

# THE GLOBAL GAG RULE

The Global Gag Rule is a U.S. foreign policy that prohibits foreign non-governmental organizations (NGOs) that receive certain U.S. foreign assistance funding from advocating for abortions or providing abortions. Despite that fact that no U.S. money ever goes to abortion services, the Global Gag rule means that orgs that receive U.S. International aid for other reasons-- like maternal health, HIV prevention, or basic health-- can't so much as educate their communities on safe abortion. Even though an organization is using non-U.S. funding for such activities, they will lose their U.S. funding if they offer counseling, advocate for legal reform, provide abortions, or even provide referrals at any time.

## THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION'S GLOBAL GAG RULE WILL:

- Contribute to an estimated 6.5 million unintended pregnancies, 2.1 million unsafe abortions, and 21,700 maternal deaths
- Apply to nearly \$9 billion in funding
- Prevent the introduction of new, effective contraceptive options
- End funding for voluntary family planning consultations and services for young people, including girls living with HIV and AIDS

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## DATA SHOWS THAT THE GLOBAL GAG RULE DOES NOT DECREASE ABORTIONS: IT INCREASES THEM.

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## CONSEQUENCES OF THE GLOBAL GAG RULE:

- Limits funding for international health programs, such as HIV, maternal and child health, malaria, family planning, and Zika
- Women and girls lose access to contraception
- Increase-- not decrease-- in abortion rates
- Health clinics will close
- Prevents women and girls from accessing safe abortion consistent with laws in their countries
- Rural communities will have decreased access to healthcare  
threatens the effectiveness and speed of humanitarian aid