$80M Boost From Gates Foundation for HIV Prevention in India

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The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) increased its commitment to fund HIV prevention in India by $80 million, *The Times of India* reports. This new funding increases the previous commitment of $258 million to $338 million.

According to the article, the increase comes among criticism that Avahan—the BMGF HIV prevention initiative in India—has not made a lasting impact and that BMGF plans to hand Avahan over to the National AIDS Control Organization (NACO), a government-run agency.

BMGF officials told the Times that current research would measure how Avahan has affected HIV prevention. They also explained that transitioning control of the program to NACO was always part of their long-term planning.

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