

Editorial

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Abstract

In lieu of an editorial, this is a list of national and international programs that support people with disabilities currently facing funding risks and/or threatened elimination.

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U.S. National Programs at Risk

- **Medicaid** – Health and long-term care coverage for low-income individuals with disabilities
<https://www.medicaid.gov>
- **Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS)** – Supports for living independently in the community
<https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/home-community-based-services/index.html>
- **Supplemental Security Income (SSI)** – Income support for low-income individuals with disabilities
<https://www.ssa.gov/ssi/>
- **Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)** – Benefits for individuals with disabilities and a qualifying work history
<https://www.ssa.gov/disability/>
- **Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)** – Special education services and legal rights
<https://sites.ed.gov/idea/>
- **ADA Title II** – Public sector accessibility and non-discrimination requirements
https://www.ada.gov/ada_title_II.htm
- **Vocational Rehabilitation (VR)** – Employment training and support
<https://rsa.ed.gov/program/vocational-rehabilitation-state-grants>
- **Protection & Advocacy (P&A) Network** – Legal representation and systemic advocacy
<https://www.ndrn.org>
- **Administration for Community Living (ACL)** – Federal coordination of disability and aging services
<https://acl.gov>
- **University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDDs)** – Research, education, and community partnerships
<https://www.aucd.org/about-ucedds>
- **Assistive Technology Act Programs** – Access to adaptive tools and technology
<https://www.at3center.net>

International Programs at Risk (Impact of USAID Cuts)

- **Inclusive Education Initiatives** – Programs supporting accessible schooling and teacher training in countries such as Kenya, Nepal, and Vietnam.
 - **Disability-Focused NGOs** – Organizations like Inclusive Development Partners lost more than 80% of their USAID contract funding, jeopardizing inclusive development efforts across multiple nations.
 - **Community-Based Rehabilitation** – Grassroots disability services dependent on USAID funding have been reduced or halted altogether.
 - **Agent Orange Rehabilitation (Vietnam)** – Programs serving children with disabilities tied to dioxin exposure were discontinued after the aid suspension.
 - **Global Health Initiatives** – HIV/AIDS treatment access, maternal health services, and disability-inclusive pandemic preparedness projects funded through PEPFAR and other USAID mechanisms remain severely impacted.
 - Current USAID website: <https://www.usaid.gov>
 - For USAID's mission overview, funding model, and ongoing operations, see a previous version of the official USAID site archived via the Wayback Machine: <https://web.archive.org/web/20250101/https://www.usaid.gov>
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- **U.S. Representatives:** <https://www.house.gov> | <https://www.senate.gov>
- **Track policies and votes:** <https://www.govtrack.us>