

New malaria vaccines helped Ghana slash child deaths. Then Trump, others cut aid.

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- Ghana sees significant drop in child malaria deaths with two new vaccines
- Some major global organizations initially doubted the potential of the vaccines
- Aid cuts could mean fewer African children benefit, says vaccine aid group Gavi
- Gavi estimates additional 19,000 lives could be lost due to lower vaccination rates

LONDON/ACCRA, Jan 29 (Reuters) - New vaccines are helping Ghana approach a long-sought goal of ending child deaths from malaria, demonstrating the potential of the shots to drive back a disease that kills nearly half a million young children every year in Africa, according to the international vaccine aid group Gavi and the country's health service.

But aid cutbacks by the Trump administration and other wealthy governments could mean fewer children benefit on the continent where malaria hits hardest, Gavi told Reuters.