INVEST IN CONFLICT PREVENTION

The world is considerably less peaceful today than it was a decade ago.¹ Recurring wars around the world show we cannot wait until a crisis escalates to respond. Failing to address brewing conflicts early puts greater demand on the United States to pursue costly military interventions later on. Congress should take a proactive approach towards prevention by investing in U.S. capacity to prevent violence.

GLOBAL CONFLICT BY THE NUMBERS:

| 402  | In 2018 70.8 million people were forcibly displaced.² |
| 70.8 | 60% of the world’s hungry people live in countries affected by conflict.³ |
| 60% | Conflict drives 80% of humanitarian need.⁴ |

GLOBAL VIOLENCE CONTINUES TO PUT THE LIVES OF CIVILIANS AND U.S. TROOPS AT RISK.

~430,000 People have died as a direct consequence of the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq alone.⁵ Including 14,700 U.S. troops and civilian personnel.⁵

WE NEED A MORE ROBUST STRATEGY FOR PREVENTING VIOLENCE.

A violence-reduction strategy would address root causes of conflict and take steps to prevent violence before a crisis emerges. Conflict-prevention measures include mediation, strengthening state institutional capacities, unarmed civilian protection, and humanitarian aid.

PREVENTION MEASURES SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED THROUGHOUT EXISTING CONFLICTS TO ENSURE LASTING PEACE.

PRIORITIZING PREVENTION SAVES LIVES AND MONEY.

Investing $1.00 in prevention...

...saves the world $16.00 in the cost of conflict.⁶

Sources: