

STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS, AND RELATED PROGRAMS, 2019

\$54.2 Billion in Discretionary Funding, Including \$8 Billion for Overseas Contingency Operations

- Supports international programs and operations that strengthen national security and advance American interests abroad.
- Strengthens diplomacy and development, promotes democracy abroad, provides critical assistance to allies, and continues life-saving global health and humanitarian assistance programs for the world's most vulnerable populations.
- Works to ensure that our foreign assistance funding is both effective and efficient, strengthening the security of the United States.

HIGHLIGHTS

Strengthens Embassy Security – \$6.1 billion for embassy security, which is equal to the FY2018 level.

Promotes and Protects International Religious Freedom – \$25 million for programs to promote and protect international religious freedom abroad.

Counters Influence of the People's Republic of China – \$160 million to support implementation of the Indo-Pacific Strategy.

Counters Russian Influence – \$275 million for the Countering Russian Influence Fund to assist partners and allies in Europe and Eurasia in countering Russian influence and aggression.

Relief and Recovery for Areas Liberated from Violent Extremists – \$200 million for the Relief and Recovery Fund (RRF) to address instability in areas liberated or at risk from, or under the control of, the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria or other terrorist organizations.

Counters Foreign Fighters and Violent Extremist Organizations – The bill provides funding for programs to counter foreign fighters and violent extremist organizations in the Middle East, North Africa, and elsewhere, including \$108.5 million for the Counterterrorism Partnerships Fund.

Promotes Democracy and Human Rights Abroad – \$2.4 billion for democracy and human rights programs abroad, of which \$227.2 million is for the Democracy Fund and \$180 million is for the National Endowment for Democracy.

Supporting Key Allies – \$3.3 billion for assistance for Israel under Foreign Military Financing Program, equal to the current Memorandum of Understanding level and the President's request; \$1.5 billion for assistance for Jordan, and an additional \$50 million under the RRF; \$191.4 million for assistance for Tunisia, and an additional \$50 million under the RRF; and \$445.7 million for assistance for Ukraine.

Strengthening Global Health – \$8.8 billion for Global Health Programs, including \$6 billion for global HIV/AIDS assistance; \$138 million to protect the U.S. homeland from contagious infectious disease outbreaks; \$59 million for polio eradication efforts; \$835 million for maternal and child health programs; \$755 million to combat malaria; and \$302 million for tuberculosis programs.

International Security Assistance – \$9.2 billion for international security assistance, including \$1.5 billion for International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement; \$864.6 million for Nonproliferation, Anti-terrorism, Demining and Related Programs; \$488.7 million for Peacekeeping Operations; and \$6.2 billion for the Foreign Military Financing Program.

Humanitarian Assistance – \$3.4 billion for Migration and Refugee Assistance and \$4.4 billion for International Disaster Assistance.

Additional Items of Note

Palestinian Authority – The bill continues current law restrictions on assistance for the West Bank and Gaza, as well as restrictions on assistance for the Palestinian Authority.

Multilateral Assistance and Export and Investment Assistance – \$1.86 billion for multilateral assistance, including funding to meet U.S. commitments to international financial institutions. The bill does not include authority to exceed the statutory 25 percent cap on U.S. contributions for UN peacekeeping activities.

Safeguarding the Right to Life – The bill maintains the “Helms Amendment,” banning the use of foreign aid funding for abortions; ensures family planning programs funded through the bill are voluntary; and prohibits funding of organizations the President determines to support coercive abortion or involuntary sterilization.

Reforms, Savings, and Reducing Government Waste – The bill provides significant funding for the Inspectors General (IG), including the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction, and directs implementation of key IG and Government Accountability Office recommendations; continues a prohibition on funding for private email accounts or servers; and continues limitations on conference expenses.