

## ***Charity & Security Network Celebrates Global Fragility Act Signed into Law***

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The Charity & Security Network, which advocates for hundreds of nonprofits working internationally in humanitarian, development, and peacebuilding initiatives, applauds Congress on the recently passed Global Fragility Act. The act was signed into law as part of the Consolidated Appropriations bill by President Trump on December 20<sup>th</sup>. We believe that this act makes important steps towards improving preventative peacebuilding measures in fragile countries prone to violent outbreaks.

The sponsors of the Global Fragility Act reflect a bipartisan determination, shared by the American people, to end violence through studying and investing in ending the conditions that allow violence to thrive. We praise the leadership of the Global Fragility Act's lead sponsors, Senators Chris Coons (D-DE) and Lindsey Graham (R-SC) as well as Representatives Eliot Engel (D-NY) and Michael McCaul (R-TX), the Chairman and Ranking Member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee. A bipartisan group of [26 senators](#) and [20 representatives](#) co-sponsored the bill, and their support was key to the Global Fragility Act's success.

The legislation makes several improvements to the peacebuilding framework; it:

- Focuses U.S. foreign assistance on preventing violence and conflict in fragile countries;
- Saves U.S. taxpayers money by preventing the outbreak of conflict rather than the costlier approach of containing it;
- Increases transparency and accountability by mandating biennial reports to Congress and the American people;
- Strengthens research to identify the foreign assistance programs and diplomatic approaches that are most effective at preventing violence and conflict;
- Dedicates \$1.15 billion over the next five years for conflict prevention and peacebuilding in countries at risk of violence and conflict.

Overall, the Global Fragility Act addresses the conditions that encourage and incentivize violence at the root of societal issues – an important step in rethinking counter-terrorism policy in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

The Charity & Security Network is a Washington-based resource center and a recognized leader in nonprofit advocacy. Our work began as a response to the PATRIOT Act and the limiting effects it had on nonprofits serving at-risk populations overseas. In 2019 we celebrated our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of fighting restrictive policies that hamstringing the effectiveness of nonprofits working internationally.

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