

Researcher: HIV decreasing under PEPFAR in Africa

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(AP) -- The president of the International AIDS Society says new research indicates the incidence of HIV is decreasing in African countries helped by George W. Bush's AIDS initiative.

Thousands of [AIDS](#) experts at an international AIDS conference cheered Sunday when Dr. Julio Montaner announced the result, saying it is from a yet-to-be published analysis of the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, called PEPFAR.

Bush's pet project is credited with saving millions of lives. It focused on the worst-hit African countries.

Montaner said: "My research team was able to document a decrease in [HIV](#) incidence among PEPFAR focus countries, when compared with non-focus countries, in [Africa](#)."

He gave no details and it was not immediately possible to get comment from other experts.

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