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USAID disposes \$1.2 mln to local NGO's

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ADDIS ABEBA- USAID-Agriculture and Trade Expansion Program (ATEP) on Tuesday donated 1.2 million USD to 12 local NGOs which are working on HIV/AIDS prevention, care and support services here.

USAID-ATEP was recently awarded PEPFAR fund in order to incorporate a comprehensive HIV/AIDS prevention, care and support package into its current program in 34 woredas of regional states in 107 associations.

ATEP is a five-year initiative of the USAID to strengthen industry sectors in Ethiopia: horticulture; coffee; hides, skin and leather; and oilseeds and pulses.

For the coming two years ATEP-Health program activities will focus on HIV/AIDS prevention, care and support to the clients of the project and their families and neighbors spread in 34 woredas of the regional states where USAID-ATEP is currently active: Amhara, Tigray, Oromia and SNNPR, said. Asalif Demissie, USAID-ATEP Health

Sector Manager at the HIV/AIDS prevention, care and support program orientation meeting held at Pacific Hotel here.

The ATEP program works with smallholder farmers, processors, exporters and traders engaged in the main agro-industrial sectors of Ethiopia in four regions.

ATEP-Health has implements a strategic approach of capacity building for local NGOs, Behavioral Change Communication (BCC), and

holistic, family-centered approach as well as focusing on the gender issue.

The 12 local NGOs which are beneficiaries of the fund are: Concern (Chadet Kombolcha and WAA Dessie Zuria), CVM Gondar Branch, O SSA Bahirdar Branch, Mums for Mums, Tigray youth Association, Kulich Youth Reproductive Health Development Organization, O SSA Jimma Branch, Abebech Gobena, Medanaact Dilla Branch, Medanaact Hawassa Branch, Jimma Bonga Catholic Relief Secretariat.

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