



## 1: Department of Defense (DoD)

**Organization type:** Federal Department  
**Headed by:** Secretary of Defense  
**Reports to:** President of the United States

**Health-related mission:** The DoD's Department of Health Affairs is responsible for the health of the United States fighting force, as well as health benefits for active-duty members, retirees, survivors, and their families.  
**Health-related programs:** Army, Navy, and Air Force medical systems, including field units and fixed hospitals; TRICARE, the military health insurance system; research related to casualty care, chemical and biological warfare defense, and infectious disease. The DoD also helps coordinate national strategies for epidemic control and participates in national responses to disasters.

## 3: Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

**Organization type:** Federal Department  
**Headed by:** Secretary of Veterans Affairs • **Reports to:** President of the United States  
**Health-related mission:** To provide health care for veterans and their families.

**Health-related programs:** Through the Veterans' Health Administration, the VA offers medical, surgical, and rehabilitative care to veterans and their spouses and children.

## 4: Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

**Organization type:** Federal Department  
**Headed by:** Secretary of Housing and Urban Development • **Reports to:** President of the United States  
**Health-related mission:** In the context of supporting community development and increasing home ownership, HUD works to ensure that homes in its programs are free of health hazards, especially for children.  
**Health-related programs:** HUD's Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control works with state and local governments to address housing-related problems affecting children's health, including lead-based paint, moisture, and mold.

## 2a: Food and Nutrition Service (FNS)

**Organization type:** Federal Agency  
**Headed by:** Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services  
**Reports to:** Secretary of Agriculture  
**Health-related mission:** To increase food security and reduce hunger in the United States.  
**Health-related programs:** FNS administers a number of programs aimed at providing children and low-income people with access to food, a healthy diet, and nutrition education. These programs include the Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC), the Food Stamp Program (FSP), and School Meals.

## 2b: Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS)

**Organization type:** Federal Agency  
**Headed by:** Under Secretary for Food Safety • **Reports to:** Secretary of Agriculture  
**Health-related mission:** To ensure that the nation's supply of meat, poultry, and egg products is safe, wholesome, and correctly labeled and packaged.  
**Health-related programs:** FSIS programs include food inspection, food safety education, food recalls, food security, and emergency preparedness.

to those who are least able to help themselves.

**Health-related programs:** HHS runs more than 300 health programs in areas including insurance, research, education, financial assistance, and emergency preparedness. Many of these programs are administered through state and local agencies.

## 5a: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

**Organization type:** Public Health Service Agency • **Headed by:** CMS Administrator • **Reports to:** Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS)  
**Health-related mission:** To provide health care security for beneficiaries of its programs.  
**Health-related programs:** CMS administers the Medicare program and works in partnership with state governments to administer the Medicaid program as well as the State Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

## 5b: Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

**Organization type:** Public Health Service Agency • **Headed by:** Commissioner of Food and Drugs  
**Reports to:** Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS)  
**Health-related mission:** To ensure the safety, efficacy, and security of drugs; medical devices; the nation's food supply; cosmetics; and products that emit radiation.  
**Health-related programs:** Through eight centers, the FDA conducts inspections on food, drugs, and cosmetics and, when necessary, imposes legal sanctions; conducts toxicology research; approves drugs and cosmetics; and examines blood bank operations.

## 5c: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

**Organization type:** Public Health Service Agency • **Headed by:** CDC Director • **Reports to:** Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS)  
**Health-related mission:** To protect people's health and safety and to provide health information within the United States and throughout the world.  
**Health-related programs:** Through more than a dozen programs, the CDC conducts research, training, and

information dissemination in the areas of infectious disease, immunization, cancer, chronic disease, workplace health and safety, environmental health, global health, and public health.

## 5d: National Institutes of Health (NIH)

**Organization type:** Public Health Service Agency • **Headed by:** NIH Director • **Reports to:** Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS)  
**Health-related mission:** To conduct and support medical research.  
**Health-related programs:** NIH comprises 27 institutes and centers that conduct and financially support research into human diseases; environmental contaminants; and mental, addictive, and physical disorders in the United States and throughout the world. NIH also directs programs for the collection and exchange of medical and health information.

## 5e: 8 Other Public Health Service Agencies

**Organization type:** Public Health Service Agencies • **Headed by:** Assistant Secretaries, Directors, and Administrators • **Report to:** Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS)  
**Health-related mission:** To improve the quality, safety, efficiency, effectiveness, and availability of healthcare for all Americans.  
**Health-related programs:** These agencies run research, assessment, care, and education programs relating to older persons, children, and families, as well as hazardous substances, mental health, and substance abuse.

## 5f: Office of Public Health Emergency Preparedness (OPHEP)

**Organization type:** Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) • **Headed by:** Assistant Secretary for Public Health Emergency Preparedness • **Reports to:** Secretary of Health and Human Services  
**Health-related mission:** To ensure a speedy and effective national response to public health emergencies.  
**Health-related programs:** OPHEP serves as the principal advisory office to the HHS secretary on public health emergencies. OPHEP also coordinates

interagency activities between HHS, other federal departments and agencies, and state and local officials responsible for emergency preparedness. These activities include research and mass-casualty planning.

## 5g: Office of Global Health Affairs (OGHA)

**Organization type:** Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) • **Headed by:** OGHA Director • **Reports to:** Secretary of Health and Human Services  
**Health-related mission:** To promote health throughout the world by advancing HHS's global strategies and partnerships.  
**Health-related programs:** OGHA develops U.S. policy and strategy positions on global health issues, leads and coordinates certain bilateral programs, facilitates cooperation by the Public Health Service Agencies with the Agency for International Development (USAID), and provides guidance on refugee health policy issues.

## 6: Office of National AIDS Policy

**Organization Type:** Office of the White House • **Headed by:** Director of the Office of National AIDS Policy  
**Reports to:** The White House  
**Health-related mission:** To assist the White House in focusing and coordinating the many federal government programs, both domestic and international, targeted at prevention, care and treatment of HIV/AIDS. The office also serves as a central point of contact for advocacy groups seeking to reach the President.  
**Health-related programs:** N/A

## 7: Department of State

**Organization type:** Federal Department • **Headed by:** Secretary of State • **Reports to:** President of the United States and United States Congress  
**Health-related mission:** To protect the U.S., its allies, and friends against the transnational dangers and threats posed by poverty and disease.  
**Health-related programs:** The Department of State's health-related programs are limited to overseeing the spending of U.S. resources committed to HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment, and

care and to reducing the threat of famine by working through USAID to provide humanitarian assistance in disaster situations around the world.

## 7a: Office of the Under Secretary for Democracy and Global Affairs

**Organization type:** Office of the Secretary of State • **Headed by:** Under Secretary for Democracy and Global Affairs • **Reports to:** Secretary of State  
**Health-related mission:** To coordinate U.S. foreign relations on population, refugees, migration, and women's issues.  
**Health-related programs:** The Office holds primary responsibility for formulating U.S. policy on population, refugees, and migration, and for administering U.S. refugee assistance and admissions programs. It also supports programs that increase women's and girls' access to health care around the world, particularly in conflict-ridden areas.

## 7b: Office of the Global AIDS Coordinator (OGAC)

**Organization type:** Office of the Secretary of State • **Headed by:** U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator  
**Reports to:** Secretary of State  
**Health-related mission:** To lead implementation of the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR). PEPFAR's mission is to work with leaders throughout the world to combat HIV/AIDS, promoting integrated prevention, treatment, and care.  
**Health-related programs:** OGAC leads the U.S. government's international HIV/AIDS efforts. It ensures program and policy coordination among agencies and departments; resolves policy, program, and funding disputes; and directly approves all activities of the U.S. relating to combating HIV/AIDS in PEPFAR's 15 focus countries.

## 7c: Office of the Under Secretary for Political Affairs

**Organization type:** Office of the Secretary of State • **Headed by:** Under Secretary for Political Affairs  
**Reports to:** Secretary of State  
**Health-related mission:** To promote U.S. interests throughout the world by improving standards of health and providing assistance to populations affected by conflict or disaster.

**Health-related programs:** The Office oversees all the activities of the seven State Department regional bureaus and the Bureau for International Organization Affairs (IO). Through these bureaus, the Office develops and implements U.S. policy in the United Nations, works to improve standards of health and eradicate major diseases, and organizes humanitarian assistance to refugees, displaced persons, and victims of disasters.

## 8: Department of Labor (DOL)

**Organization type:** Federal Department • **Headed by:** Secretary of Labor • **Reports to:** President of the United States  
**Health-related mission:** To ensure the safety and health of America's workers.  
**Health-related programs:** Through the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA), the DOL sets and enforces compliance with mandatory safety and health standards in workplaces and mines. The DOL also provides training, outreach, and health and safety education to employers and employees.

## 9: Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC)

**Organization type:** Government Corporation • **Headed by:** MCC Chief Executive Officer • **Reports to:** Secretary of State  
**Health-related mission:** To support health-related programs in developing countries working to achieve economic growth and reduce poverty.  
**Health-related programs:** The MCC, established in 2004, administers the Millennium Challenge Account, which provides financial assistance to developing countries recognized by the U.S. as ruling justly, investing in their people, and encouraging economic freedom. The MCC funds health-related programs that fit within a given country's overall growth and poverty reduction strategy.

## 10: Office of the Permanent Representative to the United Nations (USUN)

**Organization type:** Federal Mission  
**Headed by:** Permanent Representative to the United Nations • **Reports to:** Secretary of State

**Health-related mission:** To assist the U.S. president and the Department of State in conducting United States policy, including that relating to global health, at the United Nations.

**Health-related programs:** The USUN represents the United States at the United Nations. Its organization mirrors that of the UN. Its Economic and Social Affairs section spans a spectrum of topics including health, disease eradication, food, population, and refugees. The USUN keeps the Department of State and the president informed on UN action on these topics and makes recommendations for U.S. policy.

## 11: African Development Foundation (ADF)

**Organization type:** Independent Federal Agency and Public Corporation  
**Headed by:** ADF President  
**Reports to:** President of the United States and United States Congress  
**Health-related mission:** To support innovative, local institutions in Africa dedicated to stemming the spread of HIV/AIDS and mitigating its social and economic impact (and thus contributing to PEPFAR, the president's special initiative to combat the pandemic in Africa).  
**Health-related programs:** In the context of its programs that assist small-scale enterprises and grassroots organizations, ADF financially supports HIV/AIDS prevention and mitigation projects conceived by local African non-governmental organizations (NGOs) that respond to immediate needs and concerns.

## 12: Peace Corps

**Organization type:** Independent Federal Agency • **Headed by:** Peace Corps Director • **Reports to:** President of the United States and United States Congress  
**Health-related mission:** To help people in other countries meet their need for men and women with medical and health-related training.  
**Health-related programs:** The Peace Corps sends volunteers to countries in need of specific services. In the health arena, these services are concentrated around HIV/AIDS. Volunteers in HIV/AIDS education and prevention run programs that provide training as well as support to people and areas affected

by the disease. Volunteers also work on basic health care issues with local organizations.

## 13: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

**Organization type:** Independent Federal Agency • **Headed by:** EPA Administrator • **Reports to:** President of the United States and United States Congress  
**Health-related mission:** To create a cleaner and healthier environment in the United States.  
**Health-related programs:** The EPA develops and enforces environmental regulations; offers financial assistance to states, nonprofit organizations, and educational institutions carrying out scientific research on environmental issues with an impact on health; performs environmental research; and publishes policy and scientific information.

## 14: Agency for International Development (USAID)

**Organization type:** Independent Federal Agency • **Headed by:** USAID Administrator • **Reports to:** President of the United States, Secretary of State, and United States Congress  
**Health-related mission:** To support long-term and equitable economic growth and advance U.S. foreign policy objectives by supporting global health.  
**Health-related programs:** Through its headquarters, field offices, and contracts with non-governmental agencies (NGOs), USAID offers assistance to developing countries in the areas of population growth, disease control, women's reproductive rights, infant and child health, and disaster relief. This assistance includes technical assistance, training and scholarships, infrastructure construction, small-enterprise loans, budget support, and credit guarantees.

## 14a: 4 Regional Bureaus

**Organization type:** Agency Bureaus  
**Headed by:** Assistant Administrators  
**Report to:** USAID Administrator  
**Health-related mission:** To protect public health and reduce the spread of HIV/AIDS by reducing poverty and increasing quality of life through locally led development.  
**Health-related programs:** The regional bureaus for Africa, Asia, and the Near East, Latin America and the Caribbean,

and Europe and Eurasia design, implement, and evaluate USAID's health programs. These include programs focused on HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment, infectious disease control, family planning, and maternal health and nutrition.

## 14b: Bureau for Global Health (GH)

**Organization type:** Agency Bureau  
**Headed by:** Assistant Administrator  
**Reports to:** USAID Administrator  
**Health-related mission:** To align resources with identified public health and development needs, and to influence the global health priorities of the U.S. private sector, U.S.-based foundations, other donor organizations, and host-country governments.  
**Health-related programs:** The Bureau provides grants, contracts, and technical expertise in the areas of child and maternal health and nutrition, HIV/AIDS, infectious disease, family planning, and reproductive health. It also provides field offices with the technical and logistical support needed to carry out their health programs.

## 14c: Bureau for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance (DCHA)

**Organization type:** Agency Bureau  
**Headed by:** Assistant Administrator  
**Reports to:** USAID Administrator  
**Health-related mission:** To convert crisis situations into opportunities to promote peace, economic growth, and good health.  
**Health-related programs:** DCHA coordinates USAID's programs in international disaster assistance and food aid, helps develop policy and programs to assist countries transitioning out of crisis, and assists U.S. private volunteer health organizations and American hospitals abroad to develop their local capacity. It also helps fund the transport of medical supplies and programs that provide war victims with prosthetics.



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