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Providing HIV services in Eastern Ukraine; Unsafe roadside medication in Cameroon

Here is information on two articles that we believe will interest our readers:

[How both sides in Ukraine's war are losing the HIV battle](#)

Author: Lily Hyde

This article from IRIN, a news agency that provides humanitarian news and analysis, describes the challenges of providing HIV services in the conflict area in Eastern Ukraine.

“Aid agencies are forced to walk an impossible tightrope in Ukraine. Registered or not, health workers ... risk being imprisoned by both sides, either for ‘collaborating with Kiev’ or ‘aiding terrorist organisations,’ depending on who is calling the shots,” the author wrote.

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[Leaving the poor behind: unsafe roadside medication and UHC in Cameroon](#)

Author: Louis Ako-Egbe

The latest IHP newsletter drew our attention to this article on the role of roadside drug vendors in dispensing medicines in Cameroon.

“These vendors ... usually have little or no medical training. As a result, the poor who are the major users, are often exposed to sub-therapeutic doses of medications and wrong prescriptions, which can lead to drug resistance,” the author wrote.

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