



Global Health Council's Analysis of the President's FY15 Budget Request

On March 4, President Obama released his budget request for Fiscal Year 2015 (FY15) which included funding levels for many but not all global health programs. While the majority of global health funding is outlined in the [State Department's FY15 Congressional Budget Justification \(CBJ\)](#) some global health funding also resides in the Department of Defense (DoD) and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Global Health Council (GHC) will be conducting a more thorough analysis and in-depth reaction in the coming weeks once the full details of global health funding in all accounts are available.

How did global health do overall? Overall, global health took a significant hit when compared to FY14 enacted levels. The budget requests \$8.05 billion for global health programs which is approximately \$389 million (or 4.6%) below the amount enacted in FY14. When compared to the consensus community recommendations that GHC sent to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in October – which included a request for \$10.35 billion (or a 23% increase over FY14) - the budget request is \$2.3 billion below the community's recommended levels.

How about individual accounts? Most global health accounts saw a decrease in funding with the exception of the Malaria and family planning/ reproductive health accounts in USAID, which received slight increases. When compared to GHC's recommendations, only GAVI (within the maternal and child health account) saw an increase consistent with the recommendations made by GHC. Additional [analysis](#) of funding levels for the individual global health accounts has been provided by Kaiser Family Foundation.

GHC's Initial Reaction: GHC awaits further details and is eager to work with congress to protect important global health funding and maintain the US's leadership as the largest funder of global health programs in the world. Overall the negatives outweigh the positives in the President's FY15 budget request. Of particular concern:

- GHC is disappointed that that the president's request did not meet the standard set for global health funding in FY14 and fell short of the recommendations provided to OMB by the community.
- GHC applauds the Administration's commitment to global health security as evidenced by the creation of the Global Health Security Agenda spearheaded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). We await more details regarding this agenda and encourage the administration to provide the funding necessary to make this program a success.
- GHC acknowledges the potential importance of the Opportunity, Growth and Security Initiative (OGSI), particularly since it houses additional funding to expand programs supporting maternal health and child survival and an additional \$300 million aimed at leveraging more ambitious pledges from other donors to the Global Fund to Fight Aids, TB and Malaria (Global Fund). However to be worthwhile this initiative must be more than window-dressing; it must not be the first thing to go when additional cuts are inevitably called for.



Please see the chart below comparing the President's request for FY15 with the FY14 Omnibus and the recommendations provided by GHC.

	FY14 Omnibus (A)	FY15 President's Request (B)	FY15 GHC Letter to OMB (C)	FY15 President's Request in relation to FY14 Omnibus (A:B)	FY15 President's Request in relation to FY15 GHC Recommendations (B:C)
Global Health Programs* (USAID & State)	\$8,439,450	\$8,050,000	\$10,357,500	-4.6%	-22.3%
Maternal and Child Health	\$705,000	\$695,000	\$800,000	-1.4%	-13.1%
<i>of which is GAVI</i>	\$175,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	14.3%	0.0%
Family Planning (All accounts)	\$610,000	Not yet known	\$1,000,000	N/A	N/A
FP/RH USAID Account	\$524,000	\$538,000	N/A	2.7%	N/A
Nutrition	\$115,000	\$101,000	\$200,000	-12.2%	-49.5%
Vulnerable Children	\$22,000	\$14,500	\$94,500	-34.1%	-84.7%
Malaria	\$665,000	\$674,000	\$700,000	1.4%	-3.7%
Tuberculosis	\$236,000	\$191,000	\$400,000	-19.1%	-52.3%
Neglected Tropical Diseases	\$100,000	\$86,500	\$125,000	-13.5%	-30.8%
HIV/AIDS (USAID)	\$330,000	\$330,000	\$350,000	0.0%	-5.7%
PEPFAR	\$4,020,000	\$4,020,000	\$5,038,000	0.0%	-20.2%
Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria	\$1,650,000	\$1,350,000	\$1,650,000	-18.2%	-18.2%
UNICEF (IO&P)	\$132,000	\$116,600	\$132,000	-11.7%	-11.7%

* Individual lines do not add up to total because of some overlap in categories and some details that are still missing.