

**Esther:** Senator/Representative, Please support The Borgen Project

**Esther:** After helping refugees during the Kosovo war, the founder and president of The Borgen Project, Clint Borgen realized that the United States wasn't doing enough to support countries suffering from extreme poverty and wanted to start an organization focusing on that.

**Esther:** The Borgen Project was founded as an organization dedicated to downsizing global poverty and making it a focus of US Foreign Policy.

**Esther:** The Borgen Project recognizes that millions of people don't have access to necessities such as food, water, and shelter. Studies show that 736 million people live in extreme poverty. 1 billion people don't have electricity. Over 2 million people lack access to healthy food. About 2.5 million babies die after birth and 19.4 million babies lack immunity to diseases.

**Esther:** The United States, as the most powerful nation in the world, has the budget and the resources to help those living in extreme poverty.

**Esther:** Ending extreme poverty is good for the environment, (prevents overpopulation and natural disasters), for national security (protects diplomacy efforts and prevents terrorist attacks), and creates US jobs, (foreign aid recipients become consumers of US products).

**Esther:** So far with Congress's help, we've had two acts signed into law in 2022. The Global Food Reauthorization Act and The Global Malnutrition Prevention Act.

**Esther:** The Huffington Post said this about the organization: "The Borgen Project is an incredible nonprofit organization that is addressing poverty and hunger and working towards ending them."

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