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## US-UN IMPLICATIONS AND ISSUES

The Trump administration has issued a series of executive orders that are rapidly reshaping US foreign policy and placing unprecedented strain on the country's relationship with the United Nations. From funding cuts to agency closures, these changes are already reverberating through international institutions.

The **United Nations Association of the USA (UNA-USA)**, in collaboration with its sister organization, the **Better World Campaign (BWC)**, are tracking and responding to these developments in real time—advocating for continued US engagement with the UN and the global community.

### **WHAT'S CHANGING?**

#### **Withdrawal from WHO (Executive Order 14155)**

The US will cease all participation and funding for the World Health Organization, citing pandemic mismanagement and alleged political bias.

#### **Funding Freeze to UN Bodies**

An Executive Order issued in February 2025 halts US funding to UNRWA and the UN Human Rights Council and orders a broad review of all US contributions to international organizations.

#### **State Department Restructuring**

A proposed EO would eliminate key bureaus dedicated to climate, human rights, gender equality, and multilateral diplomacy—weakening UN collaboration.

#### **Climate Diplomacy Rollback**

The disbanding of the Office of Global Change ends US involvement in coordinating international climate policy through the UNFCCC.

#### **Dismantling USAID**

One of the most consequential moves: dismantling the US Agency for International Development (USAID), a major conduit for funding UN agencies like UNICEF, UNDP, and WFP. This could destabilize American global development leadership and leave critical UN programs underfunded.

# US-UN RELATIONS UNLOCKED: UNA-USA



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### UN Funding 101

If you're looking for a primer on U.S. funding to the UN, this [report](#) is a great place to start. From funding accounts to peacekeeping, it's a perfect supplement to UN, Explained.



### Peter on the Hill

In compelling testimony before Congress, BWC President Peter Yeo made the case that US investment in the UN and global health is vital to national security and global stability. [Read the recap](#) now.



### Jordie on the Budget

As Americans file taxes this season, it begs just question just how our investments are used around the world. Listen as BWC Executive Director Jordie Hannum [lays out what we get for our money](#).



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# WORLD BRIEFS: AROUND THE UN



## Commission on the Status of Women

What's changed—and what hasn't—since the landmark Beijing Declaration? A [new UN report](#) shares progress and charts a path for the future. From bold policy wins to persistent global gaps, this snapshot is essential reading for the equity minded.



## UNHCR In Sudan: Two Years On

Currently, the UNHCR is working tirelessly to provide life-saving aid and protection to millions displaced by the brutal conflict in Sudan, where nearly 13 million people have been forced to flee their homes, facing famine and widespread violence. Read more at [UNHCR is a Vital Lifeline](#)



## World Health Organization

Amidst the US ceasing participation and funding, citing pandemic mismanagement, the WHO is restructuring to prioritize core functions while maintaining its commitment to member states facing funding shortfalls. [Read more.](#)



## OCHA's Life-Saving Mandate

Every year, 300 million people need emergency humanitarian assistance. The UN's Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs is there every step of the way. [Read our inside look](#) at how the organization save lives and keep

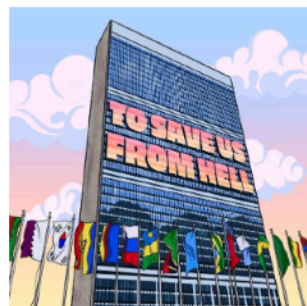
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