

Food for Peace: What Others Are Saying  
Food Aid Funding Dramatically Cut

"I am concerned that levels of funding for our State Department and USAID partners will not sufficiently enable them to build on the hard-fought security achievements of our men and women in uniform."

General David Petraeus  
Commander, International Security Assistance Force  
March 15, 2011

"The reckless cuts in that legislation [FY 2011 House appropriations bill] weren't chosen because they looked at programs and said, 'Here's something that's not working.' Or 'Here's something we don't need to do.' No – the total level of reductions was purely arbitrary, plucked out of a hat, and totally unrelated to any thoughtful calculation of what was actually needed and how much that should cost."

Representative Howard L. Berman (D-CA)  
Opening statement at hearing of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs  
March 1, 2011

"These are drastic cuts – draconian cuts – that disproportionately target the poorest people."

Bill O'Keefe  
Senior Director of Advocacy for Catholic Relief Services  
February 23, 2011

"Disproportionately large cuts targeting America's humanitarian assistance budget *jeopardize the success of global development initiatives and undermine both U.S. global security and leadership.*"

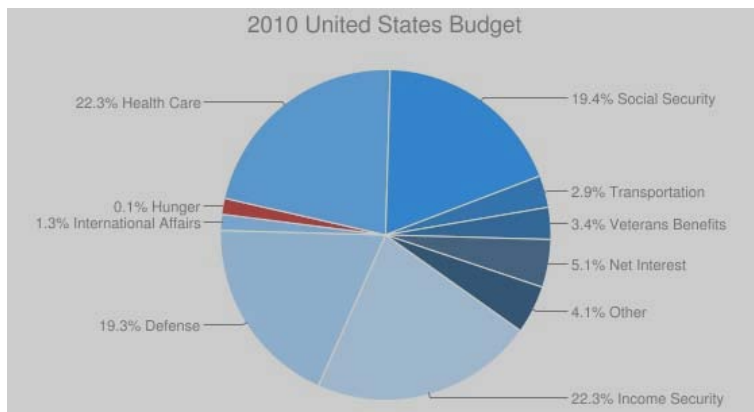
World Vision  
February 15, 2011

"Cuts of this magnitude will be *devastating* to our national security, will render us unable to respond to unanticipated disasters, and will *damage our leadership* around the world."

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton  
Letter to Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives  
February 14, 2011

"Shared sacrifice is one thing; it is another to make *disproportionate cuts* in programs that serve the most vulnerable. It is *morally unacceptable* for our nation to balance its budget on the backs of the poor at home and abroad."

Bishop Howard J. Hubbard, chairman of the USCCB Committee on International Justice and Peace, and Ken Hackett, president Catholic Relief Services  
Letter to Congress  
February 14, 2011



"While the House's fiscal year 2011 funding bill cuts 10.3 percent from non-defense appropriations, it *disproportionately cuts food assistance* by an astonishing 42 percent. These devastating cuts would deny aid to roughly 18 million people..."

Ellen Levinson  
Executive Director, Alliance for Global Food Security  
Not the Time to Retreat from the Fight Against Hunger, Food Aid  
National Journal  
February 10, 2011

Global hunger programs make up less than one-tenth of 1 percent of the entire U.S. budget. (Chart courtesy of the World Food Program USA.)