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Women wait for a medical consultation at a health center in Bogo, Cameroon, on Sept. 2.

# Officials: U.S. aid cuts curtail malaria fight

## Babies die in Cameroon amid shortage of medicine, health workers

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REUTERS

BOGO, Cameroon – Nine-month-old baby Mohamat burned with fever for three days before his family took him to the closest health center in northern Cameroon, but it was too late. He died of malaria that day.

Mohamat's death was part of a spike this year in malaria fatalities that local health officials attribute to foreign aid cuts by the United States.

Before the cuts, Mohamat might have been diagnosed earlier by one of more than 2,000 U.S.-funded community health workers who would travel over rough dirt roads to reach the region's remotest villages.

And at the health center, he might have been treated with injectable artesunate, a life-saving drug for severe malaria paid for by U.S. funds that is now in short supply. But the center had none to give out.

Reuters traveled to northern Cameroon – where the United States had played a leading role in the malaria response for nearly a decade – to document how the sudden cuts are contrib-



A worker unloads boxes of the drug artesunate in a warehouse in Maroua, Cameroon, on Sept. 2. The life-saving drug for severe malaria, paid for by U.S. funds, is now in short supply. PHOTOS BY DESIRE DANGA ESSIGUE/REUTERS

The Trump administration says it is reforming foreign aid that did not align with its “America First” agenda, and Secretary of State Marco Rubio has said repeatedly that no one has died as a result of the cuts.

uting to delayed malaria diagnoses, inadequate treatment and a growing number of deaths. This story is based on interviews with more than 20 doctors, nurses, community health workers, residents and former U.S. officials involved in malaria programming.

Mohamat's father, sorghum and banana farmer Alhadji Madou Goni, is mourning a son he had hoped would

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# Duffy: Air travel could slow to ‘trickle’

## USDA orders states to reverse SNAP payments

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USA TODAY

Travelers across the country scrambled to reach their destinations on Nov. 9 as thousands of flights were delayed or canceled on the third consecutive day of government-mandated flight reductions amid the ongoing shutdown.

Meanwhile, the U.S. Department of Agriculture ordered states to roll back any efforts to provide full food aid benefits to low-income Americans, or risk financial penalties.

More than 6,000 flights within, into, or out of the United States had been delayed, and over 1,800 flights had been canceled by the afternoon of Nov. 9, according to FlightAware.

Delta, SkyWest, and Southwest were among the most affected carriers, while Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta and

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# Justices could revisit same-sex marriage

## Alito raises doubts on overturning precedent

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USA TODAY

The Supreme Court is debating taking up a case challenging the decade-old decision that legalized same-sex marriage in the United States.

The Nov. 7 deliberations were closed-door, but the court could announce its decision to take up the case as early as Nov. 10.

The case centers on former Kentucky county clerk Kim Davis, who who appealed to the high court after she was ordered to pay a gay couple \$100,000 for refusing to marry them in 2015. She argued that performing the

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