



MILLIONS OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES ARE AT RISK: HELP KEEP HOPE ALIVE!

Tell Congress the Presidential Administration should resume humanitarian assistance programs while under review.

On January 20, 2025, an executive order froze all funds for USAID, the principle agency responsible for funding foreign aid and development overseas. *USAID represents less than 1% of the total U.S. budget.* Although a federal judge has



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ordered the funding be temporarily unfrozen, funds for food, medicine, and other commodities are not being distributed. Often, there is no staff left to distribute them even if they were available. **Millions of our sisters and brothers who need access to lifesaving humanitarian, health and development assistance are adversely impacted.**

Foreign assistance is not charity; it is a strategic investment that has a profound impact on human life, dignity, and global stability. It fosters long-term development, prevents crises, and supports U.S. interests and economic prosperity. This small investment not only provides lifesaving assistance in emergencies but also

helps build resilience in communities, reducing the need for future humanitarian aid and creating a more stable and prosperous world—ultimately benefiting American businesses and enhancing global security.

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is one of the many NGOs funded by USAID, which allows CRS to respond to emergencies and disasters, as well as provide ongoing medical, technical, and educational support to over 100 countries. CRS asks YOU to call your Senators and Representative immediately with a **personalized** email or phone call to both their local and their D.C. office. Currently, people who rely on food from the U.S. are starving. Farmers who rely on USAID for seeds risk missing the start of growing season, which means their families will go hungry. People, including babies and unborn infants whose mothers are receiving medication for HIV, are in danger of having the virus replicate unchecked.

Please call and write today, and every day, demanding that USAID funding be restored and people rehired immediately during the review period. A sample message can be found at <https://support.crs.org/act/foreign-aid-operations>. Our sisters and brothers in poor countries depend on the action we need to take immediately. Thank you!

Find your U.S. Congress Senator and Representative,
<https://www.congress.gov/members/find-your-member>