

Impact of Dismantling USAID on Global Health

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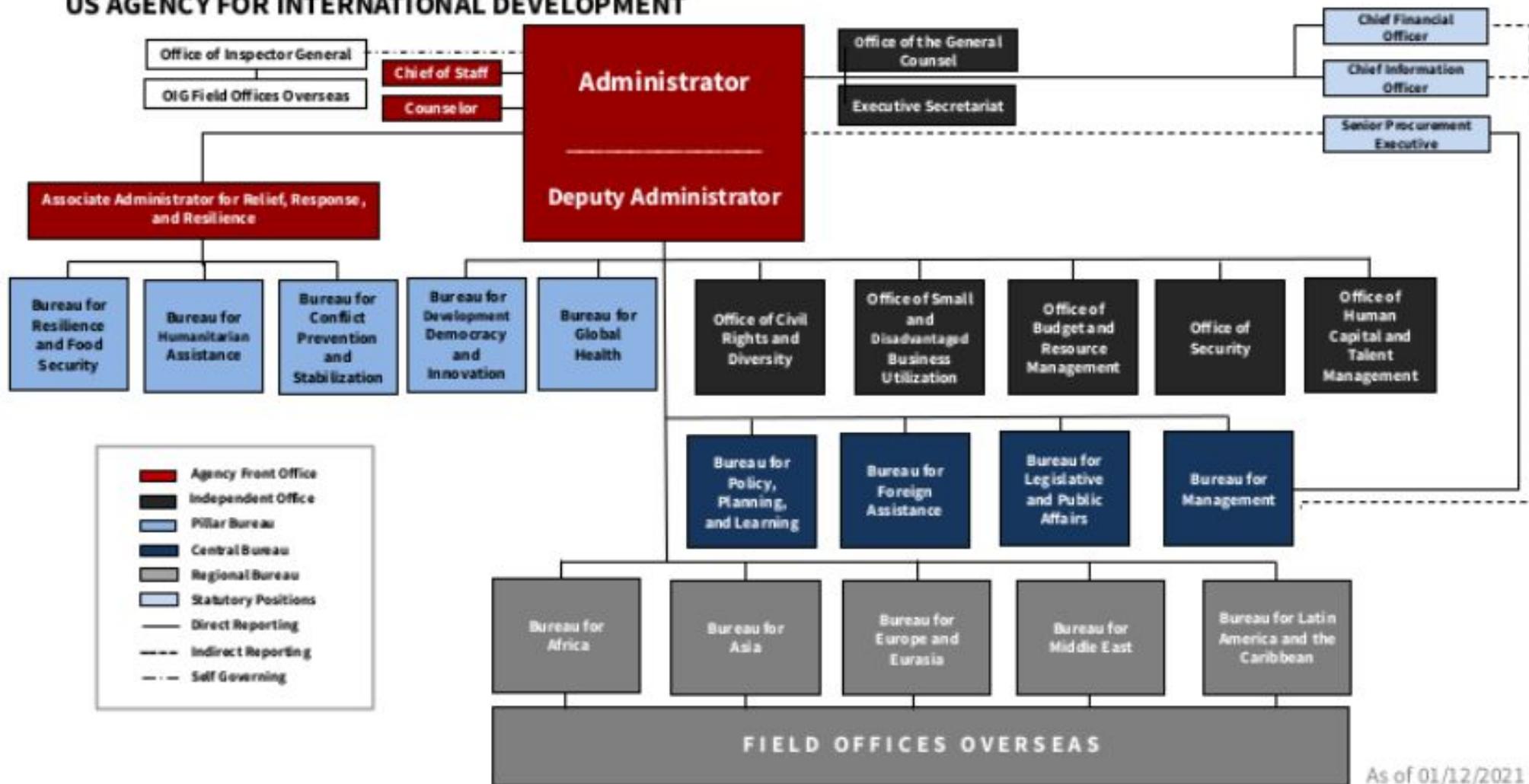
USAID Mission

Engage Congress and the American public to ensure U.S. foreign assistance reflects American values and remains a powerful force for global stability, economic growth, and national security.

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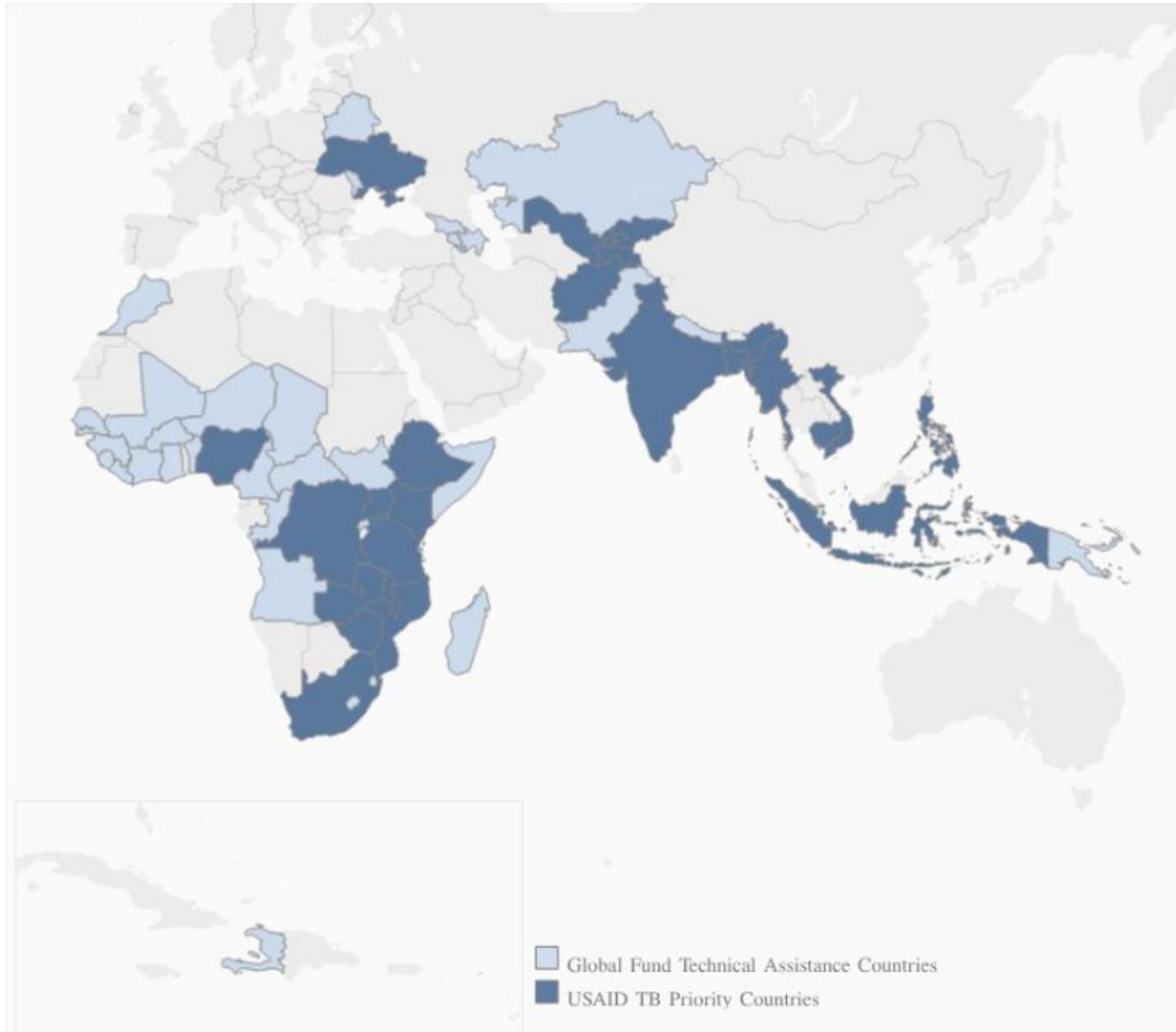
- 42% of all funding for foreign assistance globally in 2024
- 80% of USAID funding was in conflict afflicted areas where a quarter of the world's population live
- **USAID's** budget <1% of federal budget

US AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT



As of 01/12/2021

USAID led the USG's global TB efforts by supporting bilateral programs in 24 priority TB countries and providing technical assistance to 32 additional countries.



USAID'S GLOBAL TB STRATEGY, 2023-2030



USAID's Global TB Strategy, 2023-2030—which aligns with the UNHLM global targets—focuses on reaching every person with the disease, curing those in need of treatment, and preventing the spread of new infections and the progression to active TB disease. This is done by evaluating new approaches, scaling up innovations, and fostering local ownership to sustain TB programs that also contribute to pandemic preparedness. In USAID's 24 TB priority countries, the strategy aims to reduce TB incidence by 35 percent and TB mortality by 52 percent by 2030 with the following results framework:



90%

of individuals with TB diagnosed and initiated on treatment



90%

of individuals with DR-TB diagnosed and initiated on treatment



90%

of individuals with DS-TB and DR-TB successfully treated



30M

eligible individuals provided with TB preventive treatment (TPT)

USAID Workforce as of 2/12/2025

FSN:	4,893
ISC:	2,662
GS:	2,283
FSO:	1,880
PSC:	1,105
FSL:	526
SLG:	242
CL:	213
AO:	121
SES:	62
<u>OTH:</u>	<u>57</u>
TOTAL	14,044



Reevaluating and Realigning United States Foreign Aid

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, it is hereby ordered:

Section 1. Purpose. The United States foreign aid industry and bureaucracy are not aligned with American interests and in many cases antithetical to American values. They serve to destabilize world peace by promoting ideas in foreign countries that are directly inverse to harmonious and stable relations internal to and among countries.

Sec. 2. Policy. It is the policy of United States that no further United States foreign assistance shall be disbursed in a manner that is not fully aligned with the foreign policy of the President of the United States.

Sec. 3. (a) 90-day pause in United States foreign development assistance for assessment of programmatic efficiencies and consistency with United States foreign policy. All department and agency heads with responsibility for United States foreign development assistance programs shall immediately pause new obligations and disbursements of development assistance funds to foreign countries and implementing non-governmental organizations, international organizations, and contractors pending reviews of such programs for programmatic efficiency and consistency with United States foreign policy, to be conducted within 90 days of this order. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) shall enforce this pause through its apportionment authority.

(b) *Reviews of United States foreign assistance programs.* Reviews of each foreign assistance program shall be ordered by the responsible department and agency heads under guidelines provided by the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Director of OMB.

(c) *Determinations.* The responsible department and agency heads, in consultation with the Director of OMB, will make determinations within 90 days of this order on whether to continue, modify, or cease each foreign assistance program based upon the review recommendations, with the concurrence of the Secretary of State.

(d) *Resumption of paused development assistance funding.* New obligations and disbursements of foreign development assistance funds may resume for a program prior to the end of the 90-day period if a review is conducted, and the Secretary of State or his designee, in consultation with the Director of OMB, decide to continue the program in the same or modified form. Additionally, any other new foreign assistance programs and obligations must be approved by the Secretary of State or his designee, in consultation with the Director of OMB.

(e) *Waiver.* The Secretary of State may waive the pause in Section 3(a) for specific programs.

Sec. 4. General Provisions. (a) Nothing in this order shall be construed to impair or otherwise affect:

(i) the authority granted by law to an executive department or agency, or the head thereof; or

(ii) the functions of the Director of the Office of Management and Budget relating to budgetary, administrative, or legislative proposals.

(b) This order shall be implemented consistent with applicable law and

(c) This order is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the United States, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.



Timeline of the events ending USAID:

- **January 20, 2025:** President Trump issued Executive Order 14169, which immediately placed a 90-day pause on all new U.S. foreign assistance obligations and disbursements for review. The order called for assessing foreign aid's alignment with "American values" and the national interest.
- **January 20, 2025:** President Trump signs an executive order establishing DOGE by reorganizing and renaming the U.S. Digital Service (USDS). Billionaire Elon Musk is appointed to manage the new department.
- **January 24, 2025:** A "stop-work" order was issued to USAID contractors and partners, halting payments and services for work already underway.
- **January 28, 2025:** Secretary of State Marco Rubio issued a blanket waiver for life-saving humanitarian assistance; GH ISCs terminated.
- **February 1, 2025:** DOGE demands access to USAID systems and then shuts down the public website, locking some employees out of their computer and email systems.
- **February 4, 2025:** USAID notified its entire workforce that they would be placed on paid administrative leave beginning February 8 with limited exceptions.
- **February 8, 2025:** DOGE, along with a designated official, Peter Marocco, effectively dismantled USAID.
- **February 11 2025:** Paul Martin was fired from his position as the Inspector General the day after report warns cuts to USAID staff were hindering the agency's ability to oversee billions of dollars in humanitarian assistance. It also raised concerns about reduced capacity to vet partners for ties to terrorism.
- **Early February 2025:** The USAID headquarters in Washington, D.C. was closed, and thousands of staff and contractors terminated.
- **March 2025:** Secretary of State Marco Rubio announced that 83% of USAID's programs were being terminated, with the remaining initiatives to be absorbed by the State Department.
- **July 1, 2025:** USAID's operations were officially ended, and remaining foreign aid programs were transferred to the State Department.
- **September 1, 2025:** FBI occupies USAID headquarters at RRB

Internal USAID memos documenting staffing cuts and impact on life-saving humanitarian assistance



MEMORANDUM TO THE FILE

Date: February 28, 2025

Subject: Documentation of Bureau for Global Health Workforce Reductions

Approved: Nicholas Enrich, Acting Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Global Health *Nicholas Enrich*

Background

On January 20, 2025, the Bureau for Global Health (GH) workforce totaled 783 encumbered positions. The GH workforce was made up of multiple staffing mechanisms including civil service (CS), foreign service (FS), and foreign service limited (FSL), personal support contractors (PSC), institutional support contractors (ISCs), Administrative Determined (6), and Other (Fellows, Intergovernmental Personnel Act, and Intermittent PSCs).

The breakdown by staffing mechanisms was the following:

- Civil Service: 291
- Foreign Service: 32
- Foreign Service Limited: 54
- Personal Service Contracts: 10
- Institutional Support Contractors: 374
- Other (Fellows (4), Intergovernmental Personnel Act (5), Intermittent PSCs (13)): 22

Documentation of GH Workforce Reductions

Executive Order 14151

On January 23, 2025, in accordance with Executive Order 14151 "Ending Radical And Wasteful Government DEI Programs And Preferencing", GH requested to end the services for diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) positions under Global Health Training, Advisory, and Support Contract (GHTASC) ([Attachment 1](#)). This resulted in four positions being removed from the contract, of which 3 were filled and one was vacant.

Executive Order 14169

In accordance with Executive Order 14169 "Reevaluating and Realigning United States Foreign Aid" and the All Diplomatic and Consular Posts Collective (ALDAC) issued by State Department on January 25, 2025, USAID issued stop work orders for existing foreign assistance awards.



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MEMORANDUM TO THE FILE

Date: February 28, 2025

Subject: Documentation of challenges and impediments to implementing the lifesaving humanitarian assistance waiver for the pause on foreign assistance (Jan 28 - Feb. 28)

Approved: Nicholas Enrich, Acting Assistant Administrator for Global Health *Nicholas Enrich*

KEY TAKEAWAYS:

- Successful implementation of Secretary Rubio's temporary waiver to the pause on foreign assistance for lifesaving humanitarian assistance was not possible due to administrative and bureaucratic challenges, including contradictory and shifting guidance regarding approval for required activities and failure of Agency leadership to process disbursement of funds for activities once approved.
- As a result of these challenges, the Bureau for Global Health (GH) has been wholly prevented from delivering life-saving activities under the waiver to date.

BACKGROUND:

On January 28, 2025, Secretary of State Rubio issued a temporary waiver to the pause on foreign assistance articulated in the President's Executive Order on Reevaluating and Realigning United States Foreign Aid (EO) for lifesaving humanitarian assistance (LHA) activities. A subsequent [Agency Notice](#), issued January 29, instructed that "Implementing partners currently involved in lifesaving humanitarian assistance programs should continue, or resume activities if they have been halted, in accordance with the following guidelines" and defined the scope of the waiver to include "...essential medicines, medical services, food, shelter, and subsistence assistance, as well as necessary supplies and reasonable administrative costs to facilitate the delivery of such assistance."

U.S.A.I.D. Memos Detail Human Costs of Cuts to Foreign Aid

The world is likely to see millions more malaria infections and 200,000 cases of paralytic polio each year, according to an agency whistle-blower. [[NYT March 3, 2025](#)]

Nicholas Enrich, acting assistant administrator for global health at U.S.A.I.D., spelled out projections for human health following cuts to foreign aid. Mr. Enrich was placed on administrative leave over the weekend.



INFO MEMO FOR THE USAID ADMINISTRATOR AND DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR

Date: March 4, 2025
To: XXX
From: Nicholas Enrich, Acting Assistant Administrator for Global Health
CC: Assistant to the Administrator Mark Lloyd
Assistant to the Administrator Tim Meisburger
Assistant to the Administrator Ken Jackson
Acting Chief of Staff Joel Borkert
Subject: Risks to U.S. National Security and Public Health: Consequences of Pausing Global Health Funding for Lifesaving Humanitarian Assistance

Key Takeaway: The temporary pause on foreign aid and delays in approving lifesaving humanitarian assistance (LHA) for global health will lead to increased death and disability, accelerate global disease spread, contribute to destabilizing fragile regions, and heightened security risks—directly endangering American national security, economic stability, and public health. If the pause leads to permanent contract terminations, the \$7.7B in resources appropriated by Congress are no longer be used to support these lifesaving global health programs, which could potentially result in wasted resources. The impacts on mortality and morbidity are summarized in the tables below. While the Foreign Assistance Review is set to take place in the coming weeks, it is important to recognize that a mechanism-by-mechanism approach may overlook the broader impact of these programs across global health program areas. This includes missed opportunities to enhance efficiency and cost-effectiveness within LHA program areas.

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Malaria	An additional 12.5-17.9 million cases and an additional 71,000-166,000 deaths (39.1% increase) annually
MDR-TB	28-32% Increase in estimated incidence globally
TB	28-32% increase in estimated incidence globally
EID (Ebola, Marburg, etc.)	Worst Case Scenario: More than 28,000 cases
Polio	Additional 200,000 paralytic polio cases/year (and hundreds of millions of infections overall), over next 10 years, if global polio eradication stops

*report estimated that at least 62 000 additional TB deaths.

<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2025/03/03/health/usaaid-memo.html>

UNITED STATES HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

STATEMENT OF NICHOLAS Z. ENRICH

MARCH 25, 2025

My name is Nicholas Enrich. I am a civil servant with 15 years of experience serving in the federal government, under four different administrations. I joined the federal government in 2010 as a Presidential Management Fellow. Since 2013 until now, I worked specifically at USAID, culminating in over 12 years of experience within the Agency. While my work was primarily with the Bureau for Global Health (GH), I also worked with the Bureau for Management. Currently, I am the Acting Assistant Administrator for GH at USAID. On March 2, 2025, I was placed on administrative leave as a result of my protected whistleblowing activities.

Prior to my current position, I was the Director of the Office of Policy, Programs, and Planning in the Bureau for Global Health. My responsibilities included: formulating and executing a global health budget, developing policy, engaging with legislators, procuring awards, monitoring and evaluation, and knowledge management. I was also responsible for the Bureau for Management and led the Critical Coordination Structure, USAID's operational readiness unit, to ensure continuity of operations and health and safety of the workforce. Additionally, I spent eight years serving in the Office of Infectious Diseases in the Bureau for Global Health. I hold a J.D. from Brooklyn Law School and a B.A. from Tulane University.

The GH Bureau has primary responsibility for implementing the approximately \$10 billion annual budget for global health appropriated by Congress.¹ That budget includes funding for

¹ Congress Passes Full-Year Continuing Resolution Bill, Maintaining Global Health Funding at Prior Year Levels, KFF.org (Mar. 18, 2025), <https://www.kff.org/global-health-policy/fact-sheet/congress-passes-full-year-continuing-resolution-bill-maintaining-global-health-funding-at-prior-year-levels/>.



Role of social media in demonizing USAID and foreign assistance

Elon Musk's public campaign against USAID began abruptly in February 2025 in a series of ~ 160 posts on his social media platform, X.

- **February 2, 2025:** Responding to reports of the conflict at the agency, Musk made his most widely cited post: "USAID is a criminal organization. Time for it to die".
- **February 2-3, 2025:** Over the next 24 hours, he continued with more criticisms, describing the agency with various harsh labels:
 - A "viper's nest of radical-left marxists who hate America".
 - "evil".
 - "beyond repair" and like a "ball of worms" instead of an "apple with a worm in it".
- **February 3, 2025:** Musk posted about his weekend activities, stating, "We spent the weekend feeding USAID into the wood chipper. Could gone to some great parties. Did that instead".
- **February 3, 2025:** In an X Spaces audio broadcast, Musk told listeners that he had discussed the agency in detail with President Trump, who he claimed agreed with the decision to dismantle it. Musk stated, "I actually checked with him a few times. Said 'Are you sure?' 'Yes.' So we're shutting it down".

These posts and comments were amplified by a number of online accounts and sparked widespread media coverage and political debate over the future of the foreign aid agency.

[Trump Wants to Shut Down USAID, Elon Musk Says](#): A New York Times report detailing Musk's claims on X Spaces about his discussion with President Trump.

[Musk on USAID: 'Time for it to die'](#): Politico's coverage of Musk's initial posts calling for the end of the agency.

[Elon Musk on X](#): A direct link to Musk's post about spending the weekend "feeding USAID into the wood chipper."



USAID is a criminal organization.

Time for it to die.

 **Autism Capital**  @AutismCapital · Feb 2

 **BREAKING:** USAID Senior Officials put on Leave after Physically Trying to stop DOGE from accessing Agency Systems

Two USAID officials, John Voorhees and his deputy, were put on leave late Saturday night after refusing to allow DOGE members access to USAID ...

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<https://x.com/elonmusk/status/1886102414194835755>

“How Elon Musk boosted false USAID conspiracy theories to shut down global aid and drive fringe viewpoints on USAID into the mainstream on X as the Trump administration halted the humanitarian relief agency’s work”

<https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/doge/elon-musk-boosted-false-usaid-conspiracy-theories-global-aid-rcna190646>

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USAID was a viper’s nest of radical-left marxists who hate America

 **Mike Benz**  @MikeBenzCyber · Feb 2

I cannot adequately convey to you how many dozens of former members of the intelligence community have written to me this exact same sentiment about USAID x.com/Darin_M_Heath/...

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We spent the weekend feeding USAID into the wood chipper.

Could gone to some great parties.

Did that instead.

 **Mike Benz**  @MikeBenzCyber · Feb 2

it ain’t dead yet, but already, and for the very first time, a hole has been put in the Terror Titanic x.com/Nero/status/18...

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*Musk frequently engaged with Mike Benz's material directly on X replying to Benz's posts hundreds of times and cited him in nearly half of his own posts mentioning USAID. Source: [The New York Times](#)

Musk, Donald Trump, Jr amplified Russian disinformation campaign including fake report claiming USAID paid celebrities to support Zelensky

<https://factcheck.afp.com/doc.afp.com.36XA8LR>

I Meme Therefore I Am  
@ImMeme0

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Did you know that USAID spent your tax dollars to fund celebrity trips to Ukraine, all to boost Zelensky's popularity among Americans? 🤡



Readers added context to this video on another post

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eonline.com

Ben Stiller has also explicitly denied this allegation, stating his trip was entirely self-funded.
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[False video claims Hollywood stars were paid by USAID to visit Ukraine](#)
Posted X Feb 5, 2025

Donald Trump Jr. 
@DonaldJTrumpJr

USA ID may be the biggest scam ever perpetrated on the American people under the guise of doing good.

I Meme Therefore I Am   @ImMeme0 · 10h
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Ben Stiller 
@BenStiller

These are lies coming from Russian media. I completely self-funded my humanitarian trip to Ukraine. There was no funding from USAID and certainly no payment of any kind.

100 percent false.

Patriot Lady  @angelwoman501 · Feb 5

USAID was using our tax dollars to send celebrities to UKRAINE to increase Zelensky's popularity around the world and, in particular, the U.S.

Angelina Jolie \$20 million
Sean Pean \$5 million ...
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Impact on Global TB programs

- **USG provided ~ US\$ 200–250 million annually in bilateral funding for the TB response** at country level.
- This **funding was approximately one quarter of the total** amount of international donor funding for TB.
- **2025 cuts have put 18 of the highest burden countries at risk**, as they depended on 89% of the expected US funding for TB care - WHO African Region is hardest hit.
- Drug **supply chains have broken down** due to staff suspensions, lack of funds and data failures, jeopardizing access to TB treatment and prevention services.
- **Laboratory services severely disrupted**, with sample transportation, procurement delays and shortages of essential consumables halting diagnostic efforts.
- **Data and surveillance systems are collapsing**, undermining routine reporting and drug resistance monitoring.
- Community engagement efforts – including **active case finding, screening and contact tracing – are deteriorating, reducing early TB detection and increasing transmission risks.**
- USAID, was the world's third-largest TB research funder, has **halted all its funded trials**, severely disrupting progress in TB research and innovation.
- Without immediate intervention, these systemic failures will cripple TB prevention

Impact on PEPFAR

- From 2024-2030, PEPFAR expected to be able to prevent at least 5.2 million AIDS-related deaths, 6.4 million new HIV infections, and more than 4 million children from becoming orphaned by AIDS.
- Halting the program could lead to an increase in AIDS-related deaths by more than 400% and the doubling of orphaned children due to AIDS in 12 high-burden countries.

Source: [Devex](#) Feb 2025

Impact on PEPFAR

- 25 million lives saved
- 30.7 million on treatment, representing 77% of all people living with HIV.
- Of the people living with HIV, 73% have suppressed viral loads, meaning they have near zero risk of transmitting HIV.
- Cost of treatment ~USD\$60/yr \$5/month

Source: [Devex](#) Feb 2025

The potential impact of reductions in international donor funding on tuberculosis in low-income and middle-income countries: a modelling study

Rebecca A Clark, C Finn McQuaid, Alexandra S Richards, Roel Bakker, Tom Sumner, Tomos O Prŷs-Jones, Rein M G J Houben, Richard G White, Katherine C Horton



- Modelled 79 countries, representing 91% of global tuberculosis incidence and 90% of global tuberculosis mortality in 2023.
- Defunding USAID could lead to an estimated 1.4 million additional symptomatic tuberculosis episodes
- Over 537,700 additional deaths by 2035. These projected impacts would erase approximately 12 years of progress in reducing TB incidence and a decade of progress in reducing TB mortality, with the greatest relative impact on deaths falling on low-income countries.
- pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov.

Evaluating the impact of two decades of USAID interventions and projecting the effects of defunding on mortality up to 2030: a retrospective impact evaluation and forecasting analysis



Daniella Medeiros Cavalcanti, Lucas de Oliveira Ferreira de Sales, Andrea Ferreira da Silva, Elisa Landin Basterra, Daiana Pena, Caterina Monti, Gonzalo Barreix, Natanael J Silva, Paula Vaz, Francisco Saute, Gonzalo Fanjul, Quique Bassat, Denise Naniche, James Macinko, Davide Rasella



- Retrospective impact evaluation (ex-post, covering the period 2001–21) with forecasting analyses (ex-ante, projecting from 2022 to 2030).
- Estimated that USAID-funded programs prevented over 91 million deaths between 2001 and 2021.
- Termination of funding could lead to more than 14 million additional deaths by 2030.
- Over 4.5 million additional child deaths could occur by 2030 due to halted programs related to maternal and child health, nutrition, and infectious diseases.
- Threatens to undo decades of progress on infectious disease control.
 - report estimates this could lead to millions of new HIV infections and related deaths.

JAMA Health Forum. 2025;6(5):e252462. doi:[10.1001/jamahealthforum.2025.2462](https://doi.org/10.1001/jamahealthforum.2025.2462)

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The Domestic Consequences of Defunding Global Health

Joseph Amon, PhD, MSPH; Joshua M. Sharfstein, MD





OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
U.S. Agency for International Development

Oversight of USAID-Funded Humanitarian Assistance Programming Impacted by Staffing Reductions and Pause on Foreign Assistance

February 10, 2025

[Paul Martin](#), USAID Inspector General terminated on February 11, 2025 one day after issued report: [Oversight of USAID-Funded Humanitarian Assistance Programming Impacted by Staffing Reductions and Pause on Foreign Assistance](#)

Key Findings:

Disruptions to the Delivery of Humanitarian Aid Place U.S.-Funded Commodities at Risk of Diversion and Spoilage

- Found over 500,000 additional metric tons of food currently at sea or ready to be shipped*

Inability to Vet Humanitarian Assistance Awards for Potential Terrorist Ties and Monitor Aid Deliveries in High-Risk Environments

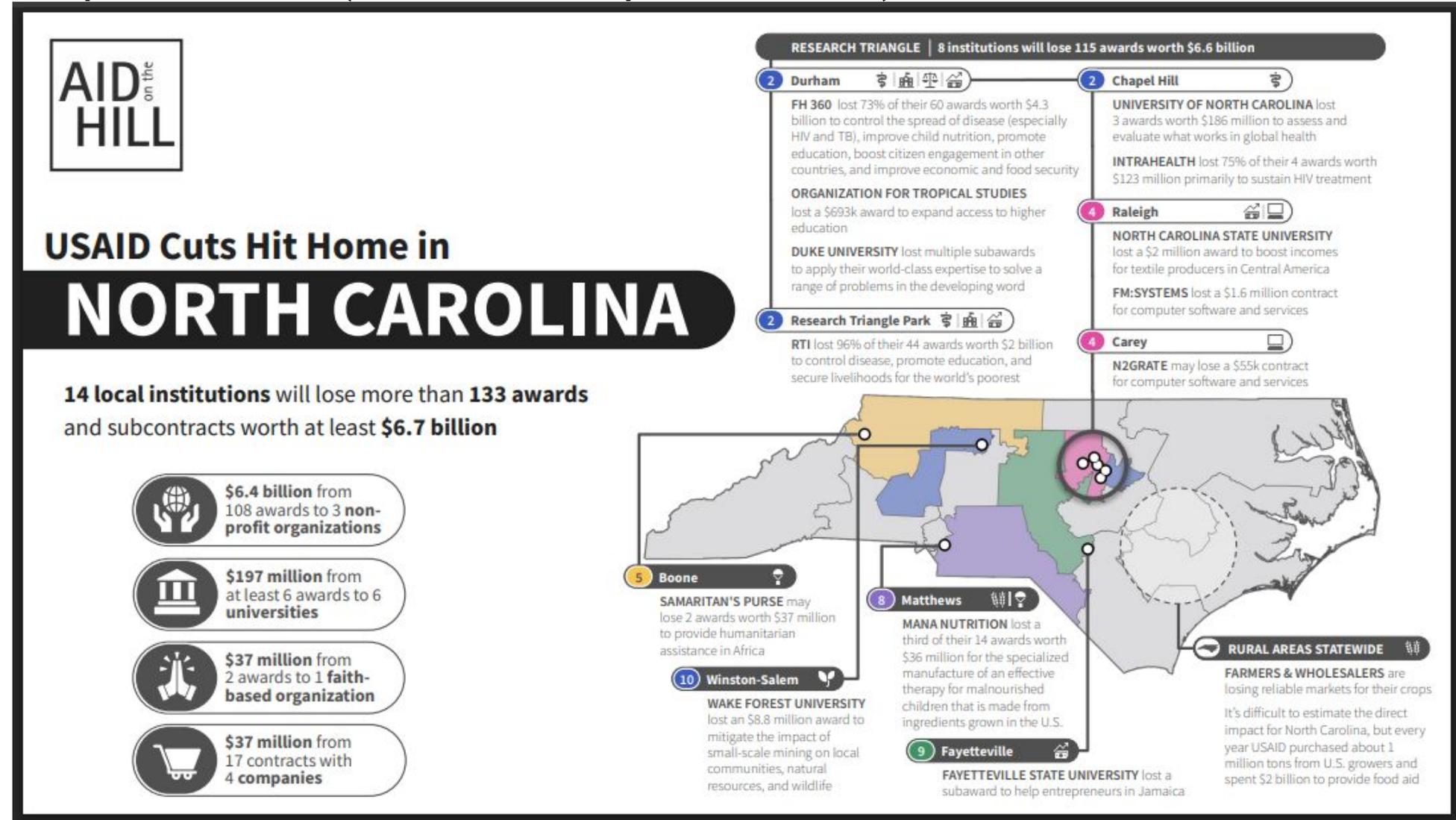
- The pause in funding and reductions in staff, including over 90 percent of BHA's workforce furloughed or placed on administrative leave, has undermined two key oversight mechanisms to ensure accountability over humanitarian assistance funding: partner vetting and third-party monitoring.

“Winners and Losers” after dismantling USAID

Impact of USAID cuts at the state level

<https://www.aidonthehill.org/resources>

Example: North Carolina (see link about for impact in other states)





USAID Disengages, China Gains Ground

April 2025

Honduras: China has worked swiftly to deepen ties with Honduras, including establishing seven new agricultural schools, and the anticipated signing of a Free Trade Agreement with China. ([Honduradiario](#), Mar 2; [Infobae](#), Mar 9)

Ukraine: Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi says China is ready to play a “constructive role” in Ukraine. ([Moscow Times](#), Apr 1)

Mongolia: The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and the China International Development Cooperation Agency (CIDCA) signed an agreement to launch a joint project in Mongolia to mitigate and prevent droughts, floods, storms, and both steppe and forest fires. ([IFRC](#), Mar 27)

Uganda: In partnership with the World Food Program, China has donated \$2 million for emergency food assistance in Uganda. ([NTV](#), Apr 1)

Burma: In the wake of the country's 7.7 magnitude earthquake, China said it has sent more than 135 rescue personnel and experts along with supplies like medical kits, generators, earthquake detectors, and drones while pledging around \$13.8 million in emergency aid. ([The Associated Press](#), Mar 30)

Rwanda: UNICEF and China are partnering with the Government of Rwanda to enhance Early Childhood Development. ([UNICEF Rwanda](#), Mar 18)

Africa (regional): China boosts medical aid for maternal, child health. China's foreign medical aid workers now consist of 117 obstetric and pediatric doctors who provide regular medical services for pregnant women and infants, and help train local medical personnel ([China Daily](#), Apr 7)

China's Pivot to 'Small and Beautiful' Foreign Aid: Beijing is responding to past international criticism and a domestic economic slowdown while offering a cost-effective tool to deepen influence in the Global South ([The Diplomat](#), Mar 13)

For more information, please contact **AID on the Hill** (congressaidletters@gmail.com). This resource will continue to be updated as information becomes available.

Please see the map and news articles from February and March on the [OneAID Community](#) website

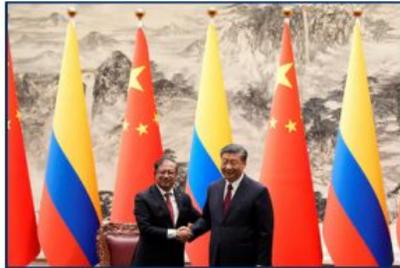


America's Influence Shrinks, China's Surges: The Real Cost of USAID Cuts

May 2025

Uzbekistan: The China International Development Cooperation Agency (CIDCA) met with Government of Uzbekistan representatives to expand the list of projects in the country, including modernizing research institutes, developing telecommunications networks, and establishing a metrology laboratory ([UZ Daily](#), Apr 14)

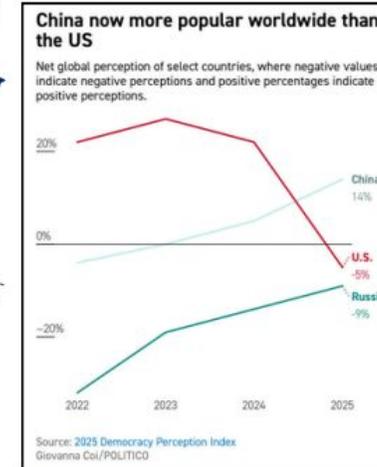
Bangladesh: The People's Republic of China (PRC) will provide a 1 billion RMB (138 million USD) grant for economic and technical cooperation, including constructing hospitals and setting up surgical units across the country ([The Daily Star](#), Apr 20)



Colombia signs Belt and Road cooperation pact with the PRC ([Reuters](#), May 14)



The Gambia: CIDCA is working with the Gambia Red Cross Society and the International Federation of Red Cross (IFRC) on a project to reduce malaria prevalence and improve health outcomes in the Gambia ([The Point](#), Apr 28)



The Democracy Perception Index report ([Nira Data](#))
US popularity collapses worldwide ([Politico](#), May 12)

Serbia: Serbian President Aleksandar Vucic met with Chinese President Xi Jinping to strengthen Belgrade's strategic ties with Beijing amid rising global tensions ([MSN](#), May 9)

Giving up on foreign assistance is a lose-lose: Without USAID, critical programs vanish—and the PRC doesn't need to match our investments dollar for dollar to win hearts, minds, and influence.

Information in this document reflects the status as of May 19, 2025. For questions, meeting inquiries, or resources on the benefits of USAID and foreign assistance: CongressAidLetters@gmail.com. Please see the maps and news articles from February, March, and April on the OneAID Community website



As USAID Retreats, Russia Reaps the Benefits

April 2025

Eastern Europe: The US no longer has Russian and local language alternative media sources that counter Russian disinformation about the war in Ukraine, the United States, and Western Allies ([International Journalists' Network](#); [Washington Post](#))

West Africa: In Mali, Niger, and Burkina Faso, military juntas have cut ties with America and signed a partnership with Russia to strengthen security, manage natural disasters, and improve internet access. Instability in these countries and in the Sahel fuels jihadism, illegal migration, and trafficking, providing fertile ground for terrorist group recruitment ([NY Times](#)).

Central African Republic: Russia House poses for a media splash as they donate HIV and tuberculosis drugs ([Washington Post](#)).

Kazakhstan: Russia is in the mix in the global competition for critical minerals. Kazakhstan is a major producer of critical minerals, including uranium, and possesses significant reserves of rare earth elements. Given Russia's deep political, financial, trade, and infrastructure investments and the cancellation of all USAID programs, the US will be hard-pressed to compete with Russia for Kazakhstan's mineral resources ([The Lowy Institute](#)).

Burma: In the wake of the March 28th 7.7 magnitude earthquake, within hours Russia deployed over 120 rescuers, medics, and sniffer dogs.

Russia also reaffirmed its March 2025 commitment to building a nuclear power plant in Burma despite the challenges the country's earthquake recovery poses ([Moscow Times](#), [Reuters](#)).

Pan-Africa: Africa is a critical node in Russia's new global architecture of influence, where they are opening embassies in Gambia, Liberia, Comoros, Niger, Sierra Leone, Togo, and South Sudan by 2026. Russia is rehabilitating an airbase in Libya to create a reliable supply corridor to Russian forces in West Africa, and establishing a naval base on Sudan's Red Sea coast. Where America retreats, Russia fills in, disrupting U.S. security and counter-terrorism operations ([National Interest](#), [The Jamestown Foundation](#), [BBC](#)).



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Inside the USAID Fire Sale

Around the world, defibrillators, motorbikes, and water towers are being donated, sold, or simply abandoned.

By Hana Kiros



- Emergency food supplies, contraceptives, and vaccines were destroyed due to the rapid closure of the agency and a freeze on foreign aid that caused logistical issues and allowed perishable supplies to expire.
- Approximately 550 tons of high-energy biscuits.
- \$10 million worth of contraceptives, hundreds of thousands of mpox vaccine doses, and tubes of antibiotic ointment were among the materials destroyed.

Current and planned rescission of congressionally appropriated funding for foreign assistance

In summary in the past eight months, the Trump administration has dismantled **USAID**, canceled 85% of its' contracts, eliminated most of the U.S. foreign aid workforce, destabilized the broader aid industry, and [rescinded \\$8 billion in foreign assistance funding](#) that Congress had already approved.

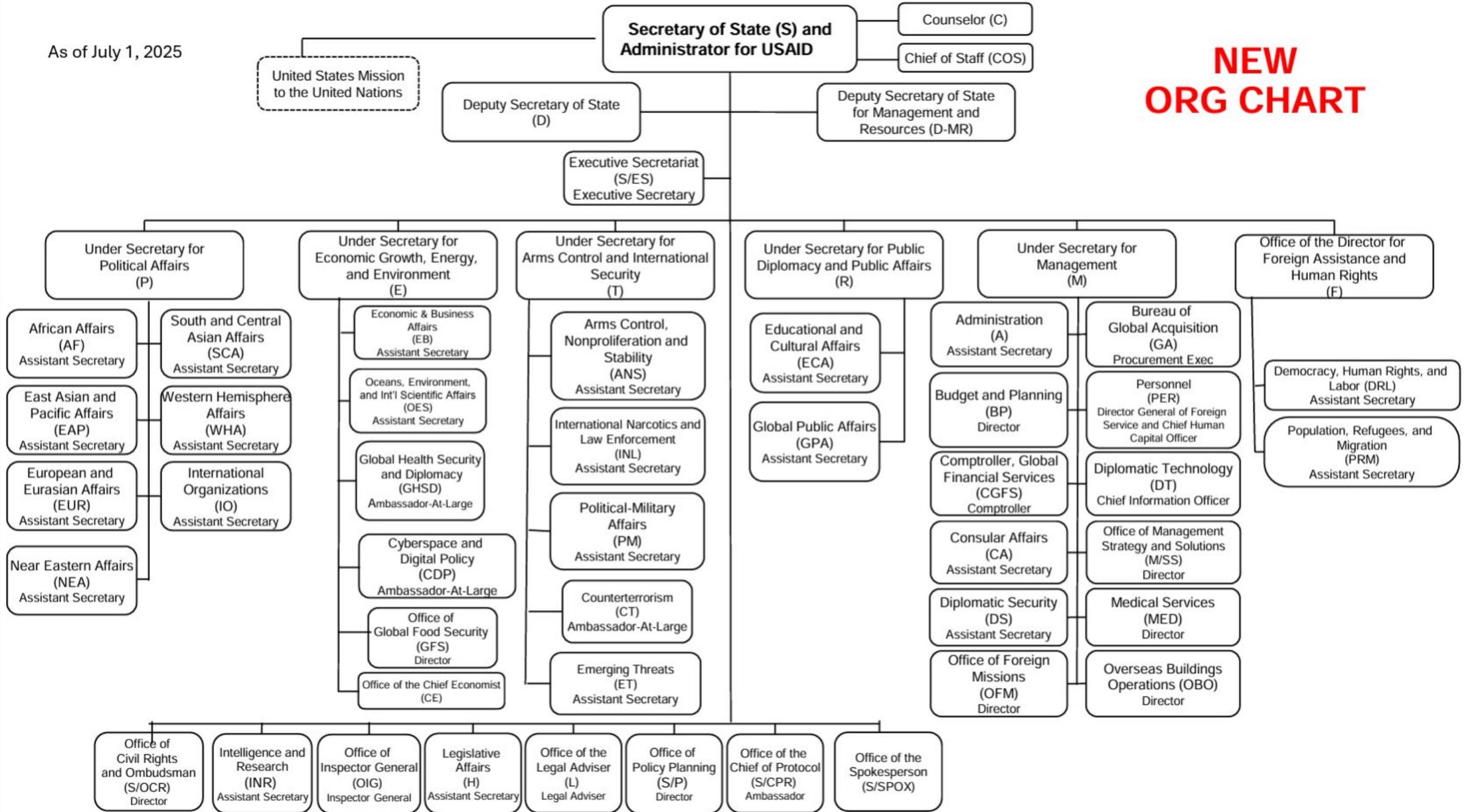
- Lawmakers removed a \$400 million rescission from **PEPFAR**, and added language prohibiting rescissions to HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria, nutrition, and maternal and child health programming.
- [Another foreign aid rescissions proposal pending](#)
 - \$5 billion in foreign aid funding focuses on USAID's development assistance account, contributions to international organizations, peacekeeping operations, and the Democracy Fund.
- \$12 billion in U.S. foreign aid funds are due to expire if they are not spent by the end of the fiscal year (Sept 30 2025).

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What comes next?

As of July 1, 2025

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- Dissolved USAID, absorbing its functions into the State Department
- Prioritizes U.S. national interests over global development
- Dramatically restructured how foreign assistance is delivered, emphasizing bilateral deals aligned with U.S. priorities:
 - Reducing funding
 - Ending localization efforts
 - Increasing conditionality on aid

National Security Strategy

of the United States of America

November 2025



<https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/2025-National-Security-Strategy.pdf>

E. Africa - pg 29 - Foreign Assistance becoming “transactional”

[<https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/2025-National-Security-Strategy.pdf>]

- The United States should instead **look to partner with select countries to ameliorate conflict, foster mutually beneficial trade relationships, and transition from a foreign aid paradigm to an investment and growth paradigm** capable of harnessing Africa’s abundant natural resources and latent economic potential.
- Opportunities for engagement action to amend our approach to aid and investment (e.g., the Africa Growth and Opportunity Act) [“What’s Next?”](#)
- And we must remain wary of resurgent Islamist terrorist activity in parts of Africa while avoiding any long-term American presence or commitments.
- The United States should **transition from an aid-focused relationship with Africa to a trade- and investment-focused relationship**, favoring partnerships with capable, reliable states committed to opening their markets to U.S. goods and services.
- An immediate area for U.S. investment in Africa, with prospects for a good return on investment, include the energy sector and critical mineral development.
- Development of U.S.-backed nuclear energy, liquid petroleum gas, and liquified natural gas technologies can generate profits for U.S. businesses and help us in the competition for critical minerals and other resources.

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Thank you!

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Nicholas Enrich, acting assistant administrator for global health at U.S.A.I.D., spelled out projections for human health following cuts to foreign aid. Mr. Enrich was placed on administrative leave over the weekend.



INFO MEMO FOR THE USAID ADMINISTRATOR AND DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR

Date: March 4, 2025
To: XXX
From: Nicholas Enrich, Acting Assistant Administrator for Global Health
CC: Assistant to the Administrator Mark Lloyd
 Assistant to the Administrator Tim Meisburger
 Assistant to the Administrator Ken Jackson
 Acting Chief of Staff Joel Borkert
Subject: Risks to U.S. National Security and Public Health: Consequences of Pausing Global Health Funding for Lifesaving Humanitarian Assistance

Key Takeaway: The temporary pause on foreign aid and delays in approving lifesaving humanitarian assistance (LHA) for global health will lead to increased death and disability, accelerate global disease spread, contribute to destabilizing fragile regions, and heightened security risks—directly endangering American national security, economic stability, and public health. If the pause leads to permanent contract terminations, the \$7.7B in resources appropriated by Congress are no longer be used to support these lifesaving global health programs, which could potentially result in wasted resources. The impacts on mortality and morbidity are summarized in the tables below. While the Foreign Assistance Review is set to take place in the coming weeks, it is important to recognize that a mechanism-by-mechanism approach may overlook the broader impact of these programs across global health program areas. This includes missed opportunities to enhance efficiency and cost-effectiveness within LHA program areas.

Illustrative quantifiable impacts of halting global health programming on the mortality and morbidity of lives can be summarized as follows (see full table [here](#)):

Program Area	Global Case Increase over one year if Programs are permanently halted
Malaria	An additional 12.5-17.9 million cases and an additional



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U.S.A.I.D. Memos Detail Human Costs of Cuts to Foreign Aid

The world is likely to see millions more malaria infections and 200,000 cases of paralytic polio each year, according to an agency whistle-blower.



