



# THE FUND FOR GLOBAL HEALTH



## Our Mission

The mission of the Fund for Global Health is to provide the maximum possible health benefit to vulnerable people in developing countries. One of the best ways to accomplish this is by advocating for increased U.S. funding for effective global health programs. This year we are focused on increasing U.S. foreign aid for addressing tuberculosis, maternal & child health, and universal immunization.

## Tuberculosis

Tuberculosis is now the biggest infectious disease killer worldwide, taking 1.8 million lives a year, yet is by far the most underfunded of U.S. infectious disease programs relative to its disease burden. With multi-drug resistant tuberculosis emerging as a threat to global health security, it's very important to step up funding for TB programs.

## Maternal and Child Health

Birth attendants trained with U.S. aid are saving the lives of mothers and infants who could otherwise perish in a risky childbirth. This is one initiative of the U.S. Agency for International Development's Maternal and Child Health (MCH) program, which has saved the lives of 4.6 million children and 200,000 women since 2008. However, every day over 16,000 children still die of things like pneumonia, diarrhea and malaria, all of which have low-cost solutions.

## GAVI, the Vaccine Alliance

By preventing illness, immunization improves a child's cognitive skills, physical strength and performance at school. Vaccination currently saves between 2 and 3 million lives every year. But 1.5 million children still die each year of vaccine-preventable diseases, and the U.S. must keep its pledge of financial support to GAVI, the Vaccine Alliance.

## Congressional Appropriations for Global Health - Internship Opportunity

A small number of U.S. Representatives and Senators on the State and Foreign Operations Subcommittees of Appropriations decide on funding for global health programs. You are in a congressional district or state represented by one of these subcommittee members, so you have a unique and important opportunity to make a difference to U.S. leadership and funding for global health. We are offering an opportunity to engage in effective citizen lobbying of this Member of Congress. Interns make a minimum 4-month commitment to a program of weekly communication and action, trained and supported by one of our coordinators.



## Join a national advocacy team

To apply, please submit a resume, a 1-2 page writing sample and a brief statement of interest. Minimum 4-month commitment required; 12 months is preferred.

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