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## Fund worldwide nutrition for kids

I am writing to urge others to support funding nutrition programs for all children and women of the world.

There are 34 countries sharing their concerns at the first global Nutrition for Growth pledging event June 8 in London. The United Kingdom and Brazil will host this event and the United States should lead the way by pledging \$1.35 billion over three years. Now we give less than 1 percent of our foreign aid funds to nutrition programs.

Cost-effective nutrition programs in the first 1,000 days — from pregnancy to age 2 — offer the best return on our investments.

Tell your families to consider fasting on May 28, World Hunger Day, and to reach out to local food banks with a monetary donation that shows you do care locally and globally about the 2.5 million kids, every year, who have no chance of surviving.

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