
US Pledges \$1.8 Billion for Global Humanitarian Aid



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WASHINGTON – The United States has announced an additional \$1.8 billion in humanitarian funding to support UN-led relief operations worldwide, reinforcing efforts to respond to global crises, officials said on Thursday.

US envoy to the United Nations Mike Waltz said the funding would strengthen humanitarian

delivery while advancing reforms aimed at improving accountability, efficiency, and long-term impact.

“We are thrilled today, again with (US State Department) Under Secretary Jeremy Lewin and Under Secretary General Tom Fletcher, to announce an additional \$1.8 billion in humanitarian funding,” Waltz said at a news conference.

“These funds will save more lives around the world but also drive forward the reforms that we put in place for efficiency, accountability, and lasting impact,” he added.

In a statement released by his spokesperson, UN Secretary-General António Guterres welcomed the announcement, saying the funding “will allow humanitarians to reach millions in the most urgent crises with lifesaving support.”

The announcement comes as UN agencies face rising humanitarian needs driven by conflict, displacement, and climate-related disasters. Officials said the funding will be directed toward UN relief programs and emergency response efforts across regions, focusing on rapid deployment and improved aid effectiveness.