



Food for the Hungry Welcomes Introduction of Global Malnutrition Prevention and Treatment Act

Legislation recognizes critical role of nutrition in decreasing maternal and child mortality

Washington, D.C. (July 28, 2021) – Food for the Hungry, a Christian humanitarian and development organization seeking to end all forms of human poverty, applauds the introduction of the Global Malnutrition Prevention and Treatment Act of 2021 in the U.S. House of Representatives.

This timely legislation recognizes the critical role that essential nutrition interventions play in decreasing maternal and child mortality and breaking systems of poverty in low-resource communities globally. Good nutrition is foundational for optimal human health and development, yet remains a serious global health challenge. According to recent data, global progress on eliminating malnutrition is gravely at risk – with millions of moms, babies and young children continuing to experience the acute and chronic consequences of undernutrition. The far-ranging and long-term effects of the COVID-19 pandemic are still largely unknown, but it is clear that the pandemic has exacerbated pre-existing challenges, making our chances of reaching a world free of malnutrition by 2030 increasingly slimmer.

If passed, the Global Malnutrition Prevention and Treatment Act will authorize the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) to mitigate and alleviate malnutrition among vulnerable demographics – particularly women and children – through targeted evidence-based and life-saving interventions. It will also elevate the U.S. government's role as a leading global partner in the fight to end malnutrition through host government partnership, and scaling high-impact interventions like vitamin A supplementation, breastfeeding support, and specialized nutrition products that treat the most severe, and often deadly, cases of malnutrition.

[H.R. 4693](#) was introduced on July 26 by Representatives Gregory Meeks (D-NY) and Michael McCaul (R-TX), the two leading members of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, along with Congresswomen Chrissy Houlahan (D-NH) and Young Kim (R-CA).

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About Food for the Hungry

Food for the Hungry (FH) is a Christian humanitarian organization ending all forms of human poverty by providing life-changing development programs, disaster relief, and advocacy. For 50 years, FH has been working to respond to human suffering and graduate communities from extreme poverty into self-sustainability within a decade. By creating context-specific solutions in education, agriculture, health, livelihood, clean water, and disaster risk reduction, the nonprofit focuses on transformational development, investing in children as the key to lift entire communities out of poverty. With 98% of staff working in their country of origin, FH works side by side with local leaders, churches, and families to implement innovative solutions. The organization currently serves more than 5.3 million people in over 20 countries worldwide. For more information, follow FH on [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#), or visit www.fh.org

