

## **Today's Top Updates from One USAID Community 26 Feb 2025**

- New Ruling in the Implementing Partner Case: Judge Amir Ali ordered the Trump administration to release funds to the USAID implementing partners who are owed hundreds of millions in foreign assistance funds that have been in limbo despite his previous directive that such aid resume. The judge told the administration they have until 11:59 p.m. tonight (February 26) to actually comply with his directive to unfreeze foreign assistance funds. They have to detail their progress in a status report by noon. The DOJ has already appealed, and is now asking Ali to pause the deadline.
- Checks and Balances in Trouble: The NYTimes has a new video explaining the Unitary Executive Theory, which could explain some of what is currently happening to USAID, especially around court cases and decisions the administration is pushing back against.
- Keep Calling! Members of Congress are reacting in large part to concerns by their constituents over the chaos and cuts unleashed in the federal government, with town halls during last week's recess filled with frustrated constituents.