

Is PEPFAR about to run out of money? Devex, 2 April 2026

Empty coffers

Sudan is far from the only country that aid cuts have stretched thin. The [U.S. State Department](#) has transferred less than half of the money to the [U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) that it normally does, according to an analysis reviewed by Devex contributor Andrew Green — and while State has told CDC to continue its HIV programs, **the department has provided no new money to do so** (including the several billions recently earmarked by Congress for this very purpose).

“How come CDC isn’t getting any money if there’s actually money that’s been appropriated for global health?” asks **K.J. Seung**, a physician and global health expert who conducted the analysis alongside [Partners in Health’s Vincent Lin](#).

Today’s state of play is better than what many were expecting: CDC was originally told that many HIV programs funded by the U.S. would be shuttering by the end of March. But while **those awards have now been given a three-month extension**, [there’s no new money to go along with that promise](#) — creating a situation similar to the State Department’s “waivers” for lifesaving humanitarian aid last year.

“We’re not sure of the future,” says **Joel Sendi**, the programs director of the Masaka KP HIV Prevention and Support Organization, a Ugandan organization that holds a CDC award. “Are you going to get funding after two or three months? We’re just there, worried. You’re not sure of the program’s continuity. You’re always worried that things are going to change.”

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