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Reforming the UN as the Impact of Aid Cuts Continues [External](#) [Inbox](#)



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Since February, the U.S. has undertaken the largest shake-up of foreign assistance in American history. Impacting everything from distribution of food aid to global health initiatives, thousands of UN-administered programs have been affected.

Visit our interactive map to see how cuts reach communities worldwide — and right here at home.



[Explore the Impact of Foreign Aid Cuts](#)

UN80 is an Opportunity for the U.S. to Fully Engage



In March, Secretary-General António Guterres announced the launch of UN80, a reform agenda aimed at ensuring the institution remains fit for purpose as it enters its 80th year. He was blunt: "What is being called into question is the very meaning of multilateralism — its values, principles and sustainability — its very fabric." We know the stakes are high; we also know **this is precisely the kind of moment where U.S. leadership has historically made all the difference.**

[A History of and Historic Moment for Reform](#)

1% of the U.S. Budget is the Best Bargain in Washington



If you ask the average American what percentage of the federal budget goes to foreign aid, they might guess 10%, maybe even 20%. The real number? Around 1%. Yet this small sliver of spending packs a global punch — funding everything from emergency food in Haiti to healthcare programs in Africa. That's why **most Americans agree that foreign assistance is worth the investment.** But what exactly do we mean when we talk about aid?

[Understanding America's Global Footprint](#)

Other Essential Reading



Has a Country Ever Left the UN?

As discussions about multilateralism grab headlines, our curious minds wanted to know if any nation had ever just walked away. We found an answer.

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The UN's Role Stopping War

From Cold War standoffs to tense border disputes, the UN has quietly, repeatedly pulled the world back from the brink. Read 5 stories of catastrophe averted.

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How the UN Protects Gardens

Whether you garden tomatoes or just love a great salad, enjoying pest-free veggies is thanks to a little-known treaty the U.S. has been part of for 70 years.

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Surprising Roots of Mother's Day

Forget brunch! The original founders of Mother's Day were on a mission to "promote the alliance of different nationalities and the great interests of peace."

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