

US Global Health Diplomacy Under Scrutiny: WHO Exit, Bilateral Deals, and Pa

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1. The United States officially ended its membership in the World Health Organization (WHO) on what date, marking the conclusion of an approximately 80-year relationship?

A) January 22, 2026

B) December 31, 2025

C) July 4, 2026

D) March 15, 2025

2. What is the primary stated rationale behind the Trump administration's 'America First Global Health Strategy,' which emphasizes bilateral agreements over multilateral platforms?

A) To improve accountability, streamline aid, and safeguard U.S. investments.

B) To increase funding for developing nations with fewer strings attached.

C) To foster greater collaboration with international NGOs.

D) To expand the U.S. role in global health research and development exclusively.

3. The United States' withdrawal from the WHO has created a significant funding gap. Approximately how much has this withdrawal impacted the WHO's budget for 2026-2027?

A) A \$600 million deficit, forcing a 20% budget cut.

B) A \$100 million deficit, leading to minor program adjustments.

C) A \$1 billion deficit, necessitating major restructuring.

D) A \$250 million deficit, with minimal impact on operations.

4. Under the 'America First Global Health Strategy,' the U.S. is increasingly shifting towards bilateral agreements. Which of the following is a key characteristic of these agreements?

A) Requirement for increased co-investment from recipient countries.

B) Extended durations of funding with no co-investment obligations.

C) Focus on UN-led initiatives and multilateral funding pools.

D) Emphasis on open-ended funding commitments from the U.S.

5. The United States has committed a significant amount to the Pandemic Fund. What is the approximate total planned contribution from the U.S. through 2026, subject to Congressional appropriations?

A) Up to \$667 million

B) Up to \$100 million

C) Up to \$1 billion

D) Up to \$300 million

6. Which of the following is a primary concern raised by critics regarding the U.S. withdrawal from the WHO and its shift to bilateral agreements?

- A) Weakened global cooperation and fragmentation of health governance.**
- B) Increased efficiency in disease surveillance and response.
- C) Enhanced equity in vaccine distribution worldwide.
- D) Strengthened international regulatory frameworks for health crises.

7. The 'America First Global Health Strategy' has led to the signing of numerous bilateral health cooperation Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs). As of March 13, 2026, approximately how many such MOUs had been signed with various countries?

- A) 26**
- B) 10
- C) 50
- D) 100

8. What is a key element of the bilateral health agreements being finalized under the 'America First Global Health Strategy' concerning healthcare workers and commodities?

- A) Gradual transition of financial responsibility and procurement to partner governments.**
- B) 100% U.S. government funding for all healthcare workers and commodities indefinitely.
- C) Complete removal of U.S. support for healthcare workers and commodities.
- D) Direct funding of NGOs to manage healthcare worker and commodity procurement.

9. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of State formally rejected the 2024 amendments to the International Health Regulations (IHR) on July 18, 2025. What was a primary reason cited for this rejection?

- A) Concerns that the amendments would grant the WHO excessive power, potentially infringing on U.S. sovereignty and civil liberties.**
- B) Disagreement with the proposed funding levels for WHO operations.
- C) Objections to the inclusion of specific disease surveillance protocols.
- D) A belief that the amendments did not go far enough in strengthening global health security.

10. The Pandemic Fund, established in September 2022, aims to finance investments for pandemic prevention, preparedness, and response. Approximately how much in additional resources has the fund mobilized through co-financing and co-investment from recipient countries, the private sector, and other entities, in addition to its awarded grants?

- A) US\$6 billion**
- B) US\$1 billion
- C) US\$10 billion
- D) US\$500 million

11. Which of the following is a critical concern raised by critics of the Trump administration's 'America First Global Health Strategy' regarding its transactional approach to aid?

A) It leverages human lives for economic or resource concessions, potentially eroding trust and global cooperation.

- B) It focuses too heavily on altruistic aid without considering U.S. economic interests.
- C) It exclusively funds multilateral organizations, bypassing direct bilateral engagement.
- D) It prioritizes long-term sustainability over immediate public health needs.

12. The U.S. has officially exited the World Health Organization. Historically, what percentage of the WHO's budget did the U.S. account for as its largest single contributor?

A) Roughly 18%

- B) Approximately 5%
- C) About 30%
- D) Nearly 50%