

# DOGE exposes USAID

## Partial list

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## Overview

The Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE), led by Elon Musk, has targeted the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) for scrutiny, alleging wasteful and questionable spending. Based on available information from web sources and posts on X, below is a compiled list of the specific USAID funding projects and programs highlighted as questionable by DOGE and related sources, such as the White House, congressional figures, and media reports.

## List of Questionable USAID Funding Exposed by DOGE and Related Sources

### \$1.5 Million for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) in Serbia

- **Description:** Funding to "advance diversity, equity, and inclusion in Serbia's workplaces and business communities" through an LGBTQ advocacy organization called Grupa Izadji.
- **Source:** White House press release, Rep. Nancy Mace, and other reports.

### \$5 Million to EcoHealth Alliance

- **Description:** Alleged funding to EcoHealth Alliance, described as "one of the key NGOs funding bat virus research at the Wuhan lab."
- **Source:** White House, X posts, and Sen. Joni Ernst.

### \$9 Million Diverted to Terrorist Groups in Syria

- **Description:** Alleged funding where \$9 million intended for Syrian civilians was diverted to combatant groups, including those linked to al Qaeda.
- **Source:** White House, X posts, and The Washington Post.

### Hundreds of Millions for Poppy Cultivation in Afghanistan

- **Description:** Alleged funding for "irrigation canals, farming equipment, and fertilizer" that supported poppy cultivation and heroin production, benefiting the Taliban.
- **Source:** White House.

### Funding for "Personalized" Contraceptive Devices

- **Description:** Funding to develop "personalized" intrauterine devices (IUDs) to reduce discomfort and improve effectiveness.
- **Source:** White House.

### \$2 Million for Trans-Led Organizations in Guatemala

- **Description:** Funding to "strengthen trans-led organizations to deliver gender-affirming healthcare in Guatemala."

- **Source:** Rep. Nancy Mace during a House hearing.

### **\$4.3 Million for Comprehensive Health Programs**

- **Description:** A grant awarded on October 1, 2023, to an unspecified group to fund "comprehensive health" programs, flagged as questionable by DOGE.
- **Source:** Rep. Nancy Mace during a House hearing.

### **\$20 Million for "Sesame Street" in Iraq**

- **Description:** Funding to Sesame Workshop for "Ahlan Simsim Iraq," a program to promote inclusion and mutual respect across ethnic, religious, and sectarian groups.
- **Source:** Sen. Joni Ernst.

### **\$2 Million for Tourism Promotion in Lebanon**

- **Description:** Funding to boost tourism in Lebanon, despite State Department warnings about crime, terrorism, and conflict risks.
- **Source:** Sen. Joni Ernst.

### **\$2 Million for Moroccan Pottery Classes**

- **Description:** Part of a \$27 million program to improve Morocco's economic competitiveness, including training for pottery design and sales.
- **Source:** Sen. Joni Ernst, citing a 2012 report by former Sen. Tom Coburn. \$601 Million in Mismanaged Funds
- **Description:** DOGE uncovered \$601 million in mismanaged USAID funds, including canceled contracts and ineffective grants.
- **Source:** X post by @dogeai\_gov

### **\$1.2 Billion to Undisclosed Recipients**

- **Description:** Awards to undisclosed recipients, flagged as lacking transparency.
- **Source:** X post by @RepDonaldsPress

## **\$520 Million for Consultant-Driven ESG Investments in Africa**

- **Description:** Funding for environmental, social, and governance (ESG) investments in Africa, described as consultant-driven.
- **Source:** X post by @RepDonaldsPress

## **\$125 Million to "Racialize Public Health"**

- **Description:** Funding for programs allegedly aimed at racializing public health initiatives.
- **Source:** X post by @RepDonaldsPress

## **\$50 Million for Condoms in Gaza (Debunked)**

- **Description:** Alleged funding for condoms in Gaza, cited as wasteful.
- **Source:** White House and X posts.