



Fiscal Year 2026 Congressional Asks

State, Foreign Operations/National Security, Department of State

USAID: Restore staff and increase funding for global health TB programs

- Support \$1 billion in Fiscal Year 2026 for global bilateral TB efforts.
- Require additional and more frequent reporting that demonstrates appropriated funds are being spent as intended.

GLOBAL FUND: Support a contribution of \$2 billion to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria, which will mobilize up to \$4 billion from other donors during this replenishment year.

While tuberculosis (TB) is often thought of as a disease of the past, it is the world's leading infectious killer. We've known how to prevent, treat, and cure TB for decades, and now have better tools to treat drug-resistant forms of TB. Yet globally 10.8 million people fell ill with TB and 1.25 million died in 2023. Most cases are curable, but diagnosis and treatment often come too late.

Over the past two decades with bipartisan Congressional support for bilateral TB funding at USAID and through the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria, we've made incredible progress in the fight against TB. New innovations have dramatically shortened TB treatment, reduced side effects, and saved more lives—provided they reach people who fall sick. In USAID supported countries, TB-related deaths have been reduced by roughly 50 percent, saving over 75 million lives.

Much of this life-saving programming has been jeopardized by recent funding cuts and restructuring. USAID's TB program should be sustained to help countries improve and restore TB programs, support the development of new TB diagnostic, treatment, and prevention tools, and prevent a dangerous reversal of progress against TB.

Dear Colleague Letters

House letter led by Representatives Bera and Wagner. If you have questions, please contact Emma.Bruce@mail.house.gov (Bera) or David.Gans@mail.house.gov (Wagner).

Senate letter led by Senators Young and Rosen. If you have questions, please contact gavin_laffoon@young.senate.gov (Young) or liz_leibowitz@rosen.senate.gov (Rosen).



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Labor, Health and Human Services

CDC: Protect CDC's Division of TB Elimination; sustain spending at congressionally directed levels

- Support \$225 million in FY 2026 for the CDC's Division of TB Elimination
- Support \$21 million in FY 2026 for the CDC's Division of Global HIV and TB

While the United States is considered a relatively low-burden country, rates of TB have been steadily increasing since 2021 and have surpassed pre-COVID levels. **In 2023, the United States reported 9,633 cases of TB, the highest number recorded in over a decade.** Every US state reports cases of TB annually, many states report deaths from TB, and there are up to 13 million people in the U.S. with latent TB infection. In the absence of a targeted prevention program, these individuals represent the reservoir of future active TB cases

Comprehensive testing and treatment for TB is critical for driving down the disease, especially among populations placed at greatest risk for infection. **The CDC's Division of Tuberculosis Elimination confronts the root causes of TB by improving care and treatment access for the nation's most disproportionately affected persons.** CDC works with community programs, state health departments, and national leaders to serve groups at higher risk of TB infection and illness.

CDC also houses a unique research network, the TB Trials Consortium, which funds research to benefit state and local TB prevention and treatment. **Congress must protect and increase funding for the CDC's Division of TB Elimination and ensure previous years' resources are spent at the congressionally directed levels.**

NIH: Support at least \$51.303 billion for NIH

- Support at least \$7.29 billion for the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID).
- Protect the structure of NIAID and its support for TB research.

Department of Defense

CDMRP (Senate Only): Include TB as an eligible disease in the Congressionally Directed Medical Research Program's Peer Reviewed Medical Research Program & restore full funding to the program.