



## Foreign aid is being slashed — lives hang in the balance...

The U.S. Government's freeze on foreign aid funding means that real people all over the globe will be left without the life-saving aid they desperately need and rely on. Your support can make a difference.

In its first week, the Trump administration **halted humanitarian and development aid, directly impacting several of Humanity & Inclusion's (HI) projects.**

The administration called for an **immediate 90-day freeze on U.S. foreign aid**, suspending all new funding and putting current HI projects funded by USAID and the U.S. Department of State on hold.

**This represents approximately \$30 million across 30 projects**, suddenly putting hundreds of HI staff members out of work and denying thousands of people around the world access to rehabilitation, medical care, and mine clearance services.

**These decisions have serious and immediate consequences**, directly affecting people with disabilities and the already underserved populations that HI supports.

The stop-work orders cause **devastating impacts to communities supported by HI's programs funded by USAID and the State Department:**



Life-changing activities **servicing refugees in Ethiopia and Thailand** are paused.



**Educational activities** that provide learning equipment to children with disabilities in **Rwanda** are paused.



**Rehabilitation centers** that provide crucial physical therapy in **Bangladesh, Nepal, and Vietnam** are paused.



**Logistics support** that stores and transports vital humanitarian aid in **Mali, Nepal, and Togo** is paused.

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## DUA

17 years ago, Dua fled to the Umpiem refugee camp to escape the fighting in her homeland. Her body is still covered in scars from the journey. Since arriving, she's had access to healthcare, social welfare, and other necessary support. Although Dua wishes to work to support her family, she's unable to leave the camp due to fear of being arrested. **"In the current situation, we've heard that health services, water, and food rations may be suddenly cut off, which has caused us great concern,"** Dua said.



## K'PAW

K'Paw, who lives with paraplegia after a spinal cord injury, spoke openly about his struggle with mental health and thoughts of suicide in front of his wife and their 9-month-old child. He has begun to feel it is his only option if NGO services do not resume quickly. K'Paw told us he feels ashamed that he and the baby are in diapers. **HI staff planned to increase mental health support services for him, as individuals in the camps need these services now more than ever.**

*"We are looking at a complete disregard for human life."*

- HANNAH GUEDENET  
U.S. Executive Director

## How to Help:

- Call your elected officials and ask them to restore and protect foreign assistance funding. Find their contact information at: [www.congress.gov/members/find-your-member](http://www.congress.gov/members/find-your-member)
- Follow us on social media (Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, and Bluesky) and like and share the stories of people impacted by these cuts.
- If you are able to make a donation, any amount will help our efforts to bridge these funding gaps! While we do accept traditional donations online or by check, we also accept Qualified Charitable Distributions from your IRA, Donor-Advised Fund grants, gifts of stock, planned legacy gifts and more.
- If you're not able to give right now, do you know someone who might be interested? Tell your friends about the incredible life-saving work HI is doing. And, please, consider making the connection for us!

For over 40 years, Humanity & Inclusion has worked alongside people with disabilities in times of peace, conflict and disaster. **We won't stop now. Will you join us?**

# A LETTER FROM LINDSAY

As Humanity & Inclusion's new U.S. Major Giving Officer, I was grateful to get the opportunity to visit HI's Physical Rehabilitation Center in Cambodia and two of HI's nine camps in Thailand.

**Unfortunately, my visit was immediately after the halt of U.S. funding, and the situation across each Thailand camp was far bleaker than I could have imagined.**

It was truly desperate in the Thailand camps. In Umpiem, we started our day with the Disability and Social Inclusion (DSI) group, where we were met with strong but worried faces. We spoke an elder volunteer within DSI, who asked how she is supposed to continue to empower others when she and everyone else feels so hopeless. **The knowledge of U.S. funding cuts was widespread and immediately evident in the DSI group and elsewhere in the camp.**

We spoke with a young couple, her with a mobility aid and him serving as the sole provider and her caregiver. **Both looked so young and panicked. With no U.S. government funding, all health and medical services were halted.** This meant follow-up appointments for her disability, medical care, prescriptions for her chronic illness—all stopped abruptly. They asked what was going to happen.

**Within Umpiem camp, we visited the home of Dua, a single mother who sobbed because she feared for what's to come with less funding.** Sitting on her bamboo floor with the knowledge that in a few hours, I'd be returning to an air-conditioned room and a soft mattress, I had little to offer Dua. She showed us her scars and cried, **"Look at my body, covered in wounds and scars from running and hiding in the midst of battles."** Her son kept his chin to his chest. Dua pled, **"In the current situation, we have heard that health services, water supplies, and food rations may be suddenly cut off, which has caused us great concern. Please have mercy on us. Do not abandon us. I humbly plead for your continued support."** We promised Dua we would keep trying.

Every single person we spoke with had concerns. In Mae La, we visited the home of K'Paw, who endured a spinal cord injury resulting in paraplegia and lives in a small structure with his wife and 10-month-old son. **He shared that he had been struggling with thoughts of suicide because he feels he is no longer of use.** K'Paw told us he feels ashamed that he and the baby are in diapers. Camp-based staff planned to increase mental health support services for him, but it was devastating. Mental health was poorer than I even imagined, and it will likely get worse. **People who have lived in the camps for decades said they've never experienced anything like this before.**

Since my visit, HI's activities funded by the U.S. Department of State in Thailand have been terminated, ending disability inclusion, rehabilitation and risk education activities, among others. **We left Asia with the promise that we would keep trying; we would make the effort to reach out to others — like yourself — who can help ease the burden for people like Dua, K'Paw, and thousands across the globe.** Thank you!

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