

As a member of Dining for Women (diningforwomen.org) in partnership with RESULTS.org, I am requesting that the Senator advocate for additional Covid-19 emergency funding for the marginalized populations globally. Given that what happens globally affects us locally, I feel it is essential that we extend significant funding priorities to global initiatives. If we do not protect the most vulnerable amongst us, none of us will be adequately protected.

As a leader in global health and development, the United States must urgently respond to protect hard-fought gains in global health and education in low-income countries. We cannot isolate ourselves at this critical juncture.

We are already seeing shortages of vaccines in low- and middle-income countries due to disruptions to production and international transportation. **Immunization campaigns and new national vaccine introductions have been suspended, which collectively would have immunized over 13.5 million people.**

We are currently at risk of losing ground at an unacceptable rate—notification of new TB cases has plummeted 80% in India since national lockdown began; in South Africa, TB diagnoses on Xpert machines have fallen 50%. The potential impact of Covid-19 on TB deaths is frightening—**we could see an additional 6.3 million cases of TB and an additional 1.4 million TB deaths between 2020 and 2025.**

School closures have caused 9 out of 10 children worldwide to be out of school—**1.5 billion students**. And we are at risk of a generational loss if we do not figure out how to continue educating the young.

The number of people facing hunger is expected to double to **265 million by the end of 2020**. Malnutrition contributes to nearly half of the deaths of children under five, and in projections of the impact of the disruption to health and nutrition services, wasting, a form of severe malnutrition, is the single biggest driver of increased child deaths.

Over 2 billion people worldwide lack reliable access to clean water, an essential for handwashing and other basic infection control measures. Support of UNICEF is a critical measure for providing clean water and sanitation.

I am specifically asking that the senator speak to Senate leadership, leadership of the Appropriations Committee, and leadership of the State and Foreign Operations Subcommittee in favor of an emergency international relief package of at least \$12 billion, to include the following:

- 1) \$1 billion for the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria
- 2) \$200 million for USAID Global Health-Tuberculosis (of which at least \$35 million is for the Global Drug Facility)
- 3) \$900 million for Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance
- 4) \$300 million for USAID Basic Education (of which at least \$50 million is for GPE)
- 5) \$200 million for Food for Peace Nutrition
- 6) \$50 million for USAID Global Health Nutrition
- 7) \$325 million for UNICEF

I hope that you are remaining safe and well. I thank you for taking this information to the Senator and helping prioritize the need for this crucial support.

Please let me know if you need any additional information. I also ask that you let me know about any actions taken.