



## The International Affairs Budget in Fiscal Year 2023

*Increased investments in the International Affairs Budget will go a long way in tackling acute global crises, countering Russia and China, and preventing the next pandemic all while safeguarding the health, safety and economic interests of Americans.*

### How much is currently allocated?

The International Affairs Budget received \$64.89 billion for FY22. This included \$57.99 billion in base funding and \$6.9 billion in emergency funds for Ukraine. Overall, the International Affairs Budget received a \$605 million increase (1.1%) in funding compared to FY21. **Still, the International Affairs Budget leverages less than 1% of the overall budget.**

**Budget Proposal Analysis** - The Administration's budget proposal calls for an increase in discretionary non-emergency funding for the International Affairs Budget in several areas including:

1. **Countering Russian aggression:** The Administration's request includes a 97% increase in resources for Assistance to Europe, Eurasia, and Central Asia (AEECA) to deter Russian aggression and bolster economic growth and democratic governance. Of note, nearly half of this funding is specifically earmarked for Ukraine. The proposal also includes a 12% increase for democracy, human rights and governance programs.
2. **Competing with China:** The request includes key funding for the U.S. Indo-Pacific Strategy in addition to a 33% increase for the Countering the People's Republic of China (PRC) Malign Influence Fund. The latter is critical in countering aggression against partners and allies.
3. **Humanitarian assistance:** With tens of millions of people on the brink of famine, the proposal includes a 22% increase in overall funding for humanitarian assistance compared to current levels. It also includes \$1 billion in "bilateral agriculture and food security" programming.
4. **Investing in America's Economic Future:** Increased investments in America's development finance and export agencies will bolster America's economic recovery by promoting sustainable growth in developing countries and expanding exports, trade and investment opportunities. This includes an 11% increase in funding for administrative expenses for the U.S. International DFC.
5. **Empowering women:** The proposal includes a request for \$2.6 billion for programs that advance gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls. This includes strengthening women's participation in peace and security and empowering women economically.
6. **Investing in global health:** The request boosts overall funding for global health programs by 8%:
  - \$1 billion is designated for global health security – a 42% increase from current levels.
  - \$2 billion for The Global Fund (a 28% increase) as part of a 3-year \$6 billion pledge.
  - \$6.5 billion in mandatory spending over 5 years for "transformative investments" in global pandemic and other biological threat preparedness.

**Specific Ask:** Please support no less than a 15% increase to the International Affairs Budget for FY23 to keep pace with today's growing global challenges.

## **Congressional Leaders who Support the International Affairs Budget**

“General Mattis, ‘Mad Dog’ Mattis, says that if we slash State Department funding, he’s going to have to order a lot more ammunition. And over 100 admirals and generals – retired admirals and generals – have said essentially the same thing. So I’m absolutely shocked at the Administration’s puny request...”

– **Representative Hal Rogers (R-K-5)**

"For decades, Republicans and Democrats have agreed on foundational principles of U.S. leadership in the world. We engage with the world. We consistently and reliably support our allies. We lead by example, especially on our core values. We fight for the rule of law, for human rights, and for democratic institutions because doing so makes us safer and more secure.”

– **Senator Chris Coons (D-DE)**

“Foreign assistance is an insurance policy. Investing over there, even though we have needs here, makes us safer.”

– **Senator Lindsey Graham (R-SC)**

“Slashing foreign assistance would be foolhardy, weakening our leadership and emboldening our adversaries.”

– **Senator Patrick Leahy (D-VT)**

“I just want to point out that foreign assistance is just 1% of our budget, but it pays large dividends... We must make these investments not just because it is the right thing to do, but also because it helps contribute to economic growth, and just as importantly, stability.”

– **Senator Ben Cardin (D-MD)**

“In fact, an estimated 200 million more people are likely to be pushed into extreme poverty by 2030 due to the severe long term impact of the pandemic, reversing 20 years of progress... A robust FY 2022 International Affairs Budget can help not only support more equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines and therapeutics around the world, but also strengthen health infrastructures, shore up food assistance programs, and provide other life-saving aid to those in need.”

– **Senators Todd Young (R-IN) and Dick Durbin (D-IL)**

“This is a critical time for global investment and cooperation as we fight back a global pandemic, and we have much work to do.”

– **Representative Barbara Lee (D-CA-13)**