



In Rwanda, a mother hugs her daughter who survived severe malnutrition through the support of a now-terminated CRS program. Photo by Simeon Uwiringiyeyesu for CRS.



# Terminations of CRS Programs will impact human life

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*"We were full of hope ... But then, the U.S. government orders changed everything. Our dreams came to a sudden halt, and the future we had envisioned was taken away from us."*

—Farmer-to-Farmer Program Participant,  
Sudan

## CRS Program Terminations



**69 CRS programs have received termination notices.**



**11 of CRS' now terminated programs previously received humanitarian waivers.**



**Terminations of CRS' programs have impacted over 35 of the countries in which CRS works.**



**Terminations have resulted in significant losses to CRS' U.S. government funding.**

## Terminations of CRS programs will cut off critical aid to more than 11 million people worldwide.

- In Burkina Faso, 43,000 people will not receive emergency kits for shelter; water, hygiene, and sanitation; and basic household needs.
- In Haiti, 4,300 families will not receive support to meet their survival food needs and prevent malnutrition in children and pregnant women.
- In Iraq, 1,205 young men and women, including minority Christians, are not receiving seed money for youth employment projects, which increases the risk for migration and radicalization.
- In the Philippines, household kits cannot be distributed, leaving 3,395 people without blankets, sleeping mats, and cooking-ware after the severe impacts of Typhoon Pepito.

*The Catholic Church has a moral responsibility to respond to the need of our global neighbors. The Church has long seen this charitable, pro-life responsibility as one shared with governmental partners.*

*But U.S. international assistance is not solely charity. It is a strategic investment with profound impacts on life, dignity and global stability. Terminating life-saving programs not only neglects our nation's responsibility but also weakens the very foundations of peace, stability and prosperity.*

***Urge Congress and the Administration to halt and reverse all terminations of lifesaving and life-affirming humanitarian and development assistance until a thorough and transparent review of programs is conducted and to disperse all Congressionally appropriated funds in a timely manner.***