

Pact disburses K300m for Aids fight

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Pact Malawi with funds from the United States Emergency Plan for Aids Relief (Pepfar) on Tuesday disbursed grants worth over K336 million (US\$2,618,118) to 13 local organisations to implement HIV and Aids activities.

The US government through Pact Malawi officially presented symbolic cheques at Natherenje Trading Centre in Lilongwe.

Pact Malawi chief of party Mathew Tiedemann said his organisation was encouraged by the country's willing and committed leadership at national and local level in combating the HIV and Aids.

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(Usaid/Malawi Mission director Curt Reintsma pledged continued support from the US government towards combating HIV and Aids.

"We have dedicated to support both Government of Malawi and the National Aids Commission in the fight against HIV and Aids," said Reintsma.

Secretary for Nutrition HIV and Aids in the Office of President and Cabinet Mary Shawa warned the recipient organisations against abusing the funds.

"We are working hand in hand with the Anti Corruption Bureau to ensure that money meant for fighting HIV and Aids does not go into pockets of selfish individuals," said Shawa.