New HIV Pediatric Cases Fall by 50% in Sub-Saharan Africa

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A new report shows that seven countries in sub-Saharan Africa have reduced new HIV cases among children by 50 percent since 2009, according to a statement by the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), which authored the report. The countries include Botswana, Ethiopia, Ghana, Malawi, Namibia, South Africa and Zambia. The United Republic of Tanzania and Zimbabwe also are making substantial progress. However, only half of all breast-feeding HIV-positive women or their children receive antiretroviral treatment to prevent mother-to-child transmission of the virus.

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