

A woman with glasses and a young girl with braids are looking at a paper craft together. The woman is wearing a dark top with a patterned scarf. The girl is wearing a pink shirt and a green patterned vest. They are in a classroom or workshop setting with shelves in the background. The image has a teal overlay.

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Faros, a member of ACT Alliance, is deeply concerned about the United States administration's decision to terminate grants from the Department of State's Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration. This decision has directly impacted an active U.S.-funded Faros program in Athens, Greece, which provided essential educational and developmental support to refugee children with learning disabilities.

The abrupt termination of this grant agreement, which would have provided critical resources, leaves vulnerable children at Faros without the support they desperately need.

We received this news with great disappointment, as Faros has been a close partner of the U.S. Embassy in Athens for almost a decade and is a two-time recipient of the State Department's Julia Taft Award. Furthermore, we had the honor of having the U.S. Ambassador to Greece at the time, George J. Tsunis, deliver the opening speech at the inauguration of Faros' Non-Formal School for Refugee Children in 2023.

At Faros, we firmly believe in every child's right to education and inclusion, regardless of their background or circumstances. The recent actions of the U.S. administration undermine these basic rights and are at odds with the fundamental values of love, compassion, and justice that guide our mission. Our commitment to serving unaccompanied refugee children—who are among the most vulnerable populations—remains unwavering.

With this statement, we also issue a call for support to donors and partners to help bridge this unexpected funding gap and ensure that refugee children with learning disabilities at Faros continue to receive the care and education they deserve.

Read more about Faros' educational programs: www.faros-school.org

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