

Urge Your Member of Congress to Support FEWS NET Email Template and Call Script



We need your help. Call or email your representatives and ask them to urge the State Department to fund FEWS NET, using these scripts. Note that [four lawmakers](#) have already sent a [letter](#) to Secretary Marco Rubio (Reps. Gregory Meeks [D-NY-05], Angie Craig [D-MN-02], Sara Jacobs [D-CA-51], and Shontel Brown [D-OH-11]). If you are represented by one of them, please call to thank their office!

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FEWS NET Call To Action

Email Template

Please feel free to adapt the language below.

Subject: Fund FEWS NET Before It's Too Late

Dear [Title, Name],

I am a constituent from [CITY, STATE], and I am deeply concerned about the imminent shutdown of the Famine Early Warning Systems Network—FEWS NET. As someone who cares about smart, effective use of American resources and the United States' role as a global leader, I am urging you to act immediately to ensure the State Department obligates funding to keep this critical program operational.

FEWS NET is a proven U.S. government tool that gives policymakers advance warning of famines and food crises before they become catastrophes. That early intelligence allows humanitarian organizations and governments to pre-position food, secure funding, and respond in time—saving lives and stretching every taxpayer dollar far further than reactive responses ever could. Funding has not been received, and FEWS NET begins shutting down on September 30th. If that process is not reversed, the program will close entirely by the end of this year—and the decades of specialized expertise behind it could be gone for good.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter, [TITLE, NAME]. I ask that you press the State Department to obligate FEWS NET funding now, before this irreplaceable early warning capability is lost.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

[Name]
[City], [State]

Call Script

Hello, my name is [NAME], and I'm a constituent from [CITY], [STATE].

I'm calling to ask [TITLE, NAME] to urge the State Department to fund the Famine Early Warning Systems Network (FEWS NET) now to keep this critical program operational.

FEWS NET is a long-standing U.S. government program that gives policymakers advance warning of famines and food crises before they become catastrophes. That early warning allows humanitarian organizations and governments to position food, secure funding, and respond in time—saving lives while also making taxpayer dollars go much further.

FEWS NET has not received funds from the State Department and will begin the process of shutting down. If funding is not obligated soon, FEWS NET will close down by the end of the year, and the specialized expertise behind the program could be lost.

I hope you will act immediately to ensure the State Department funds FEWS NET.

Thank you for passing my message along.

Background

The [Famine Early Warning Systems Network](#) (FEWS NET) is the U.S. Government's primary early warning system for famine and severe food insecurity around the world. Put simply, FEWS NET helps answer one critical question: **Where are food crises likely to occur before they become humanitarian disasters?**

By identifying emerging crises months in advance, FEWS NET enables the U.S. Government, partner governments, and humanitarian organizations to pre-position food, plan responses, and target limited resources before conditions deteriorate into famine. Acting early saves lives, reduces the overall cost of humanitarian response, and helps ensure taxpayer dollars are spent more effectively.

Today, FEWS NET is in jeopardy. Although the program has enjoyed strong bipartisan support for decades, it will be forced to close by the end of this year if funding is not quickly unlocked.

For nearly 40 years, FEWS NET has provided the U.S. Government with independent, evidence-based analysis of food insecurity around the world. It combines satellite imagery, weather and climate data, crop production, market prices, nutrition information, conflict trends, and local field expertise to produce the world's only operational food security forecasts extending up to eight months into the future.

That forward-looking analysis helps policymakers anticipate crises, prioritize limited humanitarian resources, strengthen accountability, and protect U.S. interests. Early warning also helps stabilize markets through timely planning, reduces displacement pressures, and lowers the risk of conflict driven by severe food insecurity. At a time of growing humanitarian need and constrained budgets, FEWS NET helps ensure that scarce resources are directed where they can have the greatest impact.