



**Nutrition CEO Council Celebrates the Global Malnutrition Prevention and Treatment Act (H.R. 4693)
Being Signed into Law by President Biden**

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Washington, D.C. – *This statement is issued on behalf of the Nutrition CEO Council by 1,000 Days of FHI Solutions, Action Against Hunger, Alliance to End Hunger, Bread for the World, CARE, Food for the Hungry, Global Communities, HarvestPlus, Helen Keller Intl, Micronutrient Forum, Nutrition International, and RESULTS.*

Yesterday, President Biden [signed](#) into law the Global Malnutrition Prevention and Treatment Act. The Nutrition CEO Council enthusiastically celebrates the passage of this critical legislation that will address the alarming rates of global malnutrition. The signing comes one month after the United Nations General Assembly, which addressed the global food and nutrition security crisis through events like the Global Food Security Summit and announcements of \$280 million in new funding to scale up access to wasting treatment.

The Global Malnutrition Prevention and Treatment Act comes at a vital time when low- and middle-income countries are seeing the prevalence of malnutrition continue to climb due to the COVID-19 pandemic, conflicts and the ripple effects of the war in Ukraine, rising inflation, and climate shocks, including the unprecedented drought in the Horn of Africa. Many countries are being impacted by one or more of these, which is causing global hunger and malnutrition to rise significantly in their communities. Malnutrition is a key factor in about 45% of deaths in children under the age of five and claims the lives of approximately 3.1 million children each year.

This legislation highlights the importance of nutrition, including optimizing nutrition early in life. It addresses the current issues while strengthening long term investments to increase nutrition security. The Global Malnutrition Prevention and Treatment Act also gives USAID the tools and direction it needs to implement evidence-based solutions to prevent and treat malnutrition. It further highlights the U.S. Government's commitment and leadership on improving food and nutrition security globally.

We thank the following House and Senate champions for introducing the Global Malnutrition Prevention and Treatment Act and leading efforts in both chambers to ensure passage: Senators Chris Coons (D-DE), Roger Wicker (R-MS), Tim Kaine (D-VA), John Boozman (R-AR), Reps. Michael McCaul (R-TX-10), Gregory Meeks (D-NY-05), Young Kim (R-CA-39), and Chrissy Houlahan (D-PA-06). We applaud Congress and President Biden for their commitment to preventing and treating global malnutrition through this legislation.