

CARE on Capitol Hill

A Down Payment Today For Global Stability Tomorrow

Congress must provide at least \$4.77 billion for Development Assistance in Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 to promote the economic growth and welfare of developing countries.

Too many people around the world are faced with the dangers and indignity of poverty and the devastating impacts of humanitarian crises. Deadly conflicts, the global economic recession, COVID-19, and other shocks have interrupted the decades-long gains we've made towards eradicating poverty worldwide. Lifesaving humanitarian assistance is critical for meeting immediate needs, but if we do not pair emergency funding with equal investments in development assistance, we are simply putting a band-aid on an open wound.

Did You Know?

Every **\$1** invested in building resilience saves up to **\$7** in future humanitarian response.

Global challenges are even more devastating for women and girls, who have less access to resources and livelihood opportunities, eat last and least, and face greater risk of violence.

Development assistance is a smart investment that supports the everyday essentials women and girls need not just to survive but thrive - access to nutritious food and clean water, reliable health care, education, financial tools, and more.

It's a down payment today for peace and global stability later by helping to build more resilient communities before crisis strikes.



If funded at \$4.77 billion, the Development Assistance account would equal only 1/10th of 1% of the entire federal budget – yet provide innumerable benefits.

We cannot end global poverty if we don't make significant investments in development assistance that addresses the long-term needs of vulnerable communities and supports their self-sufficiency. Supporting women and girls leads to stronger economic growth, fewer conflicts, better governance, and greater food security.

What Can Congress Do?



Speak up! We urge Members of Congress to champion the fight for **\$4.77 billion** for Development Assistance funding in the FY25 State and Foreign Operations Appropriations bill. Not only does this help vulnerable communities now, but it could also save taxpayer dollars in the future.



Share Zemzem's story! Women like Zemzem prove how small investments in training and skill-building help communities prepare for the future and protect them from shocks.

Will you help communities around the world thrive by sharing your support for Development Assistance with the Appropriations Committee?

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