

Global Health Workers Must Have Continued Support

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The Frontline Health Workers Coalition (FHWC), a pioneering global alliance dedicated to driving real, lasting solutions to strengthen the global health workforce, requests maintaining funding at Fiscal Year 2024 levels for Global Health Programs and maintaining the Global Health Workforce resources at the \$20 million Senate level. We further support ensuring the funding to meet the U.S. pledge for the Global Fund's next replenishment, and continued funding for Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance. Global health resources are critical for advancing and protecting the health of everyone, both at home and around the world. Global health is a vital diplomatic tool that keeps America safe, strong, and secure. We request the operational expenses necessary to ensure strong stewardship and accountability of U.S. taxpayer dollars and encourage continued Congressional oversight of U.S. global health programs and funding.

FHWC, along with its partners, worked hard to secure the initial FY2024 investment in health workers around the world with many thanks to our bipartisan Congressional champions. This funding will be used with precision to play a catalytic role in driving improvements in the global health workforce, addressing primary health care, pandemic preparedness, noncommunicable diseases and other health needs.

The world faces a severe global health workforce shortage. Even with current progress, the World Health Organization predicts the world will face a shortfall of 11 million health workers by 2030. This includes shortages in the U.S., as we regularly recruit a significant percentage of our health workforce from low and middle-income countries. Supporting frontline health workers is key to achieving U.S. health goals at the local, community, national, and global level.

We are looking forward to working with the Administration, Congress, and global partners to further strengthen direct support for health workers as they save lives and serve communities around the world.

The <u>Frontline Health Workers Coalition</u> members envision a world in which every community has access to all cadres of trained, compensated, safe, and supported health workers who are able to provide health services and respond to health threats. The Coalition is a member-driven alliance of organizations and companies working together to urge greater and more strategic investments in health workers, especially in low- and middle-income countries, as a cost-effective way to save lives and foster a healthier, safer, and more prosperous world.