

Trump is the next US President.

Here are the immediate impacts on MSI's frontline programs:

The return of the Global Gag Rule

When inaugurated in January, Trump will reinstate the Global Gag Rule which prohibits organizations like MSI from receiving funding from the US government if they provide, advocate for, or refer to abortion services.

To receive USAID funding, organizations must sign the gag rule to say they won't participate in any abortion-related activities. MSI will not sign it. We never have and never will. Our teams are resolute in continuing to provide abortion care unapologetically, wherever they can.

MSI to lose \$14 million in funding

This means the US will cut off \$14 million funding committed to MSI from 2025-2028, which will jeopardize frontline services across several of our programs. As a result, we estimate 2.6 million people will lose access to MSI-supported sexual and reproductive health services in countries including Uganda, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, and Zimbabwe. The women and girls in these affected countries need motivated donors to step in to support their futures.

Immediate support is needed

Five of MSI's country programs will be forced to shut services unless we can work together with donors to meet this challenge head on and ensure the continuation of reproductive healthcare. Women and girls in the poorest, most remote and marginalized communities will pay the harshest price, losing access to the services and choices they have come to rely on. Especially at risk is our program in Zimbabwe which relies heavily on USAID funding.

The true scale of devastating impacts is yet unknown

The funding cuts to MSI's programs are what we know now and can act immediately to prevent. But we will continue to learn the realities of Trump's policies and Project 2025 and their impact as they unfold. The Global Gag Rule is likely to be expanded to apply to US-based NGOs, causing unprecedented harm. And as we saw during the previous Trump administration, there will be a chilling effect on reproductive rights advocacy and collaboration, while the anti-rights movement will likely gain momentum, resources and powerful connections.

As we continue to assess the impacts globally, we stand in solidarity with partners and donors, as a united front, to hold the line on reproductive rights. We refuse to let another Trump presidency reverse hard-won progress. We will continue to protect choice.



"If [these services] weren't there, I think women would be falling pregnant without any planning. [MSI] should continue because it is important work."

Modester, 19-year-old MSI client in Zimbabwe

In Zimbabwe, 1.3 million women and girls will lose access to services

Unless we act now

Women and girls in Zimbabwe will lose healthcare

MSI's program in Zimbabwe, Population Services Zimbabwe, is the leading organization working with the Ministry of Health and Childcare on expanding contraceptive access. Locally-based teams support communities with their reproductive choices across the nation. Our healthcare experts work closely with the public and private sectors to strengthen the delivery of sustainable sexual and reproductive healthcare. And nine MSI healthcare teams travel into remote places to provide quality services. Our program met more than 20% of the nation's demand for family planning in 2023 and contributed to an increase in the contraceptive prevalence rate.

Just one year ago, Population Services Zimbabwe was awarded USAID funding, equating to more than 50% of their donor funding, to deliver a five-year program of work. It supports four outreach teams, 100 public facilities, and 120 private facilities. This is set to be slashed with immediate effect upon Trump's inauguration.

This will cut off services for 1.3 million women and girls, many of whom live in remote and marginalized communities with little to no other options. As a result, we estimate 460,000 women will face unintended pregnancies and 1,400 women will die from preventable pregnancy-related causes, including unsafe abortions.

Your support is urgently needed to fill this gap. You can help protect access for women and girls in Zimbabwe, so these choices aren't taken away.



"If services stop, there might be a lot of unwanted pregnancies and maternal deaths as people try to have unsafe abortions. I feel we would have betrayed these communities."

Wellington, MSI Zimbabwe outreach nurse