

Trump Pulls WHO Funding, Says Organization ‘Must Be Held Accountable’

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President Donald Trump made it official Tuesday that the administration was halting money to the World Health Organization, the international body that said in January that COVID-19 could not be spread by human-to-human contact, and praised China’s response to the virus.

“Our countries are now experiencing—look all over the world—tremendous death and economic devastation because those tasked with protecting us by being truthful and transparent failed to do so,” Trump said. “It would have been so easy to be truthful. And so much death has been caused by their mistakes. We will continue to engage with the WHO to see if it can make meaningful reforms.”



Trump said funding will be stopped during a review of the organization.

“American taxpayers provide between \$400 million and \$500 million per year to the WHO. In contrast, China contributes roughly \$40 million per year, and even less,” Trump said. “As the organization’s leading sponsor, the United States has a duty to insist on full accountability.”

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