



February 07, 2024

The Honorable Patty Murray
Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee
154 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Susan Collins
Vice Chair, Senate Appropriations
Committee
413 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman, House Appropriations Committee
2308 Rayburn HOB
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member, House Appropriations
Committee
2413 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwomen Murray and Granger, Vice Chair Collins, and Ranking Member DeLauro:

The Alliance to End Hunger, a coalition of humanitarian and development organizations, corporations, faith-based institutions, and others, welcomes the bipartisan inclusion of over **\$10 billion** in **humanitarian assistance** provided in the Senate *Emergency National Security Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2024* to address humanitarian needs, including **global hunger** and **malnutrition**.

This important funding comes at a critical time as we are facing an unprecedented global food security crisis, with conflict and climate change as the two key drivers of food insecurity. Today, as many as 783 million people are facing chronic hunger around the world.

[WFP and FAO](#) recently identified 18 “hunger hotspots” in 22 countries worldwide. The scale of the current global hunger and malnutrition crisis is enormous. [WFP estimates](#) that more than 333 million people were facing acute levels of food insecurity in 2023, and do not know where their next meal is coming from.

We see conflict increasing around the world today, with [70 percent](#) of the world's hungry people living in areas afflicted by conflict and violence. A number of countries/territories are experiencing catastrophic levels of food insecurity, including those that are facing or are projected to face famine, including South Sudan and Gaza. Other countries are not far behind, facing critical levels of acute food insecurity, including Haiti and Ethiopia.

As Congress continues to negotiate the security supplemental, we urge you to include no less than the Senate-provided **\$10 billion** for **humanitarian programs**, including:

- \$5.65 billion towards International Disaster Assistance (IDA), including emergency food assistance.

- \$3.5 billion for Migration and Refugee Assistance (MRA).
- \$50 million to prevent and respond to food insecurity through the Economic Support Fund (ESF).
- \$850 million in International Disaster Assistance (IDA) for humanitarian needs in the Western Hemisphere.

Thank you for your continued support in the fight against global hunger at this time of extraordinary need. We look forward to continuing to work with Congress to ensure this critically needed food security funding is included in the final supplemental package.

Sincerely,



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President
Alliance to End Hunger

CC: Hon. Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, Hon. Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, Hon. Speaker Mike Johnson, Hon. Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries, Hon. Chris Coons, Hon. Lindsey Graham, Hon. Mario Diaz-Balart, Hon. Barbara Lee

**The Alliance to End Hunger unites diverse sectors to address today's hunger and malnutrition needs and to solve the root causes of hunger at home and abroad. This letter is signed by the Alliance to End Hunger as an organization and does not necessarily reflect the official views of the Alliance's individual members.*