

Marco Rubio Declares USAID Audit Complete — Vast Majority of ‘Foreign Aid’ Programs Will Now Be Axed

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The audit of USAID is complete.

Secretary of State Marco Rubio has confirmed that the audit into the agency's spending activities has finished, and 83 percent of programs will be canceled.

He made the announcement on X:

After a 6 week review we are officially cancelling 83% of the programs at USAID.

The 5200 contracts that are now cancelled spent tens of billions of dollars in ways that did not serve, (and in some cases even harmed), the core national interests of the United States.

In consultation with Congress, we intend for the remaining 18% of programs we are keeping (approximately 1000) to now be administered more effectively under the State Department.

Thank you to DOGE and our hardworking staff who worked very long hours to achieve this overdue and historic reform.

Elon Musk, who is heading up the Department of Government Efficiency, thanked him for his efforts.

“Good working with you,” he said.

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— Elon Musk (@elonmusk) March 10, 2025

The exchange comes amid reports that the two men clashed over the extent of Musk’s proposed spending cuts, as the billionaire businessman seeks to massively cut waste, fraud and abuse and save taxpayers potentially billions of dollars.

However, these claims were later dismissed by the president himself, who insisted the two men are getting along just fine.

“No clash. I was there,” Trump responded to a reporter who asked about the alleged incident.

“You’re just a troublemaker, and you’re not supposed to be asking that question because we’re talking about the World Cup.”

“Elon gets along great with Marco, and they’re both doing a fantastic job,” he added. “There is no clash.”

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The issue of USAID is one of the many Trump policies that have sent Democrats and the liberal media into a tailspin, sparking a wave of lawsuits as they try to salvage what remains of the agency.

In an emergency ruling last week, the Supreme Court upheld a lower court’s decision requiring the administration to release \$2 billion in foreign aid payments already committed through existing contracts.

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