

## THE BORGEN PROJECT



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### **The Global Health Security Act of 2021 Passes House**

**TACOMA, Washington** — The Borgen Project is happy to announce that the Global Health Security Act of 2021 passed the House of Representatives on June 28. The advancement of the bill shows the importance of the Act in establishing global health security. If Congress as a whole passes the bill, the president would establish the Global Health Security Agenda Interagency Review Council to prevent and counter global health security threats. The COVID-19 pandemic has shown that the current global system against infectious diseases needs to be strengthened and the proposed council hopes to approach this issue through global partnerships and multilateral initiatives.

The Global Health Security Act of 2021 was reintroduced to Congress on January 21, 2021, by Representatives Steve Chabot and Gerry Connolly. On March 26, 2021, the bill passed the House Foreign Affairs Committee. The Act includes the [Global Health Security Agenda](#) initiative that works with more than 70 countries, NGOs, international organizations and companies to fight against global health threats. The agenda was established as a response to other outbreaks, such as the MERS-CoV (2012), H7N9 Influenza (2013) and Ebola (2014).

Today, infectious disease outbreaks continue to occur worldwide — even amid the COVID-19 pandemic. This has resulted in a vast decline of medical supplies, funding and healthcare workers in outbreaks areas as the pandemic begot limited transportation, travel and available resources. As such, a new strategy to address global health threats is needed and many are looking to the Global Health Security Act's plan and proposed interagency review committee and appointed global health security coordinator.

Ensuring the health of the global community is necessary for the fight against global poverty as it provides families and vulnerable groups with the security to further their education, seek economic opportunities and address other socioeconomic concerns in

their communities. If the Global Health Security Act of 2021 is passed into law, the United States can strengthen its global partnerships, help other countries develop their healthcare infrastructures, combat infectious disease outbreaks and bring the world one step closer to ending global poverty.

“We look forward to the bill’s reintroduction in the Senate and ultimately its passage in this Congress. There is no better time to invest in global health security to save lives globally while protecting the health and wellbeing of all Americans,” said Clint Borgen, President and Founder of The Borgen Project.

### **About The Borgen Project**

[The Borgen Project](#) is a nonprofit working at the political level to advance international development policies and programs to alleviate global poverty. Founded in 2003 by Clint Borgen, The Borgen Project has mobilized people around the world to make anti-poverty efforts a political priority, building awareness of global poverty and its effects on the international community to U.S. Congressional leaders and citizens alike. The Borgen Project currently has campaigns and volunteers in more than 1,952 cities and continues to expand its reach.

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