

**Weapon of Mast destruction**, by Tania Karas, *Devex*, 29 April 2026

Speaking of upheaval, the United States' flagship food aid program, Food for Peace, has gone through some massive changes in the past year — its activities crippled as the program shifted from a shuttered [USAID](#) to the [State Department](#) and then the [Department of Agriculture](#). Now **the authority for Food for Peace may shift again**, this time to President **Donald Trump** — yes, the very same president who tried to cut all of its funding twice.

That potential change is **spelled out in an amendment** buried deep in the Food, Farm and National Security Act of 2026, better known as the Farm Bill, the sweeping \$1.37 trillion legislation that governs U.S. agricultural policy. Specifically, the amendment would “[repeal] the transfer of Food for Peace from USAID to USDA and moves the authority for the administration of Food for Peace to the President,” reports my colleague Elissa Miolene. The bill [cleared a key congressional hurdle last night](#) — the House Rules Committee — **and goes to the full House floor for a debate today**.

The amendment was brought by Rep. **Brian Mast**, a Republican from Florida. His office did not reply to Elissa's request for comment, so it's unclear whether the move **was meant to kill Food for Peace or restructure it**. “We're pretty confused by this amendment,” says a Democratic aide, speaking to Devex on the condition of anonymity. “This is a president who has now zeroed out Food for Peace in the last two of his budget requests, which I think shows certainly that he doesn't prioritize Food for Peace and doesn't want to be doing this program.”