GLOBAL HUNGER AND MALNUTRITION ARE ON THE RISE.

The world continues to witness a rise in hunger for the third year in a row. More than 821 million people around the world are going to bed hungry every night. An estimated 83 million people require emergency food assistance, 75% more than in 2015.

NUTRITION FUNDING IS COST EFFECTIVE.

Investments in nutrition are the most cost-effective way to ensure children have a chance to survive and thrive. For every $1 invested in nutrition, there is a $16 economic return. A well-nourished child is 1/3 more likely to escape poverty.

MALNUTRITION DISPROPORTIONATELY KILLS WOMEN & CHILDREN.

Malnutrition is responsible for almost half of all deaths of children under the age of 5 (nearly 3 million). More than HIV/AIDS, malaria, and tuberculosis combined. Malnutrition also causes 20% of deaths among pregnant women and new mothers.

NUTRITION-FOCUSED FOREIGN ASSISTANCE HELPS OUR NATIONAL SECURITY.

Nutrition-focused food security, health, and education programs help stabilize whole communities, making them less susceptible to violent extremist group recruitment. As the Bible says, “If your enemy is hungry, give him food to eat” (Proverbs 25:21).

CHILD WASTING, STUNTING, & ANEMIA ARE DEVASTATING.

51 million children suffer from rapid loss of body weight due to acute malnutrition, meaning they don’t weigh enough for their height (known as “wasting”). Severely wasted children are 11 times more likely to die than their healthy counterparts.
NUTRITION IS GOOD FOR THE GLOBAL ECONOMY.

National economic growth is constrained when individuals suffer from malnutrition, food insecurity, and hunger. Each year global malnutrition costs the global economy billions of dollars in lost productivity and health care costs.

WE KNOW WHAT WORKS.

FH implements proven methods that reduce hunger related deaths of mothers and children such as prevention and treatment of acute malnutrition, vitamin supplementation for mothers and children, and the promotion of feeding and hygiene practices.

NUTRITION, HUNGER RELATED DEATHS, & OTHER FOREIGN ASSISTANCE INVESTMENTS MUST BECOME A GREATER FOCUS.

Increased U.S. and global funding over the next 10 years can yield tremendous returns. It is estimated that by 2025: 3.7 million lives of children could be saved, 65 million fewer children will be stunted, and 265 million fewer women will suffer from anemia.

U.S. FOREIGN ASSISTANCE THAT INCORPORATES NUTRITION IS HIGH-IMPACT.

As part of USAID’s recent hunger-fighting investments, more than 27 million children have been reached with nutrition programs and $10.5 billion has been generated by farmers in new agricultural sales in 2016. These U.S. government programs have reduced child stunting by up to 32% in targeted program areas.

USE YOUR VOICE TO HELP REDUCE GLOBAL HUNGER AND MALNUTRITION!

U.S. leadership is urgently needed to tackle malnutrition. You have the power to influence your Members of Congress! Please ask your Members of Congress to continue making nutrition a U.S. global development priority and to support increased funding for proven nutrition investments.

Please take a moment to contact your representatives in Congress at http://www_fh_org/write