

Examples of lifesaving World Vision programs terminated on Wednesday, February 26th

Global Health: CORE Group Polio Project (CGPP)

Angola, Djibouti, Ethiopia, India, Kenya, Niger, Nigeria, Somalia, South Sudan and Uganda

This program contributes to polio eradication by improving immunization programs and surveillance of outbreaks in some of the most vulnerable regions of the world. This initiative builds on decades of efforts to completely eradicate the virus globally, allowing children everywhere to enjoy a healthy life.

Because of the stop work order, over 30,000 community health workers have stopped their day-to-day work to stop the spread of polio and other disease outbreaks. This includes surveillance, health education, and vaccinations in remote and cross-border communities. The stop work order has discontinued more than 400,000 polio vaccinations every month, which will cause a widespread resurgence of polio and other outbreaks.

Addressing polio globally prevents disability, saves lives and prevents the resurgence of the disease in the United States. Polio vaccines are inexpensive, (10 cents per dose) yet save children's lives from paralysis and death. This program advances American interests by controlling disease outbreaks at their origin before they become a significant risk to the American people.

Bureau of Humanitarian Assistance: Integrated Humanitarian Approach in Mali

partial waiver received and then terminated

This program includes food assistance, agriculture, water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) and economic recovery and market systems (ERMS).

Currently, this program reaches 25,824 participants with a total target of over 236,000 participants. These regions are classified as IPC level 5, with households at high risk of famine/starvation. This program addresses urgent hunger needs through immediate food assistance vouchers allowing families to purchase locally grown and sourced rice, oil, and millet, among other items. Similarly, water has become a rare commodity in these regions, causing conflict and exacerbating the suffering of displaced families. WV is building wells and pumping systems so families have access to groundwater. This project also provides agricultural and financial service assistance so families can move beyond a handout, feed their children over the long term, and generate income. With only a partial waiver, World Vision is not able continue providing agricultural support to build this resilience. WV did not receive permission to continue providing seeds like cowpea, sesame, lettuce, tomato, and shallots to smallholder farmers or for teaching farmers techniques like composting and soil restoration.

This project aligns with [U.S. interest for the region](#) as it helps to counter the growing influence of extreme terrorist and trafficking groups. For example, the Russian Wagner group, with the support of the neighboring countries Burkina Faso and Niger, has been gaining influence through this dangerous new 3-country alliance. The IHAM project is the type of investment that directly counters Russian influence in the country. Stopping this program not only creates inroads for US adversaries but also places the reputation of the United States and the stability of the entire region at risk.