

Good Health Aid Numbers in Aid Appropriations Bill. By Jenny Lei Ravelo, *Pivotal*, 15 Jan 2026

If you're just coming back from the holidays, here's the latest in global health: The United States Congress just released its foreign assistance appropriations bill, spelling out [what it aims to spend in 2026](#) — **including \$9.4 billion for global health**. The House of Representatives approved the bill on Wednesday, but it must still pass the Senate before it heads to U.S. President Donald Trump's desk for approval.

Here are some highlights:

\$5.9 billion is allocated for HIV programming. Malaria, tuberculosis, and polio also get \$795 million, \$379 million, and \$85 million, respectively.

- [The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria](#), which has been praised by Trump administration officials, **was allocated \$1.25 billion** — and lawmakers have asked Secretary of State Marco Rubio to settle debts to the fund from previous U.S. funding commitments.
- [UNAIDS](#) — which faces an uncertain future — **gets \$45 million**, matching 2021 levels.
- **Global health security gets \$615.6 million**, including contributions to the Pandemic Fund and the [Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations](#), or CEPI. And in the event of a public health emergency of international concern, Congress allocated up to \$200 million for the response.
- [Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance](#), gets **\$300 million**, despite U.S. health secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr.'s [comments that the U.S. won't contribute](#) to the organization until it works to “re-earn the public trust.”
- Family planning and reproductive health programs were **allocated at least \$575 million** — \$523.9 million under global health and \$51 million under national security. Neglected tropical diseases also received an allocation of **\$109 million**. Neither had been included in the White House's proposed budget.
- Congress also **allocated \$32.5 million** for the [United Nations Population Fund](#). But the agency **can't use it in China**, and should keep U.S. funding in a separate account. However, the bill states that if this funding cannot be made available to the organization due to any laws, it should be transferred to other global health programs for family planning, maternal, and reproductive health activities.

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