

August 24, 2017

The Honorable Mark Green  
Administrator  
United States Agency for International Development  
1300 Pennsylvania, Ave., NW  
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Administrator Green:

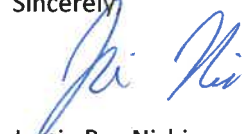
As Director of the Global Health Technologies Coalition (GHTC)—a group of more than 25 nonprofit organizations working to increase awareness of the vital role health technologies play in saving lives in the developing world—I write to celebrate your confirmation as Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). As we face unprecedented challenges on the global stage and work to strengthen US leadership in global health and development, your leadership and experience will be key in guiding the US Government's principle development agency.

Global health innovations are critical to achieving the United States' goals of ending preventable maternal and child deaths, curbing the spread of infectious diseases, and achieving an HIV/AIDS-free generation. While we have seen tremendous success in global health over the past decade—in part due to advancements in the development of new vaccines, drugs, and other health technologies—we cannot meet ambitious global health goals using only the interventions we have in hand today. It is important that we continue to prioritize research and development (R&D) for new technologies to address neglected disease and emerging global health challenges.

USAID plays a vital role in the development, scale-up, and introduction of these urgently needed tools. Through product development partnerships, the agency supports nonprofit product developers in their R&D to improve health conditions around the world. Through partnerships with other governments, USAID contributes expertise in health technology research, evaluation, and implementation, and helps partner countries evaluate trials of new products and tools. The agency has a vital track record in the development of reproductive health technologies, which have saved and improved the lives of millions of women and their families. It also plays an important role supporting research toward an HIV/AIDS vaccine, novel microbicides for women-centered HIV prevention, and R&D for new diagnostics for infectious diseases. USAID's Center for Accelerating Innovation and Impact is a global health innovator itself, launching grand challenges to address material and child health, Ebola, and Zika, and helping bring promising global health innovations to scale.

Congratulations on your confirmation. Our coalition looks forward to working with you and your staff over the coming year. We value USAID's important contributions to global health R&D and look forward to sustaining and building on this legacy. We hope that you will use our coalition as a resource in your work, and please do not hesitate to be in contact at [jnishi@ghtcoalition.org](mailto:jnishi@ghtcoalition.org) or (202) 540-4379 with any questions

Sincerely,



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