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The federal programs that CRS partners with to deliver emergency food aid and to support people in developing countries are at risk. Proposals have been put forward to drastically cut programs like Food for Peace, and critical legislation in 2018 will determine their fate. Congress and the administration need to hear your voice to ensure programs like Food for Peace continue and are fully funded.

“**It is a scandal that there is still hunger and malnutrition in the world! It is not just a question of responding to immediate emergencies, but of addressing together, at all levels, a problem that challenges our personal and social conscience, in order to achieve a just and lasting solution.”**

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