Brazil’s President to Build HIV Drug Factory in Mozambique

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Brazil’s President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva visited Mozambique on October 16 to launch a project to manufacture generic antiretroviral medications there, Agence France-Presse reports.

According to the article, Brazil—a country widely heralded for its success in treating and preventing HIV—will invest $23 million to build the factory that will manufacture eight HIV-fighting medications. Production of the generic drugs is scheduled to begin before the end of 2009.

Mozambique’s HIV prevalence among 16- to 19-year-olds is estimated at more than 16 percent, according to figures from the southeast African nation.

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