

## **Why Investing in Global Health is in the United States' National Interest**

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- Helps to build communities' resilience to natural or man-made disasters (National Academies Press, 2017).
- Has helped to identify emerging diseases at the unprecedented rate of one or more per year (World Health Organization, 2007).
- By helping to prevent some security threats, investing in global health saves lives and resources. Many of these threats (e.g. pandemics, NCDs, food insecurity, climate change, pollution, environmental destruction) have major global political and economic impacts.
- Demonstrates moral leadership and improves how other countries view the U.S. – U.S. leadership on global health is an opportunity to exercise positive public diplomacy
- Creates jobs and opportunities for Americans. From 2007 to 2015 alone, the \$14 billion in U.S. government investments in global health innovations helped create nearly 200,000 new American jobs and generate \$33 billion in U.S. economic growth (Research American, n.d.).
- Helps the U.S. maintain its competitive edge. While the U.S. is still the world leader in global health research and development, emerging nations such as China are rapidly increasing research and development investments (Research American, n.d.).
- Protects US citizens and soldiers abroad. U.S. investment in global health research and development helps protect Americans who are serving, working or traveling abroad (Research American, n.d.).
- Supports U.S. research universities and students' interests in the field. There is increasing student demand to study global health in the U.S.
- 93% of respondents in a United States survey believe that it is either very or somewhat important that the U.S. remains a global leader in research to improve health (Research American, n.d.).
- A total of 246 Nobel laureates have received grants from NSF and other federal agencies (Research America, n.d.).