HIV/AIDS Funding Does Not Weaken Services for Other Illnesses

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Even though HIV/AIDS receives more donor funding globally than all other diseases combined, the imbalance does not undermine the health care services for other illnesses, according to a study published in the American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene. For the study, researchers with Brandeis University in Massachusetts investigated health clinics in Rwanda during a six-year period. The evidence showed that clinics that received funding for HIV/AIDS services provided better overall care for all patients, including preventive care and childhood vaccinations. In addition, funding for HIV/AIDs may have a spillover effect in terms of improving overall quality of care.

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