



BBC report “The people of the farming community of Roka in Cambodia are living through exactly the nightmare scenario that the World Health Organisation wants to stamp out with a new policy on syringes. In wooden huts and farmhouses dotted among paddy fields, families are struggling to cope with the bombshell of a sudden and frightening mass infection of HIV.

Reuse of syringes leads to HIV outbreak in Cambodian farming community

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To the astonishment and shock of this rural backwater, babies, schoolchildren and even the 82-year-old abbot of the local Buddhist temple, who is celibate, have all tested HIV-positive. And there is one common factor that links them, directly or indirectly: nearly all of them received injections from an unlicensed doctor suspected of re-using his syringes.

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