

**Urgent Action Needed: All but 8% USAID programs to be terminated.** From CARE USA  
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Dear colleagues,

I wanted to let you know that today the State Department included in a new court filing that they will be terminating about 5,800 foreign assistance projects tonight, regardless of the ongoing court cases. This will leave around 500 projects - only 8% - operating. Some of the projects receiving terminations are programs that had previously been waived by Secretary Rubio as being lifesaving. We expect to have to lay off thousands of staff in country next week. We do not currently expect to receive payments for any work done in December and January - we are owed tens of millions. Further, without a functioning USAID payment system, we could be on the hook for the significant costs that mass terminations would require.

It is no exaggeration that this will risk millions of lives around the world, as well as the health of almost all implementing organizations. We are asking that you please keep your boss updated on this situation, reach out with specific questions, and keep an eye out for more information from our team on the terminations we are facing tomorrow.

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