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CUGH Releases White Paper on the Human Impact of Shifting U.S. Global Health Priorities

Washington, DC — The Consortium of Universities for Global Health (CUGH) today released a new working group white paper, *Unraveling Trust: The Human Impact of Shifting U.S. Global Health Priorities*. The report examines the far-reaching effects of abrupt U.S. global health funding changes and provides recommendations for sustaining long-term impact.

Drawing on survey responses from 97 global health professionals representing 47 countries and all six World Health Organization regions, the report documents how recent U.S. funding suspensions disrupted life-saving programs, stalled research, and undermined existing investment in health systems and workforce development. Respondents described widespread loss of trust in the United States as a reliable partner, increased morbidity and mortality in vulnerable communities, and diminished epidemic preparedness and global health security.

The white paper also highlights the substantial benefits that sustained U.S. engagement in global health delivers: strengthened diplomatic relations, scientific advancements, job creation, capacity-building, and improved community health outcomes. The findings underscore that U.S. global health investments are not only humanitarian commitments but also strategic imperatives for national security and international stability.

The report concludes with a call to prioritize stability and accountability in U.S. global health commitments and by calling for stability, transparency, and long-term investment as strategic imperatives for both humanitarian impact and U.S. national security.

The full white paper is available at: [Unraveling Trust: The Human Impact of Shifting U.S. Global Health Priorities](#)

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