Foreign Aid:
Five Emerging Myths, Ten Facts, Five Steps Forward

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SPEAKER
 ► Dr. Paul Farmer
    United Nations Secretary-General’s Special Adviser for Community-based Medicine and Lessons from Haiti, Founder of Partners in Health
Medical anthropologist and physician Dr. Paul Farmer has dedicated his life to improving health care for the world’s poorest people. He is a University Professor and Chair of the Department of Global Health and Social Medicine at Harvard Medical School, Chief of the Division of Global Health Equity at Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston, and the United Nations Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Community Based Medicine and Lessons from Haiti. From 2009–2012 Dr. Farmer served as President Clinton’s deputy at the United Nations Office of the Special Envoy for Haiti.

Dr. Farmer is a founding director of Partners In Health (PIH), an international non-profit organization that since 1987 has provided direct health care services and undertaken research and advocacy activities on behalf of those who are sick and living in poverty. Dr. Farmer began his lifelong commitment to Haiti in 1983 while still a student, working with dispossessed farmers in Haiti’s Central Plateau. Starting with a one-building clinic in the village of Cange, Partners In Health’s project in Haiti has grown to a multi-service health complex that includes a primary school, an infirmary, a surgery wing, a training program for health outreach workers, a 104-bed hospital, a women’s clinic, and a pediatric care facility. Over the past twenty years, PIH has expanded operations to eleven countries around the globe.

Dr. Farmer and his colleagues in the U.S. and in Haiti, Rwanda, Lesotho, Malawi, Mexico, Russia, Peru, Navajo Nation, the Dominican Republic, and Kazakhstan have pioneered novel community-based treatment strategies that demonstrate the delivery of high-quality health care in resource-poor settings. Dr. Farmer has written extensively on health, human rights, and the consequences of social inequality. His most recent book is To Repair the World: Paul Farmer Speaks to the Next Generation. Other titles include Haiti After the Earthquake, Pathologies of Power: Health, Human Rights, and the New War on the Poor, The Uses of Haiti, Infections and Inequalities: The Modern Plagues, and AIDS and Accusation: Haiti and the Geography of Blame. Dr. Farmer is the subject of Pulitzer Prize winner Tracy Kidder’s bestseller Mountains Beyond Mountains: The Quest of Dr. Paul Farmer, a Man Who Would Cure the World, which chronicles the development of Dr. Farmer’s work in Haiti and beyond. He is the recipient of numerous honors, including the Margaret Mead Award from the American Anthropological Association, the Outstanding International Physician (Nathan Davis) Award from the American Medical Association, a John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur “Genius Award,” and, with his PIH colleagues, the Hilton Humanitarian Prize. He is a member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences and of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.