HIV Prevalence Drops to 5.6% in Kenya

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HIV prevalence in Kenya, which in 2007 was 7.2 percent, dropped to 5.6 percent in 2012, AllAfrica reports. Although officials are pleased with the drop, they have expressed concern that the reductions may not be sustainable unless Kenya reduces its reliance on donor funding for its HIV/AIDS programs. Officials attribute the drop to treatment as prevention, which asserts that people on effective antiretroviral (ARV) treatment are virtually noninfectious. More than 70 percent of Kenyans with HIV who have a CD4 count of 350 or lower are on ARVs—and 80 percent of them are virally suppressed.

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