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MERCY CORPS: FARM BILL PASSAGE A WELCOME STEP IN PROTECTING WORLD'S VULNERABLE PEOPLE FROM HUNGER

Re-authorized international food security programs will help communities survive and thrive

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ABOUT MERCY CORPS

- Leading global organization powered by the belief that a better world is possible
- Empowering people to survive through crisis, build better lives and transform their communities for good
- Meeting the urgent needs of today through emergency response and disaster preparedness
- Building a stronger tomorrow by connecting people to the resources they need to strengthen their community from within
- About 5,000 team members reaching nearly 22 million people
- \$436.6 million total operating revenue in FY2017; 87% channeled directly into programs in more than 40 countries

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WASHINGTON—Following the passage of the Farm Bill in the U.S. House of Representatives today, Mercy Corps Vice President for Technical Leadership Dina Esposito issued the following statement:

“Mercy Corps, a leading global organization that works to address hunger in crisis settings and advance food security around the world, welcomes the bipartisan passage of the Farm Bill today in the House and we encourage the President to quickly sign this bill. The bipartisan bill passed with historic support in the House and Senate, and Mercy Corps thanks the leaders of the House and Senate Agriculture Committees for their hard work ensuring that the bill makes important improvements to international food security programs. In addition to maintaining authorities for important market-based tools to respond to emergencies, the bill supports McGovern-Dole Food for Education programs, Food for Progress programs, and improves vital, non-emergency Food for Peace programs, which help mitigate future humanitarian crises by building the resilience of communities so they can better cope with shocks like droughts and floods.

“Mercy Corps is proud to partner with both USAID and USDA, which are able to stabilize crisis conditions, advance economic growth and improve the lives and health of millions around the world through this important piece of legislation.”

Background:

- [Q&A: Dina Esposito, Mercy Corps' vice president of technical leadership, on food and fragile states](#)
- [Mercy Corps' Approach to Food Security](#)
- [What Mercy Corps is doing to end global hunger](#)
- [NGO statement of support](#)

Editor's note:

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