



Calls to Action Against Hunger November 2017

It's Appropriations Season, and Advocacy is Critical!

In Brief:

It's Appropriations Season, and while this may not sound particularly exciting to those outside of the daily grind of legislative processes, it is monumentally important for our collective cause to end hunger at home and abroad. In fact, what happens in the current appropriations battles could have a massive effect on poor and hungry people in the United States and around the world. The current spending bill – which was extended by a [Continuing Resolution in September](#) – expires on December 9. With discussion on the Fiscal Year 2018 budget going hand-in-hand with current debates around taxes, all eyes are turning to what may be cut out of the budget to make room for potential tax cuts.

This brings us to what this means for the programs that matter for hungry people in the U.S. and abroad:

<u>U. S. Food Security</u>	<u>Global Food Security</u>
<p>There are multiple programs within the federal budget that provide critical assistance to families that are both threatened and/or are currently struggling with hunger.</p> <p>One such program is the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), which provides essential nutrition to pregnant and postpartum women, and children in need up to age 5.</p> <p>Other important programs include The Emergency Food Security Program (TEFAP), which helps to stock food banks with needed food; and the Commodity Supplemental Food Program, which helps provided much-needed food assistance to low-income senior citizens.</p>	<p>Despite an extended trend of success in combating hunger globally, 2016 saw an uptick in global food insecurity. 815 million people around the world struggle with hunger daily, and are not getting enough nutritious food to eat.</p> <p>Famine is threatening 20 million people in 4 countries, with additional nations facing increasingly dire circumstances.</p> <p>International development and food assistance programs have been threatened with cuts in recent months. Both humanitarian assistance and global nutrition programs need to be protected in order to even give us a shot at ending hunger by 2030.</p>

Continued support for these programs is essential for the long-term food security prospects for vulnerable people in the United States and around the world, and also provides economic and security investments for the long-term future of our country.

What You Can Do:

There are a few Alliance members that are active in promoting funding for U.S. and global food security programs through the appropriations process. We encourage you to share this helpful information and form letter actions with your networks.

- [Bread for the World's Offering of Letters – Email Congress](#) (Domestic & International).
- [Feeding America](#) - Information (Domestic)
- [World Food Program USA's – Email Congress](#) (International)