

Flash Update: USAID Humanitarian Assistance¹ Program Cuts on/around April 4, 2025

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Summary

In recent days, USAID has terminated more than 40 awards that were providing life-saving assistance, particularly in countries identified as national security priorities in previous administrations—including the first Trump administration. As of these recent terminations, USAID has no active humanitarian programs in Yemen or Afghanistan and only one remaining humanitarian program in Syria. Among program terminations were a number of significant UN World Food Program (WFP) awards—which were the primary awards for providing food and nutrition services to children and other vulnerable populations, as well as critical logistical support for USAID and other donor-funded programs. USAID also terminated awards that were providing critical support for terms negotiated in the Gaza ceasefire. As food and other humanitarian assistance programs had received a waiver to continue operations during the 90-day pause in foreign assistance, the terminations of these most recent awards and other humanitarian programs in recent weeks counters early indications by Secretary Rubio that life-saving international assistance would be exempt during the review process.

Program Termination Overview

In recent days, USAID partners received new program terminations for humanitarian assistance interventions. Below, please find an overview of these terminations:

- **Worldwide:** Recent worldwide program terminations include a UN World Health Organization (WHO) program that coordinates emergency responses to public health crises; a WFP program that provides critical air transport and logistical support for the delivery of food and emergency relief commodities; and an award that improves partner capacity to incorporate women and children in the design of food assistance programming.
- **Afghanistan:** USAID has terminated all remaining humanitarian assistance programs in Afghanistan. Recent terminations include more than \$560 million in humanitarian assistance funding, including a \$280 million award to WFP to provide emergency food assistance, nutrition support, and critical air services to transport humanitarian personnel and supplies. Additional activities terminated include the provision of life-saving medical care, including trauma care and care for safe childbirth; water, sanitation, and hygiene

¹ USAID's Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (BHA) programs providing life-saving assistance. Reports indicate that the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration also terminated programs in recent days.

(WASH) interventions; emergency shelter; and the provision of emergency relief commodities.

- **East Asia and the Pacific:** USAID has terminated multiple awards—including recently reactivated awards—for pre-positioning of emergency relief supplies and other preparedness activities in the East Asia and the Pacific Region. Terminations included awards to support activities in the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of the Marshall Islands.
- **Gaza:** USAID cancelled two critical awards that support commitments negotiated under the ceasefire. Activities under these awards included logistical support for cross-border trucking of humanitarian aid, as well as life-saving medical care and the provision of safe drinking water.
- **Lebanon:** USAID terminated more than \$148 million in funding, including more than \$125 million to support WFP to provide food assistance, shelter support, medical services, and nutrition support to children and hundreds of thousands of other displaced persons. NGO terminations also include support for life-saving medical services and nutrition support.
- **Somalia:** USAID has terminated a nearly \$170 million WFP award in Somalia. The award was the primary mechanism for delivering life-saving food and nutrition assistance to children and other vulnerable people in the country, in addition to providing humanitarian air support to USAID and other partners for the delivery of food and other emergency relief commodities.
- **Syria:** USAID has terminated more than \$237 million in funding to UN and NGO partners in Syria, leaving only one remaining humanitarian program at a critical time in the country's transition. Terminated programs include a \$111 million award to WFP for food and nutrition services, as well as multiple awards to NGO partners for food assistance, WASH interventions, nutrition support, and lifesaving medical care. An additional \$8 million WFP award to provide food assistance for Syrian refugees in Jordan was also terminated.
- **Yemen:** USAID has terminated all remaining humanitarian programs in Yemen. The recent terminations include nearly \$107 million in humanitarian funding for food assistance; emergency shelter; WASH interventions, including the provision of safe drinking water at health clinics; and nutrition assistance to treat malnourished children.

Additional details on USAID humanitarian interventions prior to January 20, 2025, can be found on www.reliefweb.int. To be added to the distribution list for Stand Up for Aid information products, please contact: standupforaidinfo@gmail.com.