

More on the USG Newly Released Health Strategy. By Elissa Miolene,
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The United States has unveiled its new “America First Global Health Strategy,” framing the country’s global health assistance around a refrain that by now we’ve all grown intimately familiar with: making America safer, stronger, and more prosperous.

The document — which was released by the U.S. State Department yesterday — provides the clearest picture yet for how the country wants to reshape its global health assistance, a portfolio that makes up nearly two-thirds of the programming that survived the government’s USAID cull.

A global health game plan

So, what’s in? Protecting Americans from disease, prioritizing frontline health support, and promoting American health products. The administration will also be increasing its health investment in the Western Hemisphere and Asia-Pacific, and **using global health leadership to counter Chinese influence** — especially in Africa.

What’s out? Family planning, technical assistance, and other hallmarks of the Biden era — an approach that for Secretary of State Marco Rubio, means keeping what’s “good” while “rapidly fixing what is broken.”

“We lay out a vision to **end the inefficiencies, waste, and dependency of our current system**,” Rubio wrote in the strategy’s foreword. “In its place, we cast a positive vision for a future where we stop outbreaks before they reach our shores, enter strong bilateral agreements that promote our national interests while saving millions of lives, and help promote and export American health innovation around the world.”

The strategy signals **a shift away from NGO-led delivery toward more bilateral deals**, country coinvestments, [and partnerships with private sector and faith-based organizations](#), Senior Reporter Sara Jerving writes.

It’s also meant to end spending that the administration called “inefficient and wasteful,” pointing to technical assistance, program management, and “other forms of overhead.” The strategy **also displays the salaries handed out to the CEOs** of eight U.S.-funded health partners, two of whom had compensation surpassing \$1 million a year.

“There is substantial opportunity to materially reduce these technical assistance, program management, and overhead costs without materially impacting outcomes and, in fact, reducing these costs is critical if the programs are ever to move to local country ownership,” the strategy states.

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