

Free Circumcision Project

Suriname has launched a three-month pilot project offering free circumcisions in a bid to cut sexually transmitted diseases.

Circumcision "could also minimize the risk of HIV infection," Health Minister Celsius Waterberg said, adding the project would run in the capital city, Paramaribo.

Some two percent of the Suriname population is HIV-infected, about 10,000 people, and the project aims to carry out the operations on 100 men aged between four and 21 years old over the next three months.

If successful then the project will spread nationwide, Waterberg said. Source: Caribbean News Net