund (ESF) to be used** for cross-cutting monitoring, evaluation and learning across diplomatic, development and security sectors to identify the most effective foreign assistance programs and diplomatic approaches; and
- Require an annual senior **Global Fragility Act Steering Committee meeting** on policy alignment.

Supporters: Reps. Sara Jacobs (D-CA-51) and John James (R-MI-10), Ranking Member and Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Africa, introduced H.R.9655 to reauthorize the Global Fragility Act on September 18, 2024.

Organizational endorsement of the Global Fragility Reauthorization Act: Alliance for Peacebuilding, Mercy Corps, Charity & Security Network, Church of the Brethren, Office of Peacebuilding and Policy, Foreign Policy for America, Friends Committee on National Legislation, Fund for Peace Inc., Futures Without Violence, Invisible Children, Journal of Social Encounters, Nonviolent Peaceforce, PartnersGlobal, Peace Direct, Priority Sustainable Counterterrorism portfolio, New Lines Institute for Strategy and Policy, Search for Common Ground, ShelterBox USA and The Borgen Project.