Global Warming and the AIDS Pandemic

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Climate change may be the latest obstacle in the fight against HIV/AIDS, indirectly making people in developing countries more vulnerable to infection, Australian news website The Age reports (news.theage.com.au, 4/29).

In addition, researchers note that people already living with the virus may become more susceptible to opportunistic infections resulting from shifting climates.

“Climate change will lead to food scarcity and poorer nutrition, putting people with perilous immune systems at more risk of dying of HIV, as well as contracting and transmitting new and unusual infections,” said Professor David Cooper, director of the National Centre in HIV Epidemiology and Clinical Research.

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