

We Require Accountability From Charities—Why Not Require It From USAID?

Last week some Americans got upset when President Trump turned off the flow of foreign aid to thousands of humanitarian projects so his newly formed Department of Government Efficiency can audit the payment process and eliminate wasteful spending.

Some Democrats accused Trump of being a dictator because he temporarily suspended the massive U.S. Agency for International Development program. Others expressed fears that the cutoff would endanger people who are dependent on the funds—even though newly appointed Secretary of State Marco Rubio pledged that emergency medical services, food and shelter would be exempt from the spending freeze.

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I'm a humanitarian myself. I direct an international Christian charitable organization that builds women's shelters and runs vocational training programs for vulnerable women in 11 countries—five of them in Africa. But because I depend completely on donations from generous Americans, I understand the need for strict accountability. I answer to a board of directors, I comply with federal tax laws and I strive to keep overhead low so every dollar we receive from donors makes maximum impact overseas.

That why I was disgusted, honestly, when I learned that USAID has been flushing millions and millions of dollars down the drain. The government audit, led by DOGE director Elon Musk, has shocked average U.S. taxpayers, who are struggling to pay their bills. The waste of public money has already become a

front-page government scandal, and DOGE has not even started auditing other federal agencies.

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In the past few days Americans have learned that our hard-earned funds are being misappropriated in shocking ways. Some of the worst examples include:

- \$241 million for “transgender animal testing,” which involves performing gender transition surgeries on rats and monkeys, and giving them hormone treatments. (I’m waiting for animal rights activists to protest these disgusting experiments.)
- \$15 million to provide condoms to the Taliban in Afghanistan.
- \$446,700 to promote the expansion of atheism in Nepal through the State Department.
- \$1 million to boost French-speaking LGBTQ+ groups in West and Central Africa through the State Department.
- \$20,600 to produce a drag show in Ecuador, \$47,020 to put on a transgender opera in Colombia and \$32,000 to publish an LGBTQ+-themed comic book in Peru.
- \$8,000 to provide programs for LGBTQ+ groups in Cyprus and \$1.5 million to help LGBTQ+ individuals in Serbia find jobs.
- \$2.5 million to build electric vehicle charging stations in Vietnam’s largest cities.

It’s obvious that the wrong people are in charge of handing out foreign aid. Meanwhile, it’s no secret that money that is sent to other countries from the U.S. doesn’t always get there. A big portion of it is skimmed off the top by

bureaucrats.

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