

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5300
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Insert after section 601 the following:

1 SEC. 602. HEALTH SYSTEMS STRENGTHENING.

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The President is authorized to
3 furnish assistance to support and invest in strengthening
4 health systems in partner countries to improve partner
5 country planning, funding, and managing of health sys-
6 tems and accountability for health system outcomes.

7 (b) ACTIVITIES TO BE SUPPORTED.—Activities au-
8 thorized under this subsection may be used to support
9 technical assistance, institutional capacity building, and
10 other related assistance as determined by the President.
11 Such activities may include assistance to support and ad-
12 vise on—

13 (1) health system financing, including domestic
14 resource mobilization, fund management, and re-
15 source allocation;

16 (2) health workforce planning and management;

17 (3) procurement and supply chain management,
18 including cooperative purchasing agreements with
19 health-related commodities to secure more competi-
20 tive pricing;

1 (4) transparency, accountability, and evidence-
2 based strategies and care;

3 (5) relevant global health diplomacy and inter-
4 national engagement, such as appropriate use of
5 tools through multilateral institutions and joint en-
6 terprises such as the Global Fund; and

7 (6) other activities related to health systems
8 strengthening as determined appropriate.

9 (c) PRIORITY.—In carrying out activities under this
10 subsection, the President shall conduct a prioritization
11 process to identify priority countries. Countries selected
12 as priority countries shall be those—

13 (1) in which there is political will to invest in-
14 creased national resources in the national health sec-
15 tor, or to reform existing channels for national
16 health sector investments to improve effectiveness of
17 public health interventions and enable sustainability
18 of improved health outcomes;

19 (2) in which the resources and institutional en-
20 vironment exist for which such political will may be
21 leveraged to enhance public health outcomes; and

22 (3) in which there is an opportunity to either
23 maximize the impact of existing or fill a gap in
24 United States-provided health systems strengthening
25 activities.

1 (d) UPDATE.—The President shall update the coun-
2 tries to be prioritized under subsection (c) every 2 years.

3 (e) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after
4 the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually there-
5 after for 3 years, the President shall submit to the appro-
6 priate congressional committees a report on efforts to
7 prioritize health system strengthening, to include the fol-
8 lowing:

9 (1) The list of countries that are priority coun-
10 tries for health systems strengthening.

11 (2) The previous year's activities prioritizing
12 health system strengthening, including diplomatic
13 and programmatic efforts, in priority countries.

14 (3) Goals, objectives, and performance metrics,
15 to include quantitative targets, for implementation
16 of health system strengthening in the coming year.

17 (4) Any additional resources, staffing, and au-
18 thorities necessary to prioritize health systems
19 strengthening and achieve the goals, objectives, and
20 targets identified under paragraph (3).

