



OVER THE LAST  
10 YEARS, USAID'S  
MATERNAL AND  
CHILD HEALTH  
AND NUTRITION  
PROGRAMS HAVE  
**HELPED SAVE  
7.4 MILLION LIVES.**



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LIFESAVING—CARE.**

# USAID INVESTMENTS IN MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH AND NUTRITION

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USAID's Maternal and Child Health and Nutrition programs strive to create a world where every woman and child not only survives but thrives, fostering community and national prosperity.

The leading causes of death among pregnant women and young children are largely preventable. This means that there are solutions that can help save millions of more lives. In collaboration with governments, businesses, faith-based groups, and other partners, USAID programs:

- **Expand coverage of lifesaving health services** by prioritizing scientifically proven interventions.
- **Improve the quality of care** through comprehensive training for health providers, resulting in safer, more effective, and coordinated care with better health outcomes.
- **Enhance equity** by targeting poor, marginalized, and vulnerable communities, thus enabling greater access to healthcare for women and children.



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# SAVING LIVES AND ENHANCING HEALTH



## Maternal and Newborn Health

During birth and immediately after, both mothers and newborns are most vulnerable. Receiving adequate care during pregnancy and delivering in a health facility with a skilled provider significantly reduces the risks of lifethreatening complications.



## Child Health

Diarrhea and pneumonia, the leading causes of death in children under five, are largely preventable and treatable through interventions like vaccinations, clean water, sanitation, hygiene, and timely medical care.



## Immunization

Immunization, a highly effective public health intervention, protects children from fatal diseases such as measles, polio, diphtheria, pertussis, and tetanus by creating immunity, thus preventing their occurrence and spread in communities.



## Nutrition

Proper nutrition lowers the risk of maternal and child deaths. Maternal nutrition, breastfeeding support, appropriate feeding for young children, and micronutrient supplementation reduce malnutrition, promoting optimal growth and early childhood development.



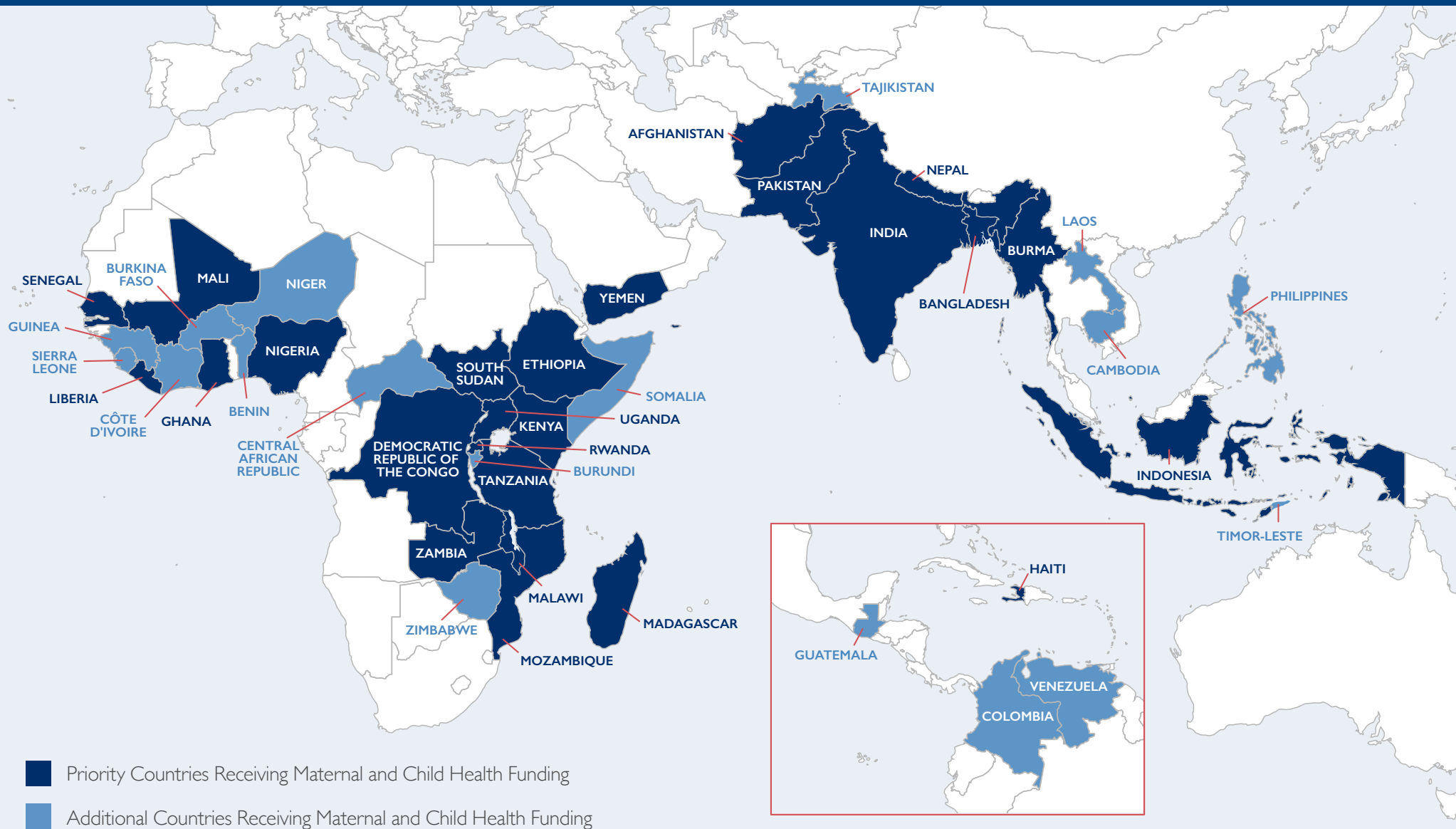
## Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH)

Access to clean water prevents life-threatening waterborne diseases like diarrhea and cholera. Further, proper WASH in healthcare facilities reduces infection risks and complications.

OUR INVESTMENTS HAVE EXPANDED THE COVERAGE OF PROVEN, COST-EFFECTIVE INTERVENTIONS, RESULTING IN A **58% INCREASE IN HEALTH FACILITY BIRTHS** AND A **36% RISE IN PREGNANT WOMEN ATTENDING AT LEAST FOUR ANTENATAL CARE VISITS** ACROSS OUR PRIORITY COUNTRIES.



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## WHERE WE WORK

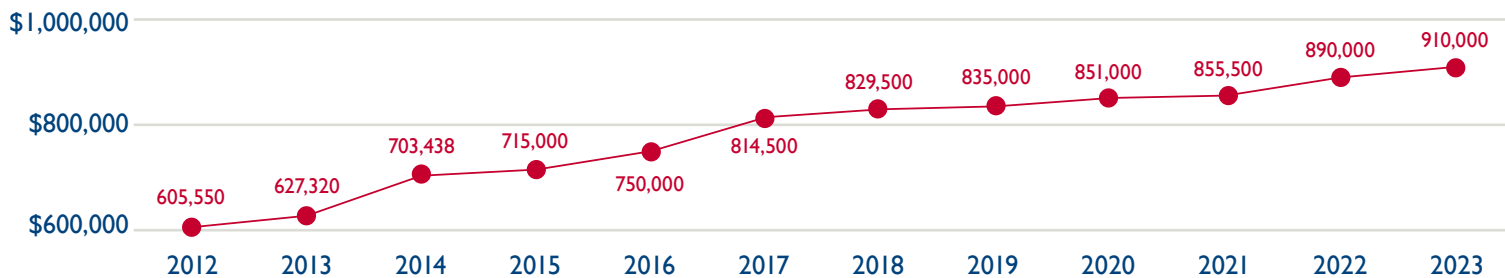
USAID partners with 43 countries to improve maternal and child health. Among them, USAID prioritizes investing in 25 maternal and child survival priority countries, which collectively account for over 70% of global maternal and child deaths.

SINCE 2000, THERE HAS BEEN A **55% DROP IN UNDER-FIVE CHILD MORTALITY** AND A **42% DECLINE IN MATERNAL MORTALITY** ACROSS USAID'S 25 PRIORITY COUNTRIES.

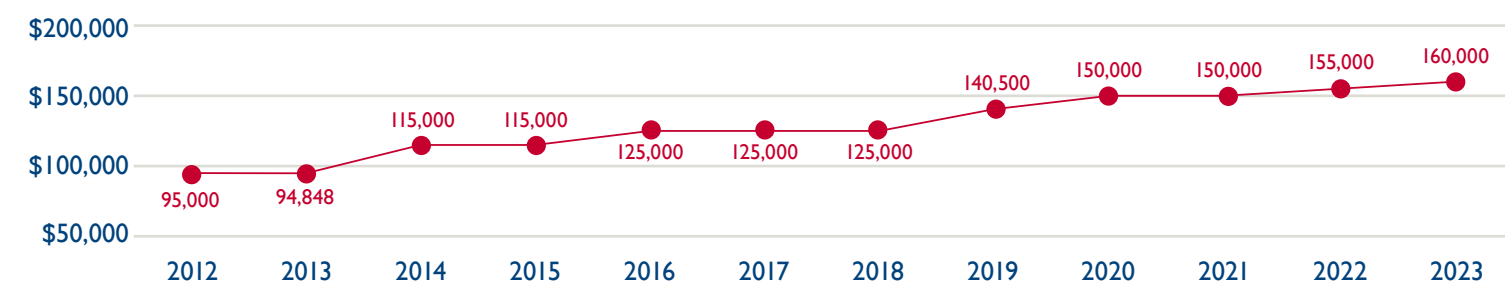
# MAKING EVERY DOLLAR COUNT

Through bipartisan support from the U.S. Congress and the generous contributions of the American people, USAID directs its resources towards achieving measurable outcomes for women and children. Maternal and child survival remains a global health challenge, with over five million children under the age of five and 200,000 women dying from largely preventable causes each year. USAID's continued commitment is pivotal in saving lives and preventing the spread of diseases. Beyond health outcomes, these efforts contribute to community prosperity and global stability worldwide.

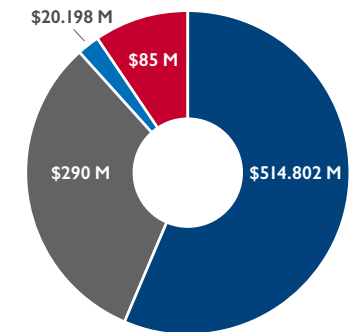
**Fig. 1 USAID Maternal and Child health (MCH) Budget Over Time**



**Fig. 2 USAID Nutrition Budget Over Time**



**Fig. 3 USAID MCH Total Budget**



**MCH TOTAL BUDGET: \$910 M**

- MCH BILATERAL PROGRAMS
- GAVI, THE VACCINE ALLIANCE
- WASH
- POLIO

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