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## PRESIDENT OBAMA PROPOSES INCREASE IN GLOBAL HEALTH INVESTMENTS

WASHINGTON, D.C. – President Barack Obama’s Fiscal Year 2010 budget request, released Thursday, is the first in several years to propose increases in maternal health, child health and family planning over what Congress appropriated in the previous fiscal year. It also calls for robust increases in programs to fight malaria and neglected tropical diseases.

“The Council is pleased that President Obama did not follow the precedent of previous budget requests proposing cuts to maternal and child health and family planning programs, signaling that now is time for the United States to elevate what has been a stagnant American response on global family health and work toward saving the lives of millions of women and children,” said Maurice Middleberg, Executive Vice President of the Global Health Council.

The Council welcomes the president’s proposal to bolster the U.S. response to malaria by about \$200 million. However, the president only proposes a 1.7% increase for global HIV/AIDS, and no increase for the U.S. contribution to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria -- a partnership between governments, civil society, the private sector and communities that has provided significant resources for the three diseases. Tuberculosis programs received only a nominal increase. The 2008 U.S. Leadership Act against AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria authorized \$48 billion over five years to address these three global health challenges, and the Council is committed to working with the U.S. Congress and the Obama Administration to ensure that the law’s provisions are fully enacted with sufficient funding.

On Tuesday, President Obama proposed a comprehensive six-year, \$63 billion Global Health Initiative that begins in Fiscal Year 2009. The budget proposal released Thursday asks Congress to appropriate \$7.6 billion for FY 2010 for all global health programs – a 7.2% increase from the \$7.1 billion the programs are receiving in FY 2009.

“The president eloquently proposed that the pastiche of U.S. global health programs be brought under a comprehensive global health strategy, which was the Global Health Council’s top recommendation to the new administration,” said Middleberg. “The Council looks forward to working with the Administration to ensure that this strategy

results in measurable health impact, efficient uses of taxpayers' dollars, and sustained progress in improving the lives of the world's poorest people.”

President Obama's proposal for global health investments in the FY 2010 budget request include:

**FAMILY HEALTH:**

- USAID Maternal and Child Health: The request would increase from \$495 million in FY 2009 to \$524 million in FY 2010, a 5 percent increase over the FY 2009 enacted level.
- USAID Family Planning: The request would increase from \$455 million in FY 2009 to \$475 million in FY 2010, representing a 4% increase over the 2009 enacted level. The request also proposes \$50 million in contributions to the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). In FY 2009, the U.S. made its first contributions to UNFPA since FY 2002.

**HIV/AIDS:** The request would increase funding for global HIV/AIDS from \$5.9 billion in FY 2009 to \$6.0 billion in FY 2010 – a 1.7 percent increase.

**Global Fund To Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria:** The request does not propose any increase in contributions to the Global Fund to Fight HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria; it proposes \$900 million, same as the FY 2009 enacted level.

**MALARIA:** The request would increase funding for malaria from \$383 million in FY 2009 to \$585 million in FY 2010, representing an increase of nearly 53 percent over the FY 2009 enacted level.

**TUBERCULOSIS:** The request includes an increase from FY 2009 from \$163 million to \$173 million, representing a 6% increase from FY 2009 enacted levels.

**NEGLECTED TROPICAL DISEASES:** The request proposes an increase from \$25 million in FY 2009 to \$70 million in FY 2010, representing a 180 percent increase.