U.S. Global Health Budget: Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs)

NTDs are a group of parasitic, bacterial, and viral infectious diseases that primarily affect the most impoverished and vulnerable populations in the world. The U.S. Congress first designated funding to address NTDs in 2006, through the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). Initial funding in FY 2006 was $14.9 million, which rose to a peak of $100 million in FY 2014 and has remained flat since. Funding for NTDs accounts for just a small share of the U.S. global health budget (1% in FY 2019). The President’s FY 2020 request proposes $75 million for NTDs, a decrease of $27.5 million (-27%) compared to the FY 2019 enacted level ($102.5 million) and would be the lowest level of funding since FY 2011 ($77 million).

U.S. Global NTDs Funding: Figures

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Table 1: Historical Funding by Agency for Global NTDs in millions

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NOTES: Totals include base and supplemental funding, FY13 includes the effects of sequestration. FY19 is based on funding provided in the “Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2019” (P.L. 116-6) and is a preliminary estimate.

1 Additional NTD funding is used for NTD research at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and National Institutes of Health (NIH), although this funding is not specified by Congress.