



///Rapid Response 2/16/11 Cut in Refugee Funding

On Thursday, February 17, the House of Representatives is expected to cut international affairs spending by 21 percent for fiscal year 2011. This includes an expected cut in the Migration and Refugee Assistance (MRA) budget of 45 percent. MRA addresses refugee and migration needs by providing funding to non-governmental organizations that assist refugees, victims of conflict, internally displaced persons, and vulnerable migrants, including victims of human trafficking. A cut of this magnitude will not really help the budget crisis because all humanitarian and poverty foreign aid only makes up one half of one percent of the total budget. The recommended 45 percent cut for refugee assistance is not worth the loss of life, human suffering, and destabilizing impact it would cause.

Please contact your Representatives and ask for their support of the MRA budget by finding other ways to deal with the budget crisis. Disciples Women who are focusing on human trafficking this year are especially encouraged to contact their Representatives.

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