

## AT A GLANCE

# USAID INVESTMENTS IN MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH AND NUTRITION

For over 60 years, the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) has developed programs and partnerships to save the lives of women, newborns, and children. Together with our partners, USAID's maternal and child health and nutrition programs focus on achieving a common vision: **A world where healthy and well-nourished women, newborns, and children have the same chance of survival, regardless of where they are born.**

USAID works in partnership with host country governments, the civil and private sectors, faith-based organizations, and other key partners to save lives by ensuring families and their communities have equitable access to quality, respectful care.



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## EACH YEAR...

**295,000 mothers** die from preventable causes related to pregnancy and childbirth.

**5.2 million children under five** die from treatable causes, such as pneumonia and diarrhea.

**2.4 million newborns** die in the first month of life from complications such as pre-term birth, birth asphyxia, and infection.

## FURTHER...

Of **children who die before reaching the age of five**, almost half die from illnesses related to malnutrition.

More than **1 in 10 infants** missed out on lifesaving vaccines in 2018.

**Half of health facilities** do not have access to basic water and sanitation services in low- and middle-income countries.



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# DELIVERING LIFESAVING RESULTS

USAID is advancing a healthier, safer, and more prosperous world for women, children, and families. Our programs work to:



## Improve the Coverage and Quality of Care

USAID improves the equity, accessibility, demand for, and quality of maternal, newborn, and child health and nutrition services at all levels—from the community to the facility. Our programs increase the use of cost-effective and proven lifesaving interventions. This involves supporting health providers to comply with clinical standards and deliver care in a manner that promotes dignity and respect.

## Promote Equitable Access to Critical Vaccines

USAID works to eliminate disparities in access to vaccines by strengthening routine immunization systems to protect children and communities from infectious diseases, like measles and diphtheria. In partnership with Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance (Gavi), USAID supports the accelerated introduction of new and underused vaccines. Vaccines remain one of the world's most important tools in the fight against new and re-emerging infectious diseases.

## Prevent Malnutrition in Women and Children

USAID focuses on preventing all forms of undernutrition with an emphasis on the first 1,000 days—from the start of a woman's pregnancy to a child's second birthday—a period in which good nutrition is critical for optimal physical and cognitive development. Our programs ensure pregnant women receive essential nutrients; support exclusive breastfeeding and other child feeding practices; promote diet quality and diversification; and prevent and manage wasting (the deadliest form of malnutrition).

## Increase Access to Safe Water and Sanitation and Promote Key Hygiene Behaviors

USAID investments in water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) support governments, the private sector, and communities to increase access to sustainable safe water and sanitation services and to promote key hygiene behaviors, including proper handwashing and ending open defecation to limit the spread of infectious disease. Further, USAID supports access to WASH in health care facilities to ensure safe and dignified care.

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In 2019, USAID supported more than **84 million women & children** to access essential—and often lifesaving—care.

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USAID helped to protect more than **882 million children** with vaccines, saving more than **14 million lives**, through the U.S. Government's contribution to Gavi.

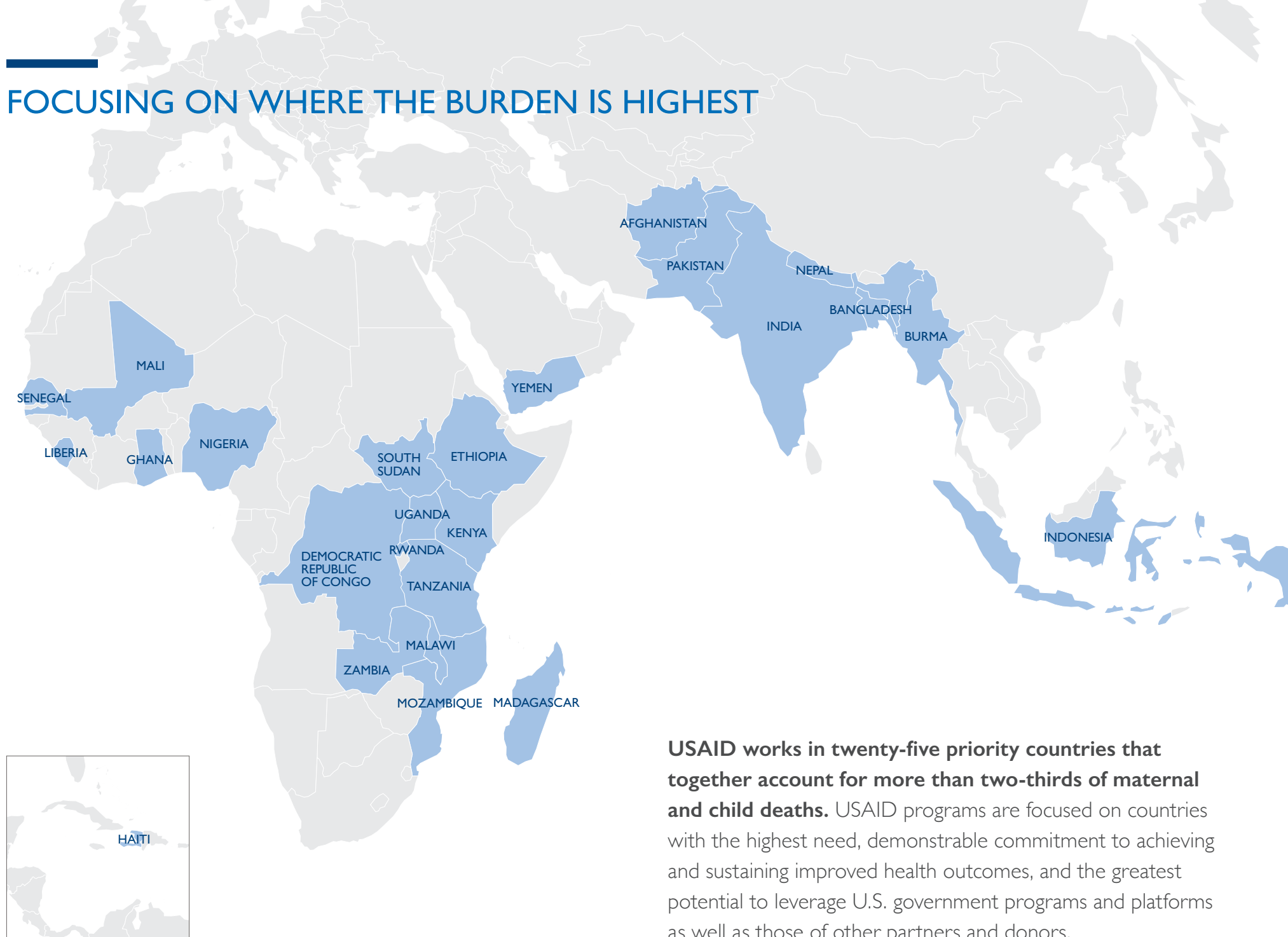
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USAID reached more than **27 million children** with nutrition programs in 2019.

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USAID enabled more than **17 million people** to gain access to basic drinking water since 2012.

## FOCUSING ON WHERE THE BURDEN IS HIGHEST



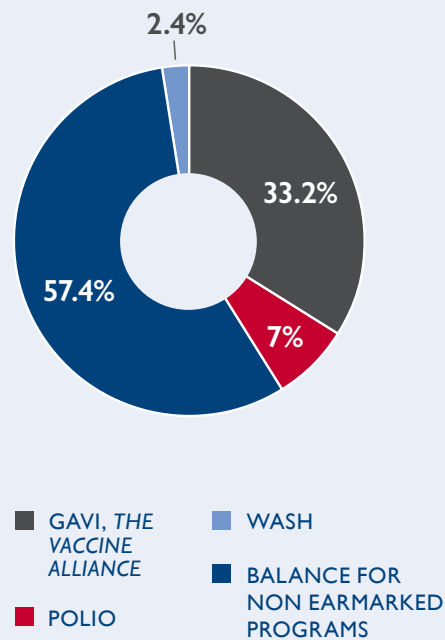
**USAID works in twenty-five priority countries that together account for more than two-thirds of maternal and child deaths.** USAID programs are focused on countries with the highest need, demonstrable commitment to achieving and sustaining improved health outcomes, and the greatest potential to leverage U.S. government programs and platforms as well as those of other partners and donors.

# FUNDING SNAPSHOT

Thanks to the generosity of the American people, and through continued bipartisan commitment in the U.S. Congress, USAID investments promote evidence-driven actions that save lives. Our integrated programs prevent pregnancy-related complications for expectant mothers, ensure the best possible birth outcomes for newborns, prevent illnesses and infections in young children, and support the adoption of healthy behaviors by families and communities.

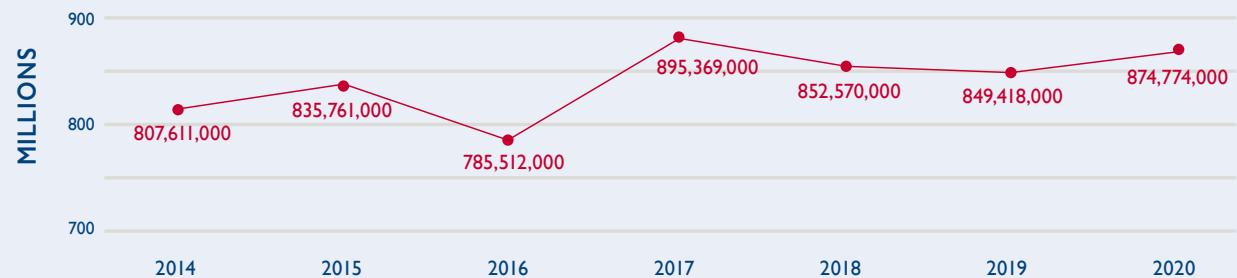
## USAID MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH BUDGET

FY2020 Maternal and Child Health Budget: \$875 Million



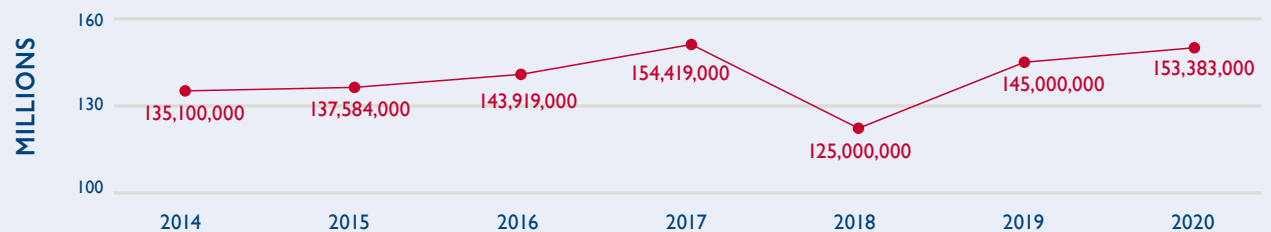
## USAID MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH TRENDLINE BUDGET

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## USAID NUTRITION TRENDLINE BUDGET

FY2020 Nutrition Budget: \$153 Million



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