

The President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief: Increase Funding

The **President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)** is the core bilateral program through which the U.S. is tackling the global HIV pandemic – helping save the lives of people living with HIV around the world.

The program has provided treatment to over 14 million people in resource-limited settings and supported HIV testing and counseling for more than 56.7 million people. **PEPFAR** is the largest health initiative ever created by one country to address a disease. We are now on the brink of ending the AIDS pandemic. **PEPFAR** bilateral funding has accounted for approximately 20% of the global resources available for HIV and should continue to match that level of leadership as funding scales up. The President signed into law a Continuing Resolution until December 7, 2018. The conference bill included in the CR includes:

Bilateral HIV funding through the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) at **\$4,700 million, \$50 million above the FY18 enacted** and House FY19 levels, and \$850 million above the President's FY19 request.

\$50 Million could:

- Enable the PEPFAR program to continue expanding its initiative to prevent infections in young girls,
- Support rapid scale up of new scientific breakthroughs, and continued work to suppress the virus to levels that are untransmittable to growing numbers of people and
- Continue making efforts to achieve higher levels of viral suppression in individuals on treatment.
- Keep the U.S. on course to contribute its commitment of \$6 billion in PEPFAR funding by 2020

We call on Congress to pass the CR before December 7, 2018, inclusive of this \$50 million increase!

PEPFAR Reauthorization

Congress had introduced the PEPFAR Extension Act of 2018, that would extend the mandate of the PEPFAR through 2023. The bill amends the United States Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Act of 2003 to extend its end date from 2018 through 2023 is considered a "clean" extension bill.

We call on Congress to pass the PEPFAR Extension Act of 2018 and send it to the President for signature