

Restore Humanity Campaign

Millions of lives are at risk due to devastating cuts in global health funding, threatening essential services for the world's most vulnerable communities. In response, a group in Ireland has come together under the Restore Humanity Campaign, uniting voices to push for action.

KEY ASKS

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LEAD

Ireland must lead with our values - solidarity, human rights and compassion - by using every diplomatic channel to urge the US and European governments to reverse their catastrophic cuts to overseas development aid. We should raise this concern at the highest political levels and reaffirm Ireland's commitment to global health.

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REIMAGINE

We call on the Irish Government to lead in reimagining global health by convening EU and Global South partners to align priorities and mobilise support. In times of austerity, global health, in particular HIV and sexual reproductive health and rights, must be recognised as a pillar of global security.

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REACT

We call on the Irish Government to REACT by committing to immediate action to step up support to prevent disruptions to lifesaving programmes. This includes resourcing key partners and maintaining progress towards the 0.7% ODA target as part of a realigned global health vision.

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IMPACT

We call on the Irish Government and civil society to ensure the voices and stories of those most impacted in the Global South - women and girls denied healthcare, people living with HIV, TB and malaria and communities facing climate and humanitarian crisis are clearly heard.



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LEAD - Ireland Must Show the Moral Courage to Act.

Ireland has a proud tradition of standing on the side of justice, from famine relief in Ethiopia to peace efforts in Gaza. Today, that legacy is being tested. We must lead again - with courage, compassion, and love. We call on Ireland to lead with our values of human rights, solidarity, and compassion, and to act diplomatically to:

- Plug gaps in Irish-led programmes now.
- Use every diplomatic tool to demand the U.S. restore funding and advocate for sustained ODA across the EU.
- Drive an urgent EU-led global health summit for a coordinated response.
- Be a strong voice at the EU to protect development and global health funding.
- Join over 40 countries in the UNAIDS Global Partnership to Fight All Forms of HIV-related Stigma and Discrimination.

REIMAGINE - Global Health and Global Security, Not Global Silence.

Global health security is not a future problem, it's today's burning platform. When disease surveillance collapses, when vaccinations stop, when clinics shut – pandemics gain ground.

Ireland must invest in global health research and innovation, with universal access, building on its scientific leadership and commitment to evidence-based care. This is a chance to build back better. Not a retreat, but a reimagining. Ireland and Europe must reimagine global health funding:

- Protect those Ireland has invested in through ODA, especially adolescents, young women, people living with HIV, and key populations.
- Stop diverting ODA into defence. Development is a key component of global security.
- Introduce debt forgiveness as a tool for resilient health systems.
- Fund community-led care, not militarised agendas.

REACT - Europe Must Not Go Quietly.

The dismantling of USAID is a gag order. A coordinated silencing of civil society. NGOs are threatened: speak up, lose funding. This is an attack not just on health, but truth.

Push back against myths of waste in global health. Most care is delivered by low-paid workers and volunteers. Primarily women in under-resourced clinics. Six million women work unpaid or underpaid in core health roles.

- Coordinate a multi-country response to fill the gap.
- Use Ireland's influence and EU Presidency to make global health a security priority.
- Use Ireland's trusted voice in EU budget negotiations to prioritise ODA with a pillar for health.
- Reinforce that health is a right not a privilege tied to politics.

IMPACT - Without Intervention, Millions Will Die.

This isn't policy paralysis - it's a premeditated collapse of life-saving systems. Millions; children, mothers, entire communities, are being abandoned mid-treatment. Every day, over 220,000 people lose access to HIV treatment. Clinics close, aid convoys stop, staff go unpaid. People are dying now. Not in theory, but in real time. The cuts threaten HIV response and efforts to combat TB, malaria, maternal and child deaths, access to SRHR, and emergency response. We are witnessing the largest rollback of global health support, of human rights, gender equity, and children's rights in modern history, orchestrated through silence and neglect.

This is a chance to build a new compact for global health – one that centres equity, science, and human dignity.



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