

Stand Up for Aid Situation Report #7

April 4, 2025



83%

USAID programs terminated. Approximately 5,200 programs terminated and 1,000 programs remain.*



869

Number of USAID Direct Hire personnel on active duty as of March 24.**



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Number of USAID staff remaining by September 2.***



Flow of Life-Saving Aid:

Uncertain



Flow of USAID Payments:

Scattered

*Source: [X post](#) by U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio on March 10. However, USAID memo to Congress on March 24 indicates that 5,341 programs are terminated and 898 programs remain, or 86 percent of programs are terminated. USAID also retained 469 contracts for critical staff services to support internal operations.

**Source: March 24 memo to Congress. On March 28, the USAID front office shared a notice specifying that all USAID staff will be separated from the agency by September 2.

***Source: March 28 notice to USAID staff and shared with Congress via Congressional Notification. While approximately 15 positions are considered statutory positions at USAID, sources indicate that the intention is to terminate all positions at USAID.

Key Developments

- **Additional details regarding reduction in force (RIF) of all USAID staff shared, drawdown of staff will result in no programming capacity by July:** Additional details have been shared with USAID staff regarding the RIF since the March 28 notices. Last week, USAID staff were informed that all non-statutory positions at USAID will be eliminated with a final separation date for all US direct hire (USDH) civil service and foreign service officers on either July 1, 2025, or September 2, 2025. More than 3,500 staff received the July 1 RIF separation date. Those staff who received the September 2 date are individuals the Agency has identified as needed to close out,

off board, and shut down the Agency. Individuals with the latter date include the Mission Director, Deputy Mission Director, Executive Officer (EXO), and Controller overseas and members of the Bureau for Management, Office of Human Capital and Talent Management, Office of the General Counsel, and other designated personnel in Washington, DC, required for shutting down USAID. Contracting officers (COs) and agreement officers (AOs) received a July 1 separation date as the intention is for all programming to be closed out by that date. While U.S. personal services contractors (USPSCs) did not receive RIF notices, guidance is expected to be shared soon with the timelines that mirror RIF dates for USDHs. Reports indicate that USPSCs began to receive termination notices during the week of March 31. Based on the current timeline, USAID will have no overseas presence by August 15 as overseas staff are expected to return to the United States two weeks in advance of their termination dates for offboarding.

- **RIF of Foreign Service Nationals (FSNs) forthcoming, putting FSN lives at risk and further eroding host country relationships:** Sources indicated that the RIF of all USAID FSNs was expected during the week of March 31 though they had not been sent as of Thursday. [Note: As each country has its own labor regulations, a blanket policy is not possible and individualized actions should be taken at each Mission to ensure FSN terminations are done in compliance with local labor laws.] Oftentimes, FSNs serve at Missions for decades, providing not only critical local context but also cultivating long-standing relationships with host governments and serving as the institutional memory for the U.S. government. In addition, the RIF of FSNs further dismantles USAID's capacity to deliver foreign assistance, eroding relationships FSNs maintained with governments and local organizations and eliminating a critical tool for the U.S. government to navigate local contexts and effectively target the delivery of life-saving assistance in countries of operation.
- **A magnitude 7.7 earthquake strikes Myanmar, U.S. government slow to respond:** On March 28, a magnitude 7.7 earthquake struck central Myanmar. As of March 31, the earthquake had resulted in more than 2,700 fatalities and injured more than 3,400 others. The Government of Myanmar declared a state of emergency and requested international assistance. Several countries—including the People's Republic of China (PRC) and Russia—immediately deployed 400 and 120 emergency response personnel, respectively. PRC has also provided nearly \$14 million in assistance. USAID deployed a three-person assessment team that arrived on April 2, several days after the earthquake, and U.S. President Donald Trump has pledged to provide up to \$2 million in assistance.

Roadblocks and Systemic Challenges

Payments

- **USAID partners still waiting for payments, including for programs approved to continue work.** Partners continue to report non-payment for work completed prior to February 13, as well as for awards that were not terminated and continue life-saving interventions. Mana Nutrition, which has a production plant located in

Fitzgerald, Georgia, employing approximately 130 people, [reports](#) that the U.S. government currently owes the company approximately \$20 million. Mana Nutrition reports receiving its last payment in mid-December. The company produces ready-to-use therapeutic food (RUTF), which is made from peanut paste and fortified with micronutrients and milk powder, that is distributed to treat acutely malnourished children worldwide.

Personnel

- **Myanmar Earthquake highlights the lack of operational capacity at USAID.** USAID personnel cuts have severely limited the Agency's ability to deploy a Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) to international disasters, as well as its ability to provide relief supplies from pre-positioned stockpiles. In response to the Myanmar earthquake, USAID has deployed a three-person assessment team that arrived in Myanmar on April 2. Unlike recent earthquakes, including a magnitude 7.5 earthquake that struck Türkiye and Syria in 2023, USAID has missed the critical 72-hour window immediately following an earthquake to rescue survivors trapped under collapsed structures. In 2023, USAID deployed a DART within hours to Türkiye that grew to 200 people, including urban search-and-rescue (USAR) personnel. USAR agreements with the two American teams with accreditation to respond internationally, Los Angeles County, California, and Fairfax County, Virginia, had original terminations rescinded, but it is unclear how the U.S. government plans to leverage this capacity moving forward—particularly given the need for in-country staff to facilitate USAR operations.

Program Updates

- **Approach to dismantling USAID and transfer of programs to the Department of State does not provide time for capacity building.** The Center for Global Development (CGD) [notes](#) that, rather than a merger between USAID and the Department of State, the current proposal is to shut down USAID and build new capacity at the Department of State in three months. As a result, the capacity to develop new projects, sign new contracts, and manage awards is being dismantled at USAID before it can be built at the Department of State. The U.S. government's approach is a much more rapid approach than mergers between development and diplomacy agencies that have occurred in other countries. CGD also highlights the specialized roles COs and AOs have served at USAID, noting that USAID has faced challenges recruiting and retaining sufficient personnel to staff these positions. As such, the Department of State will not have the capacity to make a considerable number of new obligations in the coming months, particularly beyond any budget line items for humanitarian assistance and global health even if these programs have not been terminated.
- **CGD analysis shows vastly reduced scale and scope for foreign assistance.** A further [analysis](#) by CGD finds that nearly 50 percent of country offices, along with two out

of five regional bureaus, have no active awards remaining and only a total of 193 awards remain at the country and regional office level. USAID's Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance retained 500 awards—nearly 53 percent of pre-January 20 programs—followed by USAID Bureau for Global Health, which retained 14 awards—approximately 21 percent of pre-January 20 programs. The Department of State will not inherit awards that support evaluation or innovation, and support toward self-reliance through programs promoting economic growth or institutional strengthening have been substantially cut.

Humanitarian Assistance

- **USAID's response to Myanmar earthquake lags behind other governments, including PRC.** At approximately 12:50 p.m. local time—or 2:20 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time—on March 28, a magnitude 7.7 earthquake struck central Myanmar at a shallow depth of approximately 10 kilometers (km), according to the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS). The Government of Myanmar declared a state of emergency for earthquake-affected areas and requested international assistance. Media reported that several governments, including PRC, India, Japan, Russia, and Vietnam, immediately deployed USAR teams or other emergency personnel to support search and rescue efforts and the provision of trauma care. PRC has also provided \$13.9 million in emergency assistance, including tents, blankets, and medical supplies. President Trump has pledged to provide \$2 million for relief efforts; however, recent program terminations will challenge efforts to program funding as already active programs cannot be quickly modified to support earthquake relief efforts. A three-person USAID assessment team arrived in Myanmar on April 2, several days following the earthquake as reports indicate the situation is deteriorating. The UN indicates the most urgent needs include shelter assistance, medical supplies, essential household items, and water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) interventions.

Global Health

- **UNAIDS provides an update on impacts of abrupt termination of USAID funding; only half of people with HIV in Eastern Europe and Central Asia (EECA) are on treatment.** On April 1, UNAIDS [reported](#) regional impacts in EECA as a result of the abrupt halt of critical HIV services. UNAIDS reports that only 50 percent of people living with HIV in EECA—the only region in the world where AIDS-related deaths are increasing—are on treatment. While many national governments fund antiretroviral (ARV) medications in the region, essential support for ensuring access to HIV services and treatment have not been fully institutionalized into national health systems and the abrupt halt of U.S. foreign aid has not allowed time to bolster these interventions. UNAIDS also [reports](#) significant impacts in East and Southern Africa. In survey results of one high-burden country, 62 percent of respondents reported challenges accessing pre-exposure prophylaxis, 46 percent of people living with HIV experienced disruptions to HIV treatments, and 23 percent of people living with HIV received less than their monthly supply for ARV medicines from local dispensaries.

- **USAID funding cuts to Stop TB Partnership could result in an estimated 10.6 million additional TB cases in the next five years.** Media has [reported](#) the impact of USAID funding cuts for the STOP TB Partnership. Tuberculosis (TB) remains the world's top infectious killer, causing 1.25 million deaths in 2023 according to the UN World Health Organization (WHO). Without treatment, the case fatality rate is nearly 50 percent. Due to the abruptness of the freeze, organizations and governments have been unable to fill the gap left by USAID funding cuts. Stop TB Partnership estimates that more than 11,000 additional TB-related fatalities occurred in the first two months following the USAID funding freeze. Based on the Stop TB [analysis](#) across 26 high-burden countries which account for 80 percent of the global TB burden and 90 percent among recipients of U.S. funding for TB, termination of U.S. funding will result in an estimated 10.6 million additional TB cases and 2.2 million additional TB deaths between 2025 to 2030. Health professionals highlight concerns that U.S. funding cuts also increase the risk of spreading of drug-resistant strains of TB. The United States is experiencing a TB outbreak in Kansas and health officials confirmed a case in Chicago, Illinois, during the week of March 31.
- **USAID funding cuts result in millions of Afghans losing access to vital health care services.** Recent [media reports](#) highlight concerns related to a surge in malnutrition, measles, malaria, and polio due to health facility closure in Afghanistan. WHO reports that it has closed or ceased operations at more than 200 health facilities in Afghanistan following USAID funding cuts, resulting in an escalation of humanitarian needs. In the worst-affected regions in north, west, and northeast Afghanistan, more than one-third of health facilities have closed with another 200 facilities scheduled to close by June due to lack of funding. Save the Children also reports that it has closed 18 of 32 clinics it was operating in Afghanistan due to lack of funding, with sufficient funding for only one month to support the remaining 14 clinics.

Press Clips

[America's Absence in Myanmar's Early Earthquake Response: A Moral and Strategic Failure | Just Security](#)

April 4, 2025

It was only a matter of time before a disaster struck to test the real-world effects — and the U.S. foreign policy cost — of President Donald Trump's and Elon Musk's chainsaw approach to foreign assistance "reform" and realignment. With this past weekend's earthquake in Burma (Myanmar), we now have [clear evidence](#) that the gutting of the U.S. Agency for International Development has not only left that country worse off than it might be with American aid, but also that America itself is morally impoverished, its global leadership is in question, and its security is strategically at risk.

[What kind of support is the U.S. offering in the wake of the Myanmar quake? | NPR](#)

April 1, 2025

Current and former USAID staff are raising questions about the immediacy and impact of the U.S. response to the earthquake that rocked Myanmar and surrounding countries on Friday, particularly after massive budget cuts and the termination of nearly all staff at the U.S. Agency for International Development.

[After devastating earthquake in Myanmar, China filling vacuum left by USAID's absence | PBS News \[Video\]](#)

March 31, 2025

The true impact of the massive earthquake in Myanmar is starting to reveal itself. The military government says the official death toll is more than 2,000 people and hundreds are still missing. Thousands more are injured and homeless. Nick Schifrin reports on the latest and talks with Chris Milligan, a former USAID mission director to Myanmar.

[US aid response in Myanmar faces hurdles after staff cuts | Reuters](#)

March 31, 2025

The U.S. State Department on Monday said that a U.S. Agency for International Development team was heading to Myanmar to help identify the country's most pressing needs in the wake of a devastating earthquake that killed at least 2,000 people.

But a former top USAID official and a source familiar with the matter said the three-member assessment team's departure was delayed by problems obtaining visas from Myanmar's military rulers.

[Musk's Doge to fire all local workers and US diplomats from USAID, sources say | The Guardian](#)

April 1, 2025

Elon Musk's cost-cutting team is finalizing the dismantlement of the US Agency for International Development, ordering the firings of thousands of local workers and US diplomats and civil servants assigned to the agency overseas, two former top USAID officials and a source with knowledge of the situation said on Tuesday.

"This is definitely the final closing out," said one of the former senior USAID officials.

[Top Trump USAID Staffer Accused of Violent Outbursts, Racist Remarks | Rolling Stone](#)

April 1, 2025

The lawyer working for Donald Trump and Elon Musk's so-called Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) who now leads the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) has a history of violence and racist remarks, 10 people who knew him allege.

Jeremy Lewin recently became deputy administrator for policy and programs for what's left of USAID, according to an email sent by the State Department. Lewin previously helped DOGE dismantle the agency, according to news reports. On Friday, Lewin signed an email officially shuttering USAID and announcing a major reduction in force.

[Exclusive: Musk team issued inaccurate USAID firing notices, must send correct versions, say sources | Reuters](#)

April 3, 2025

Termination notices sent by billionaire Elon Musk's cost-cutting team to U.S. Agency for International Development staff were so rife with errors that corrected versions are being issued to avoid affecting pensions and pay, according to five sources familiar with the issue.

The Department of Government Efficiency "did this so quickly that they screwed lots of stuff up," said a U.S. official, who requested anonymity, as did all of those who spoke to Reuters.

[Millions of Afghans lose access to healthcare services as USAID cuts shut clinics | The Guardian](#)

April 3, 2025

More than 200 health facilities run by the World Health Organization in Afghanistan, providing medical care for 1.84 million people, have closed or ceased operating after the US aid cuts announced by the Trump administration shut off life-saving medical care, including vaccinations, maternal and child health services.

In Afghanistan, where health clinics have closed in 28 out of 34 provinces, this is leading to an "escalating humanitarian crisis", according to the WHO, with the country already grappling with poverty and outbreaks of diseases such as measles, malaria and polio.

[Maker of a life-saving peanut paste reflects on the impact of USAID international aid cuts | NPR Marketplace](#)

April 2, 2025

Mark Moore is the co-founder & CEO of Mana Nutrition, an organization that produces nutritional peanut paste distributed to children experiencing malnutrition. Mana now employs roughly 130 people and has a production plant located in Fitzgerald, Georgia.

Back in January, Moore was informed that his contracts with USAID were on pause. Then, they were unpaused, then abruptly canceled before finally being restarted. The government currently owes him north of \$20 million.

[Video: Trump admin denied worker's pregnant wife's evacuation after firing her | CNN Politics](#)

April 2, 2025

In an interview with CNN's Jake Tapper, fired USAID worker Charlee Doom recounts being laid off by the Trump administration. The administration then denied her pregnant wife's medical evacuation for life-threatening complications, leaving them stuck in Bangkok.

[Trump Aid Cuts End Contraception Access for Millions of Women | The New York Times](#)

April 1, 2025

The United States is ending its financial support for family planning programs in developing countries, cutting nearly 50 million women off from access to contraception. Without this annual contribution, 34,000 women could die from preventable maternal deaths each year.

[Dropping U.S. Biodefenses: Why Cuts to Federal Health Agencies Make Americans Less Safe | Just Security](#)

April 1, 2025

On April 1, the Trump administration began making sweeping changes to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) by firing thousands of staff.

[The administration] claims it can make these reforms without impacting critical services. In practice, however, the administration has cut essential funding that was helping states and cities prepare for outbreaks; reassigned leaders who were stopping biological threats in other countries from spreading; undermined the United States' ability to quickly review and approve treatments and vaccines during an emergency; and disrupted essential work to create vaccines, tests, and treatments for dangerous diseases.

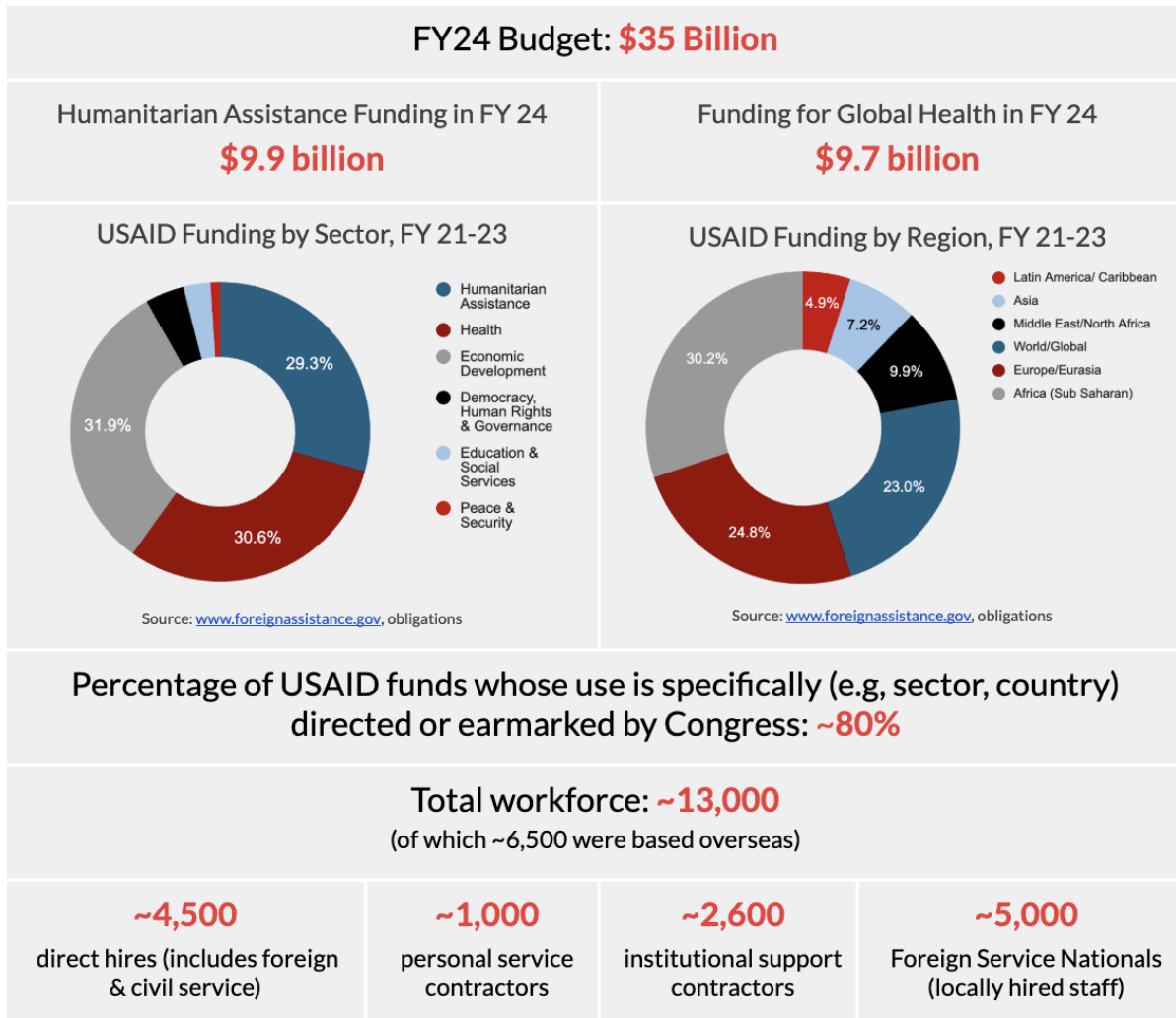
Background: The Dismantling of USAID and Termination of Vital Programs

- On January 20, U.S. President Donald Trump issued an [Executive Order 14169 on Reevaluating and Realigning United States Foreign Aid](#). The Executive Order included a 90-day pause in United States foreign development assistance.
- On January 24, Secretary Rubio paused all new foreign assistance obligations for an 85-day review period. On January 29, Secretary Rubio approved an [Emergency Humanitarian Waiver to the Foreign Assistance Pause](#). However, a directive for USAID staff to refrain from external communications outside of those necessary to implement the pause, administration actions that have terminated staff or placed

nearly the entire USAID workforce on paid administrative leave and inaccessibility to Phoenix resulted in significant challenges to implementation despite the waiver. On March 10, Secretary Rubio declared that the review had been completed, and 5,200 awards would be terminated and 1,000 retained. [Note: See accompanying timeline graphic for additional details on the foreign aid review.]

- In recent weeks, a number of affected organizations have filed legal challenges to the administration’s actions. [Just Security](#) continues to track legal challenges to the administration’s actions, including efforts to dismantle USAID.
- [USAID Stop-Work](#) had confirmed more than 18,900 people across 46 U.S. states and Washington, D.C., had lost their jobs and nearly 171,600 people had lost their jobs globally as of March 25 due to the stop work orders on contracts and suspensions of cooperative agreements. These numbers will likely rise in the coming days as terminations remain ongoing.

USAID By the Numbers (Before January 20, 2025)



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