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Dear Member of Congress:

We, the undersigned members and partners of InterAction, write to urge you to support strong funding for international development and humanitarian assistance accounts in FY2014 as outlined in the attached account-level recommendations. With ongoing developing crises in Syria and Mali, and with critical work still to be done to combat extreme poverty around the world, we urge you to make necessary U.S. investments in vital programs in order to meet the rising need.

As you may know, InterAction is the world's largest alliance of U.S.-based non-governmental organizations (NGOs), working in every developing country around the world. Our 180-plus member organizations and dozens of partners act because our compassion, and for some our faith, calls us to do the right thing: help the world's poorest and most vulnerable citizens. Our work helps people and countries lift themselves out of poverty, building better lives for themselves and their children.

These development programs build sustainability by helping family farmers increase their productivity, improving health, getting children to attend and learn in school, or providing access to safe water and sanitation. Our member organizations also operate humanitarian relief programs which provide emergency access to food, medical assistance, water and shelter - helping to save lives and alleviate the suffering of those who have been affected by natural and man-made disasters such as conflict, drought and floods. We are able to do this work year in and year out through the generosity of millions of Americans who support our efforts, as well as through partnership with the U.S. government, which invests in these programs through the International Affairs Budget (150 account).

While U.S. federal spending on poverty-focused development and humanitarian relief amounts to only seven-tenths of 1 percent of the total U.S. budget, overwhelming needs still exist across the globe. Violence in Syria has displaced 2 million people and resulted in over 1 million refugees, further destabilizing the Middle East. Political instability, coupled with severe drought, has displaced 300,000 people in the Sahel and affected more than nine million more. Another 13 million people have been affected by drought in the Horn of Africa. These and other hotspots demand active and engaged U.S. diplomacy and assistance – both of which depend on strong

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funding of the international affairs account. Commitment and nimble investment in these regions now can help local people and communities build sustainable institutions that reduce the need for aid over the long term.

We understand today's difficult fiscal climate requires redoubled efforts to protect every taxpayer dollar and ensure the government funds the most effective programs which generate real results. That's why we don't just advocate for funding but also for smart and effective policies and practices within all of these accounts. We advocate for greater transparency and accountability to ensure we are delivering results. Our field experience in working directly with people in need ensures reliable information on tangible outcomes. By working together, we can help people around the world lead more prosperous, sustainable and healthier lives.

Given the strong practical and moral arguments for investing in our international development and humanitarian programs, and the small fraction of the federal budget those programs constitute, we urge you to support strong funding for vital international development and humanitarian accounts. We understand that there may be proposals forthcoming from the Administration and Congress to restructure particular programs such as food aid and we look forward to discussing them in a transparent manner in the future. At this point, we have based our attached FY2014 funding recommendations for the U.S. government's poverty-focused international development and humanitarian relief programs on current funding structures and our decades of experience and analysis.

Thank you for giving serious consideration to our recommendations.

Please feel free to contact Jeremy Kadden at jkadden@interaction.org or 202-667-8227 for more information.

Sincerely,



InterAction FY 2014 Funding Recommendations

ACCOUNT (or sub-account)	FY2014 Funding Recommendations (in \$ thousands)
GLOBAL HEALTH PROGRAMS – USAID	3,268,000
Maternal and Child Health	750,000
Family Planning in All Accounts	750,000
Nutrition	200,000
Vulnerable Children	23,000
HIV/AIDS	350,000
Malaria	670,000
TB	400,000
Neglected Tropical Diseases	125,000
GLOBAL HEALTH PROGRAMS – STATE (PEPFAR Only)	4,492,860
GLOBAL FUND TO FIGHT AIDS, TB & MALARIA	1,650,000
NIH GLOBAL HEALTH	605,700
CDC GLOBAL HEALTH	362,900
DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE	3,175,000
Food Security and Agriculture in All Bilateral Accounts	1,445,000
Microfinance	265,000
Basic Education in All Accounts	925,000
Climate Change in Bilateral Accounts	468,000
Biodiversity in All Accounts	200,000
Water in All Accounts	400,000
MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE ACCOUNT	900,000
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND PROGRAMS	385,000
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION	1,408,500
GLOBAL AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SECURITY PROGRAM	158,330
INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT	32,243
MCGOVERN-DOLE INTERNATIONAL FOOD FOR EDUCATION & CHILD NUTRITION	209,500
LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES FUND & SPECIAL CLIMATE CHANGE FUND	50,000
GREEN CLIMATE FUND	5,000
STRATEGIC CLIMATE FUND	100,000
CLEAN TECHNOLOGY FUND	300,000
INTERNATIONAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE	1,600,000
MIGRATION AND REFUGEE ASSISTANCE	2,800,000
EMERGENCY REFUGEE & MIGRATION ASSISTANCE	100,000
FOOD FOR PEACE, TITLE II	1,840,000
CONTRIBUTIONS TO INTERNATIONAL PEACEKEEPING ACTIVITIES	2,179,000
PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS	257,000
USAID OPERATING EXPENSES	1,400,000