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**Question for written answer E-000790/25
to the Commission
Gerald Hauser (Pfe)
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Subject: Cash flows from USAID to the EU during the COVID-19 pandemic

The Trump government recently stopped all payments from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). Elon Musk even described USAID as a criminal organisation, while President Trump claimed that USAID was led by radical lunatics. At his swearing in, the new US Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. stated that his uncle, President John F. Kennedy, had founded USAID on humanitarian grounds in 1961. He added, however, that this organisation had been captured by the military-industrial complex and was now a sinister propagator of totalitarianism and war around the world. According to media reports, billions of euros have been transferred by USAID to the EU in recent years, including to media organisations — for example, in just two years, around USD 1.6 billion was transferred to Germany alone.

1. How much money, and for what purposes, did the Commission, its staff and/or its representatives receive from USAID during the COVID-19 pandemic from 2020 onwards?
2. How much money did the EMA, EFSA and ECDC and their staff/representatives receive from USAID during the COVID-19 pandemic from 2020 onwards and for what purposes?
3. How much money did other EU agencies (e.g. HERA, ECPP) receive from USAID during the COVID-19 pandemic from 2020 onwards?

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**Answer given by Mr Serafin on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission has not received any funding from USAID during the COVID-19 pandemic from 2020 onwards.

The Commission has not received any funds as external assigned revenues from the USAID for the EU budget, the European Development Fund ⁽¹⁾ or the EU Trust Fund ⁽²⁾ after 2020. Nor did the European Medicines Agency (EMA), the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) and the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) receive any funds from the USAID. The Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Authority (HERA) ⁽³⁾, established in September 2021, has not received any funding from the USAID either.

⁽¹⁾ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=LEGISSUM%3Ar12102>.

⁽²⁾ https://international-partnerships.ec.europa.eu/funding-and-technical-assistance/funding-instruments/trust-funds_en.

⁽³⁾ https://health.ec.europa.eu/health-emergency-preparedness-and-response-hera_en.