

## **American Public Health Association (APHA) updated statement on USAID,** 7 Feb. 2025

Here's the message sent out by the roughly 23,000 member APHA on Friday the 7th over their social media platforms, followed by a few relevant articles in the press.

The decimation of USAID by the Trump administration is already harming the health of millions around the world and will negatively impact the health and well-being of people in the US. A staff of under 300 will not be able to provide the humanitarian and lifesaving aid needed. The administration's changes to "improve efficiency" will lead to considerable harm and ultimately a great human cost to the US and world.

Trump administration to keep only 294 USAID staff out of over 10,000 globally, sources say

<https://www.reuters.com/world/us/trump-administration-keeping-only-294-usaid-staff-out-over-10000-globally-2025-02-06/>

USAID Workforce Slashed From 10,000 to Under 300 as Elon Musk's DOGE Decimates Agency

<https://www.wired.com/story/doge-guts-usaid-workforce/>

The following AP story is a nice explainer of what USAID does.

From fighting disease to protecting the Amazon rainforest, USAID has big impact across the globe

<https://apnews.com/article/usaid-hiv-humanitarian-assistance-disease-spending-20f9cb969ffb6773e57886e34bf69165>