Circumcision Goal Unmet in Swaziland

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An HIV prevention program to circumcise 80 percent of males ages 15 to 49 in Swaziland within a year falls far short of its goal, IRIN reports. Launched in 2010, the Accelerated Saturation Initiative is a partnership between the health and social welfare ministry and the Futures Group, a U.S.–based international development firm. The initiative was extended to 2012 when early efforts were not succeeding. To date, the program has circumcised about 20 percent of its target population. About $15 million was spent on the program. Swazi health officials are still trying to figure out what went wrong.

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