



Discussion Questions

1. What does this case reveal about the strengths and weaknesses of the current global health system? Should there be more formal international agreements to prevent abrupt disruptions in critical health funding?
2. A health researcher in the story notes that the cuts reveal how dependent Uganda is on foreign aid. What are the risks and benefits of this kind of dependency for developing health systems?
3. What responsibilities, if any, do wealthy nations have to fund health programs in other countries? How should governments balance domestic priorities with international humanitarian commitments?
4. The report mentions that exemptions for “life-saving humanitarian assistance” were unclear. How can ambiguity in policy design affect real-world outcomes, especially in healthcare delivery?
5. What role do disease surveillance and data systems play in responding to public health crises like the one described? How might funding disruptions weaken these systems?