

Trump Budget Health Aid Cuts. By Jenny Lei Ravelo, *Devex Health Review*, 7 April 2026

On the eve of Easter weekend, as some of you were preparing to hunt for chocolate eggs, the White House released its budget request for fiscal year 2027. The [request includes \\$5.1 billion for global health](#) — slightly higher than U.S. President Donald Trump’s ask the previous year, **but still slashing billions of dollars for the sector.**

The budget document underscores what’s already known about the Trump administration’s priorities — including [support for bilateral health deals](#) between the U.S. and other countries, ensuring U.S. money is [not used to pay](#) for family planning and reproductive health programs, and eliminating funding for the [World Health Organization](#).

But here’s what’s new:

- It explicitly **eliminates funding for circumcision and services for LGBTQ+ people**, as well as the [Pan-American Health Organization](#), or PAHO.
- It also **eliminates “disease-specific” accounts**, suggesting the move will give the [State Department](#) flexibility to address health needs in countries — although it only mentions HIV and AIDS and “other infectious diseases such as Malaria, Tuberculosis, and Polio.”
- It **does not mention The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria**, to which the U.S. pledged [\\$4.6 billion for 2027-2029](#). This omission is particularly puzzling, given widespread talk of U.S. interest in using Wambo, the [Global Fund](#)’s procurement platform, as it [reportedly](#) prepares to end its Global Health Supply Chain Program run by [Chemonics](#). The U.S. has also partnered with the Global Fund to scale up access to HIV prevention drug lenacapavir in low- and middle-income countries.

Dr. Jirair Ratevosian, a global health expert who previously served as [PEPFAR](#) adviser, tells me that the **biggest red flag in the request is eliminating the disease-specific accounts** and consolidating funding into one global health pot. Why? Because “the administration **makes it harder to track where money is going** — just as strong oversight is needed most.”

U.S. budget wonks know this is not final, with Congress having the ultimate say on funding. Case in point: Congress approved in February [\\$9.4 billion for global health](#) for fiscal year 2026 after Trump requested just \$3.8 billion.

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