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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Patty Murray
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Susan Collins
Vice Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. Senate
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Dear Chairwoman Granger, Chairwoman Murray, Ranking Member DeLauro, and Vice Chairwoman Collins:

As Members of InterAction, the largest alliance of U.S.-based NGOs that implement and advocate for U.S. humanitarian, health, development, and democracy programs, we applaud the administration's request for supplemental international assistance that supports humanitarian, food security, and resilience needs globally. We urge Congress to use the amounts requested as a floor to provide robust funding to address the compounding effects of the conflict in Ukraine and other stressors. We are grateful for the supplemental resources Congress has provided since the start of this conflict, but global needs are far outpacing existing funding resources.

Increased humanitarian aid in Ukraine and the regions impacted by the conflict is required to support the growing number of people in need of emergency shelter, food assistance, safe drinking water, protection, and healthcare. Many people in Ukraine are still not being reached with health, child protection, and water and sanitation assistance. Moreover, the events in Ukraine continue to have an outsized impact on global food security and the ability to respond robustly to nearly every crisis globally. The crisis has caused significant disruptions to grain production and shipments that feed the world, as well as essential fertilizers for farmers across the globe. It has contributed heavily to rising costs and decreased availability of food and agricultural inputs, greater supply chain disruptions, and increased fuel costs. Prior to the Ukraine crisis the world was experiencing one of the greatest hunger crises in generations, with the greatest impacts on the most vulnerable communities, including women, children, and youth. In 2022, roughly 735 million people experienced chronic hunger, an increase of 122 million people from 2019, with the conflict of Ukraine serving as a hunger multiplier.

In addition, we recognize that Congress will continue to advance Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 appropriations bills and understand that supplemental resources are not a substitute for strong base funding, now and in future years. Therefore, we urge Congress to work diligently to pass FY2024 State and Foreign Operations appropriations at no less than the current FY2023 levels.



The United States has long led the global community in responding to humanitarian and food crises like the one we are experiencing today. We hope that Congress will continue that important legacy. We encourage Congress to enact robust supplemental funding for global humanitarian, food security, and resilience programs to save lives, advance U.S. global leadership, and strengthen security and prosperity here at home and around the world.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

ADRA International	IREX
Airlink	Islamic Relief USA
Alliance for Peacebuilding	IYF
Alliance to End Hunger	Jesuit Refugee Service/USA
American Jewish World Service	MedGlobal
Better World Campaign	Mercy Corps
Blumont	Nonviolent Peaceforce
Bread for the World	Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) USA
Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation	ONE Campaign
CARE	Operation USA
Catholic Relief Services	Oxfam America
Church World Service	Physicians for Peace
Corus International	Plan International USA
Doctors of the World USA	Plant With Purpose
FHI 360	Project HOPE
Food for the Hungry	Refugees International
Global Emergency Relief, Recovery & Reconstruction (GER3)	RTI International
Global Communities	Save the Children
Global Health Council	SPOON
Habitat for Humanity International	Together for Girls
Heartland Alliance International	U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants
Helen Keller International	UNICEF USA
HelpAge USA	United Mission for Relief and Development Aid
HIAS	Water for South Sudan, Inc.
Humanity & Inclusion	WaterAid America
InterAction	Women's Refugee Commission
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International Rescue Committee	World Learning
	World Vision