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Dear Senator/Representative,

We, the undersigned members and partners of InterAction, urge you to support funding in FY2017 for poverty-focused international development and humanitarian assistance accounts at no less than the levels outlined in the attached recommendations and our accompanying [Choose to Invest FY2017](#).

With over 60 million people forcibly displaced worldwide, we are facing the largest displacement crisis since World War II. Overwhelming humanitarian needs remain across the globe particularly in Syria, Iraq, South Sudan, Yemen, and in El Nino and Ebola-affected countries.

While pleased with the funding provided in the final FY2016 appropriations to address crises around the world, we are concerned by the continued use of overseas contingency operations (OCO) funds to replace base funding. This practice exposes critical poverty focused programming to future cuts should OCO funds not be available. We urge Congress to move OCO funding into the base International Disaster Assistance (IDA), Migration and Refugee Assistance (MRA), and Contributions for International Peacekeeping (CIPA) accounts.

U.S. investments in development and humanitarian programs contribute immensely to our national security, benefit our economy, and fulfill America's deepest moral values. At less than 1% of the total U.S. budget, these programs build sustainability; fight global diseases; improve maternal and child health and nutrition; help smallholder farmers; educate children; provide access to safe water, sanitation, and hygiene; support emerging democracies; foster equitable growth; advance gender equality; empower women and girls, and protect all people from violence, exploitation, and trafficking.

We fully understand the critical need to protect every taxpayer dollar and to ensure these programs generate real and lasting results. That is why we advocate for greater transparency and accountability. The fact is, U.S. foreign assistance [delivers results and saves lives](#).

The FY2017 appropriations cycle represents a unique opportunity to build on U.S. leadership in creation of the newly adopted Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Nations, donors, civil society and the private sector around the world will join the U.S. in results-oriented partnerships which reduce extreme poverty and help developing countries build self-reliant and independent economies.

We urge you to fund these critical programs in FY2017 at no less than the levels outlined in the attached recommendations.

Please contact Amit Smotrich at asmotrich@interaction.org or 202-667-8227 for more information. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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ACCOUNT (or sub-account)	InterAction FY2017 Recommendations to Congress (in thousands)
GLOBAL HEALTH PROGRAMS - USAID	TBD
Maternal and Child Health	880,000
<i>GAVI</i>	265,000
Polio in all accounts	59,000
Family Planning in all accounts	1,000,000
Nutrition	230,000
Vulnerable Children	32,000
Malaria	709,000
TB	400,000
Neglected Tropical Diseases	125,000
HIV/AIDS (USAID)	350,000
GLOBAL HEALTH PROGRAMS - STATE	6,195,000
PEPFAR	4,845,000
Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB & Malaria	1,350,000
CDC GLOBAL HEALTH - HHS	1,101,000
BUREAU OF INTERNATIONAL LABOR AFFAIRS - DOL	103,800
DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE	3,300,000
Feed the Future	1,200,000
Microfinance	
Basic Education in all accounts	925,000
Climate Change in bilateral accounts	513,500
Biodiversity in all accounts	265,000
Water in all accounts	425,000
DEMOCRACY, RIGHTS, AND GOVERNANCE	TBD
MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE ACCOUNT	1,250,000
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND PROGRAMS	381,000
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION	1,401,600
GLOBAL AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SECURITY PROGRAM	43,000
INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT	31,930
MCGOVERN-DOLE INT'L FOOD FOR EDUCATION & CHILD NUTRITION	209,500
CLIMATE CHANGE IN MULTILATERAL ACCOUNTS (GCF)	500,000
Green Climate Fund	500,000
INT'L DISASTER ASSISTANCE	2,800,000
USAID's Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA)	1,900,000
Emergency Food Security Program (EFSP)	900,000
MIGRATION & REFUGEE ASSISTANCE	3,604,000
EMER. REFUGEE & MIGRATION ASSISTANCE (ERMA)	100,000
FOOD FOR PEACE TITLE II	1,750,000
USDA LOCAL & PROCUREMENT (LRP) PROGRAM	80,000
CONTRIBUTIONS TO INTERNATIONAL PEACEKEEPING ACTIVITIES (CIPA)	2,485,000
PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS (PKO)	430,200
MECHANISM FOR PEACE OPERATIONS RESPONSE	110,000
USAID OPERATING EXPENSES	1,425,000
GENDER EQUALITY (already allocated within the above accounts)	1,900,000