

GAO - Still awaiting answers as to how State will manage foreign aid. *Devex*, 19 March 2026

GAO, **let's go**

Nearly eight months after asking the [U.S. Department of State](#) **how it plans to manage foreign aid** after the dismantling of USAID, the Government Accountability Office says [it's still waiting for answers](#).

“This is information that’s critical to understanding whether they are capable or positioning themselves to effectively oversee all of this new foreign assistance,” GAO Director **Latesha Love-Grayer** told lawmakers this week. “We’re unable to provide that information to Congress and taxpayers in a timely way when **we’re waiting up to eight months for basic answers** to questions.”

The standoff raises fresh concerns about **who is actually overseeing billions in aid** now that [most USAID staff have been fired](#), writes Devex Senior Reporter Michael Igoe — especially as the State Department plans to send more funding directly to foreign governments, where oversight can be murkier. As Love-Grayer put it, “The visibility into how the funds have been spent can be a little less transparent.”

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