



# Project Launched to Improve Access to HIV Drugs in East Africa

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An alliance of renowned organizations has launched the East African Community Medicines Registration Harmonization Project to improve access to quality HIV drugs in East Africa, UNAIDS reports. The project hopes to tackle challenges such as poor finances, insufficient infrastructure, weak medicine legislation and drawn-out drug approval processes. It will also encourage local production of meds and African control of development investments. Currently, 80 percent of antiretrovirals in Africa come from abroad, and two-thirds of all AIDS expenditures in Africa come from outside sources. The alliance includes the New Partnership for Africa's Development, the World Health Organization, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the World Bank, the U.K. Department for International Development and the Clinton Health Access Initiative.

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