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Overview

TheChild Partnership is a coalition advancing a results-driven approach to U.S. foreign assistance that recognizes children and youth as foundational to global stability and American national security. Strategic investments in children represent a small share of federal spending yet deliver substantial returns for U.S. security, economic growth, and global leadership. As Congress considers FY27 appropriations, we urge strong funding for child-focused accounts within the International Affairs Budget.

FY27 Topline Request

International Affairs Budget (Function 150)

at least **\$60 billion**

Maintaining robust funding allows the United States to:

- Prevent instability and conflict before military intervention is required
- Stop disease outbreaks before they reach U.S. shores
- Strengthen emerging trade partners and markets
- Counter influence from strategic competitors
- Reinforce democratic values and global stability



Key FY27 Child and Family Account Requests

ACCOUNT	REQUEST
Vulnerable Children	\$31.5M
Maternal and Child Health	\$915M
Combatting Child Marriage	\$20M
Nutrition	\$165M
Basic Education	≥ \$922M
Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)	≥ \$451M
UNICEF Core Resources	≥ \$137M
International Humanitarian Assistance	\$8.71B
PEPFAR	\$4.63B
Child Protection Compacts	\$12.5M
Human Rights and Democracy Fund (DRL)	\$10M



Why Child-Focused Investments Matter

Investing in Children Makes America Safer

- Reduces drivers of conflict and instability
- Strengthens resilience in fragile states
- Improves disease detection and outbreak response
- Reduces migration pressures and trafficking

Investing in Children Makes America Stronger

- Builds long-term diplomatic partnerships
- Reinforces democratic norms and values
- Strengthens alliances with emerging economies
- Counters strategic competitors

Investing in Children Makes America More Prosperous

- Expands future export markets
- Strengthens workforce productivity and human capital
- Reduces humanitarian and security costs over time
- Generates strong economic returns from health, nutrition, and education investments

FY27 Priority Actions

The Child Partnership urges Congress to:

1. Restore and strengthen child-focused accounts reduced in FY26
2. Protect proven investments in health, education, nutrition, WASH, and humanitarian assistance
3. Support a whole-child, cross-sector approach to foreign assistance
4. Ensure transparency and accountability in child-focused funding

Strategic Bottom Line



FY27 funding decisions will shape whether global conditions trend toward instability or toward resilient partners aligned with U.S. interests. Child-focused foreign assistance strengthens global stability, supports economic growth, and reinforces America's long-standing leadership in protecting vulnerable populations.

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