

## Devex - Global Food Aid?

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### **Ir-ration-al decisions**

What does all this Trump chaos [mean for global food aid](#)? His executive order has halted nearly all U.S. foreign assistance, with exemptions for “emergency food aid” — but no clear definition of what qualifies. Critical programs such as USAID’s \$1 billion **Feed the Future initiative have ground to a halt**, while aid groups are being blindsided by stop-work emails and looming layoffs.

In Mozambique, \$3.5 million in already procured food for nearly 100,000 people risks rotting in storage, while 70,000 Ethiopians could lose access to clean water. Aid experts warn **the freeze will have irreversible consequences**, derailing food supply chains, disrupting planting seasons, and undermining America’s decades-long leadership in global food security.

Without clarity or a plan, this isn’t just a review — it’s **a bureaucratic disaster with life-or-death stakes**, writes Devex Senior Editor Tania Karas.

**Read:** [How Trump’s US aid stop-work order affects global food aid](#)