

# THE TRUMP BUDGET DEVASTATES GLOBAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAMS

Amid the international COVID-19 outbreak, President Trump has sent a budget to Congress that drastically cuts federal funding for important global and domestic public health programs. Rather than make the long-term investments [needed](#) to ensure our nation's continued public health and emerging infectious diseases preparedness, the current administration is content to pay for tax cuts for the wealthy with short-sighted cuts that put Americans' lives at risk.

**The Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR):** The Trump Budget cuts funding for the HHS ASPR by **\$167 million in FY 2021**. Programs that are cut or flat-funded include:

- Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority: frozen at \$562 million
- Hospital Preparedness Program: \$18 million cut, down to \$258 million
- Medical Reserve Corps: \$2 million cut, down to \$4 million
- Project BioShield Special Reserve Fund: \$200 million cut, down to \$535 million
- Strategic National Stockpile: frozen at \$705 million

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):** The Trump Budget cuts CDC programs by **\$175 million in FY 2021, and \$23 billion over a decade**. These massive cuts include cuts to several programs and activities related to infectious disease outbreaks:

- Emergency and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases: \$85 million cut, down to \$550 million
- Global Health: \$39 million cut, down to \$532 million
- Public Health and Scientific Services: \$57 million cut, down to \$521 million
- Public Health Preparedness and Response: \$25 million cut, down to \$802 million

**National Institutes of Health (NIH):** The Budget cuts NIH by **nearly \$3 billion in FY 2021**, and \$77 billion over a decade. **The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases**, which supports pandemic flu and other outbreak research, is cut by **\$430 million**, down to \$5.5 billion in FY 2021. Cuts include:

- Biodefense & Emerging Infectious Diseases: \$136 million cut, down to \$1.8 billion
- Infectious & Immunological Diseases: \$98.6 million cut, down to \$1.3 billion

**The Fogarty International Center**, which carries out important programs such as the Global Infectious Disease Research Training Program and is home to the Division of International Epidemiology and Population Studies, is cut by more than **\$7 million**, down to \$74 million in FY 2021.

**Global Health Assistance Funding Cuts in FY 2021:**

- U.S. Department of State Global Health Programs: \$2.1 billion cut, down to \$3.8 billion
- USAID Global Health Programs: \$1 billion cut, down to \$2.2 billion
- World Health Organization: \$65 million cut, down to \$58 million
- Pan American Health Organization: \$50 million cut, down to \$16 million

The Trump Budget also cuts Medicaid, a key public health response program, by more than \$900 billion over ten years. Medicaid plays a critical role in providing states and territories with [enhanced funding and coverage](#) in response to public health crises such as the Zika virus outbreak in Puerto Rico. If enacted, these cuts would greatly restrict the nation's ability to respond to public health emergencies such as the COVID-19 outbreak.