

# Claim

Claim: "E! News reported that the United States Agency Aid and Development (USAID) paid millions for celebrities to visit Ukraine."

# Actions

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web_search("E! News USAID Ukraine celebrities")
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# Evidence

## Evidence from web\_search

Several news outlets, including the BBC (<https://www.bbc.com/12w10jwpo>) and The Hollywood Reporter (<https://www.hollywoodreporter.com/news/politics-news/fake-online-usaid-paid-hollywood-stars-debunked-1236129713/>), debunked a video alleging that USAID paid Hollywood celebrities to visit Ukraine. The BBC identified the video as part of a Russian disinformation campaign.

Vanity Fair ([https://www.vanityfair.com/hollywood/story/ben-stiller-denies-elon-musks-retweet-claiming-usaid-funded-the-stars-trip-to-ukraine?srsltid=AfmBOooGw1dpqnug2OYCP6ztL\\_oyb-nbLtgTwlK9XIbCoPDkIdmO6uAz](https://www.vanityfair.com/hollywood/story/ben-stiller-denies-elon-musks-retweet-claiming-usaid-funded-the-stars-trip-to-ukraine?srsltid=AfmBOooGw1dpqnug2OYCP6ztL_oyb-nbLtgTwlK9XIbCoPDkIdmO6uAz)) reported that Ben Stiller denied the claims, and the UNHCR confirmed that Stiller self-funded his trip. The video falsely claimed that celebrities like Angelina Jolie, Sean Penn, and Ben Stiller received payments.

# Elaboration

The evidence indicates that the claim is false. Multiple sources, including the BBC and The Hollywood Reporter, debunked the video that made the allegation. The video was identified as part of a Russian disinformation campaign. Furthermore, Ben Stiller denied the claims, and the UNHCR confirmed that Stiller self-funded his trip.

# Final Judgement

The claim that E! News reported USAID paid celebrities to visit Ukraine is false. Multiple sources, including the BBC and The Hollywood Reporter, debunked the video that made this allegation, identifying it as part of a Russian disinformation campaign. Ben Stiller denied the claims, and the UNHCR confirmed that he self-funded his trip.

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**Verdict: FALSE**

## Justification

The claim is false. Multiple sources, including the BBC (<https://www.bbc.com/12w10jwpo>) and The Hollywood Reporter (<https://www.hollywoodreporter.com/news/politics-news/fake-online-usaid-paid-hollywood-stars-debunked-1236129713/>), debunked the

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