

State to end Chemonics health supply chain project. *Devex*, 6 April 2026

Chain reaction

The Trump administration's "move fast and break things" approach to foreign aid reform looks poised to continue, with Reuters [reporting](#) last week that the State Department **plans to rapidly shutter the behemoth global health supply chain project** led by [Chemonics International](#). This project has purchased and distributed billions of dollars' worth of critical global health supplies in dozens of countries over the last decade.

It's a story with twists and turns. The Global Health Supply Chain Program - Procurement and Supply Management project was supposed to wind down a couple of years ago, but a replacement project — [known as "NextGen"](#) — ran into [repeated delays](#). Then DOGE upended U.S. global health contracting, and the Trump administration shut down the planned NextGen awards last year without announcing an alternative. Now, according to Reuters, they are also **planning an abrupt May 30 end** for the current project, while suggesting they will shift to pooled procurement options instead.

The project's looming shutdown reflects a pattern in the Trump administration's handling of foreign aid programs, says **Catherine Connor**, senior strategic adviser at the [Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation](#). "Instead of figuring out how to make projects work better, we just end them and then figure out what to do," she says. "With supply chain, you can't do that," she adds, warning that disruptions could cost lives.