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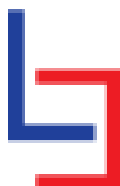
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Logenix' ongoing mission regarding The Global Insider is to ensure it is a valuable resource to our clients and the logistics community at large.

In response to the evolving global landscape and the current status of U.S. foreign assistance, we are refocusing The Global Insider to better address that critical issue. Given the challenges in the humanitarian sector, we believe it is critical to focus on delivering the essential legal and organizational impacts of the current unprecedented events as well as the important global logistics news shaping the freight markets.

We remain committed to innovation and efficiency in global logistics, and we look forward to continuing to serve as a trusted resource during these challenging times.

Thank you,
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FEBRUARY 2025 KEY DEVELOPMENTS

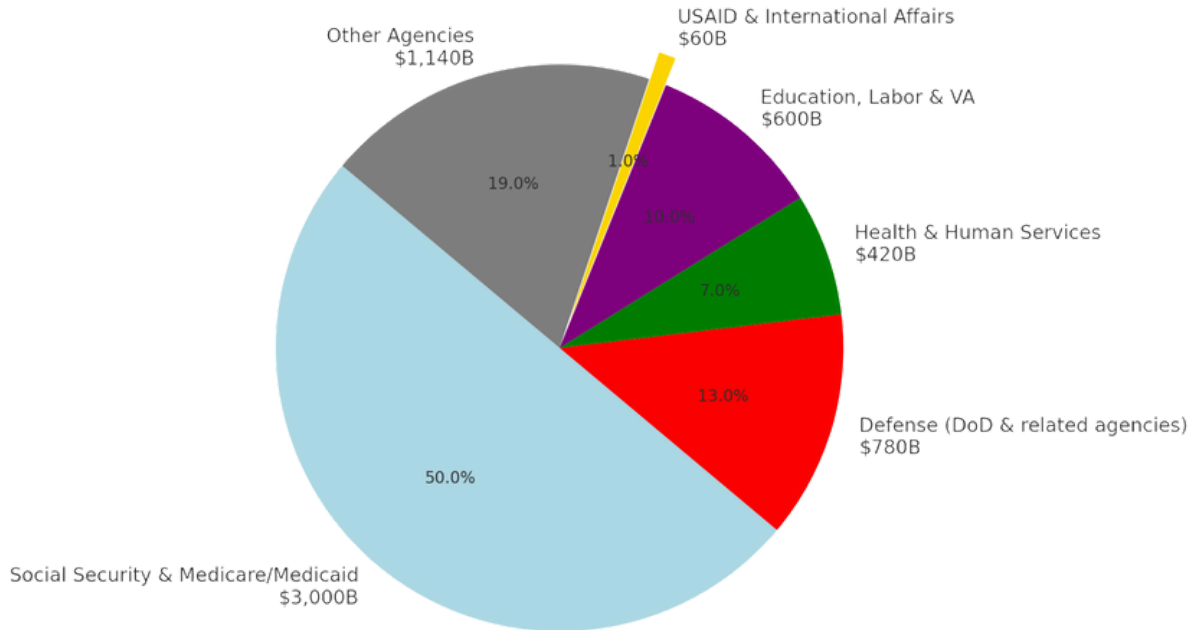
In January 2025, the Trump administration initiated a sweeping review of U.S. foreign aid, leading to the State Department's issuance of a blanket stop-work order on all USAID programs by January 29. The following timeline highlights the key developments of February.

- February 1st** ● The official USAID website goes offline without explanation. [Read more.](#)
- February 3rd** ● Secretary of State Marco Rubio announces he is acting administrator of USAID confirming takeover by State Department. [Read More.](#)
- February 4th** ● It is announced that all USAID employees will be placed on paid leave, with those stationed abroad returning to the U.S. within 30 days. [Read More.](#)
- February 7th** ● A federal judge pauses the Trump Administrations order to place USAID employees on administrative leave. [Read More.](#)
- February 11th** ● Major lawsuit filed by USAID contractors, NGOs challenge the aid freeze. [Read More.](#)
- February 13th** ● More than 800 termination notices have been sent out in the process of ending USAID contracts. [Read More.](#)
- February 19th** ● Memo issued warning staff that speaking to the press could result in dismissal. [Read More.](#)
- February 21st** ● Court extends order lifting Trump administration's foreign aid freeze. [Read More.](#)
- February 24th** ● Trump officials announce they will put 4,700 USAID employees on leave and eliminate 1,600 jobs. [Read More.](#)
- February 26th** ● Judge orders the Trump Administration to release millions in frozen foreign aid. [Read More.](#)
- February 27th** ● Supreme Court pauses order to release billions of dollars in foreign aid. [Read More.](#)



Breakdown of the U.S. Federal Budget by Major Agencies (in \$ Billions)

In Fiscal Year 2024, the US federal government reported a total expenditure of \$6.752 trillion. Of this, USAID received \$32 billion in federal funding, accounting for 0.4% of the entire federal budget. FY 2025 is anticipated to reach nearly \$7.0 trillion.



FY 2024: USAID Spend \$35.4 Billion

\$9.5B goes to Health and Population (27% of spend)

- \$5.4B HIV/AIDS (15%)
- \$1.4B Maternal and Child Health/Family Planning (4%)
- \$730M Malaria (2.1%)
- \$710M Infectious disease (2%)
- \$350M Tuberculosis (0.9%)

The portrayal of USAID's budget in the media as fraught with waste and abuse has been largely based on inaccuracies. These misrepresentations have not only skewed public perception but also precipitated actions that jeopardize critical humanitarian efforts worldwide.

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At the end of 2023:

- 39.9 million people globally were living with HIV and 1.3 million people became newly infected. Over 630,000 people died from AIDS-related illnesses and approximately 30.7 million people were accessing antiretroviral therapy.
- There were over 263 million malaria cases and over 597,000 malaria deaths in 83 countries. Nearly 171 million cases of malaria were treated and over 227 Million Mosquito nets were distributed.
- Approximately 8.2 million people were newly diagnosed with tuberculosis - the highest number recorded since 1995. This represents a notable increase from 7.5 million reported in 2022 placing TB again as the leading infectious disease killer in 2023 surpassing COVID-19. Every year, 1.6 million people die from TB, and 11 million people fall ill with the disease.
- 67% of contraceptives supplied through USAID go to Africa. If no contraceptive care is provided in 2025, studies indicate this could lead to 4.2 million unintended pregnancies and over 8,000 deaths related to pregnancy and childbirth complications.



GLOBAL MARKET UPDATE

2025 began with reduced uncertainty as a U.S. East Coast port strike was averted, and White House trade policies toward China, Canada, and Mexico became clearer despite mixed reception. However, sudden tariff reversals reintroduced volatility, making planning difficult. The threat of U.S. reciprocal tariffs and potential retaliation further destabilizes global trade, forcing shippers to prepare multiple contingencies.

Freight rates began to decline in 2025, with some major trade lane spot rates declining by as much as -22% since January 1 by February. The industry appeared to be well on pace for an overall -30% decline in freight prices predicted by analysts at the time. However, as the sporadic new policy changes combined with the existing woes in the market, experts have been hesitant to characterize the market as anything besides in a volatile state.

Beyond immediate geopolitical disruptions, other long-term changes in the industry demand attention. Environmental regulations, including potential carbon taxation in 2025, could significantly impact costs, while digitalization remains a key driver of efficiency. Additionally, as freight rates eventually decline, index-linked contracts may reshape shipper-carrier relationships, moving away from the cyclical nature of pricing disputes. While headlines focus on immediate crises, industry players must stay mindful of these deeper, structural shifts to avoid being blindsided.

AIR INSIGHTS

- AMERIJET ANNOUNCES IT WILL RESUME FLIGHTS TO PORT AU PRINCE (PAP) IN MARCH FOLLOWING SUCCESSFUL TEST FLIGHTS. FLIGHTS ARE TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED TWICE WEEKLY.
- EMIRATES SKYCARGO RESUMES ITS DAILY SERVICE TO BEIRUT AS OF MID-FEBRUARY. THE CARRIER IS AMONG SEVERAL TO REINSTATE THE DESTINATION OVER THE PAST MONTH.
- VIETNAM AIRLINES INTRODUCES NEW DIRECT FLIGHTS BETWEEN HO CHI MINH (SGN) AND BEIJING (PEK) OPERATING 5 TIMES WEEKLY. SIMULTANEOUSLY THE CARRIER WILL UPGRADE ITS HANOI (HAN)-PEK SERVICE TO DAILY.



OCEAN INSIGHTS

- CMA CGM, MSC, AND ONE, ARE AMONG THE CARRIERS TO ADD NEW ENERGY TRANSITION SURCHARGES. THE SURCHARGE TAKES THE PLACE OF EXISTING EU ETS SURCHARGE, AND COVERS COSTS INCURRED DUE TO BOTH THE EU ETS AND NEW EU FUEL LEGISLATION
- THE NIGERIAN SHIPPERS' COUNCIL WILL IMPLEMENT THE USE OF INTERNATIONAL CARGO TRACKING NOTE (ICTN) BEGINNING IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 2025 FOR ALL SHIPMENTS TO NIGERIA.
- EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 2025, IT WILL BECOME MANDATORY TO OBTAIN AN ACD CERTIFICATE AT THE PORT OF LOADING AND INCLUDE THE NUMBER ON THE BILL OF LADING FOR ALL SHIPMENTS TO YEMEN.
- HAPAG LLOYD ISSUES GENERAL RATE INCREASE (GRI) FOR ALL CARGO FROM ASIA AND OCEANIA TO AFRICA.

Global air cargo tonnages are gradually recovering after a -13% dip during the Lunar New Year. Volumes rebounded with two successive week-on-week increases of about +3%, a milder decline and rebound compared to last year's -20% drop followed by a +15% recovery over two weeks. During the recovery spot rates from Asia Pacific origins have shown modest gains up +2% week-on-week, and +9% year-over-year, even as overall demand remains uncertain.

Worldwide air tonnages remained down -3% over the past two weeks in week 7, due primarily to Lunar New Years, with the Asia Pacific region tonnages declining by -9% during that period. The remaining decline is driven by a -14% drop in tonnage from Central and South America, while all other regions have seen volume increases of at least +1% over the past two weeks. From a year over year perspective, global air cargo chargeable weight was up +3% overall, with all regions flying higher volumes year over year except the Middle East & South Asia (-4%).

Airfreight rates are down -2% year-over-year, driven by a significant -6% rate decline from Asia Pacific origins. Only Africa (+9%), and Middle East & South Asia (+14%) origins experienced rate growth over the past year.



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Industry News

‘Absolutely Ridiculous!’ Bush’s USAID Chief Flips The Script on Musk, Says Agency Was Burdened By Oversight

“Andrew Natsios, the former USAID administrator under President George W. Bush, gave a barn burner of an opening statement in a Congressional hearing on the agency Thursday, saying that ‘the notion that AID is irresponsible in terms of its oversight is utter nonsense.’”

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Maersk Eyes 4% Market Growth in 2025, Uncertainty Over Tariffs and Red Sea

“Maersk (MAERSKb.CO), opens new tab on Thursday said it expects to grow its business to track an expected 4% growth in global container shipping this year, even as profits are set to decline and U.S. President Donald Trump’s tariff threats create uncertainty.”

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Airfreight Rates Rising Gently as Ecommerce Giants Eye New Tradelanes

“Global airfreight rates and volumes are rising gently – but confusion over US ecommerce rules and tariffs mean the data remains hard to read.”

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Emirates SkyCargo, Astral Sign MoU to Boost Trade To and From Africa

“Partnership supports the aims of AfCFTA, and the recently signed UAE-Kenya CEPA agreement.”

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