Cambodia Aims to Lower HIV Rate to 0.6% in 2010

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Cambodia's government is allocating U.S. $45 million to $50 million per year to ensure its HIV infection rate drops to 0.6 percent in 2010, the Xinhua News Agency reports. HIV prevalence has been declining among Cambodia's general population in recent years, with a rate of 0.7 percent in 2008, down from 0.9 percent in 2006.

Through the treatment and prevention efforts of the Cambodian government as well as nongovernmental organizations, 93 percent of people living with HIV in the country have sought out treatment and about 90 percent of sex workers are using condoms. In addition, according to the article, more than 90 percent of sex workers, same-sex partners and injection drug users report that they are aware of HIV/AIDS.

The latest statistics show that 100,000 Cambodians to date have died from AIDS-related illnesses.

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