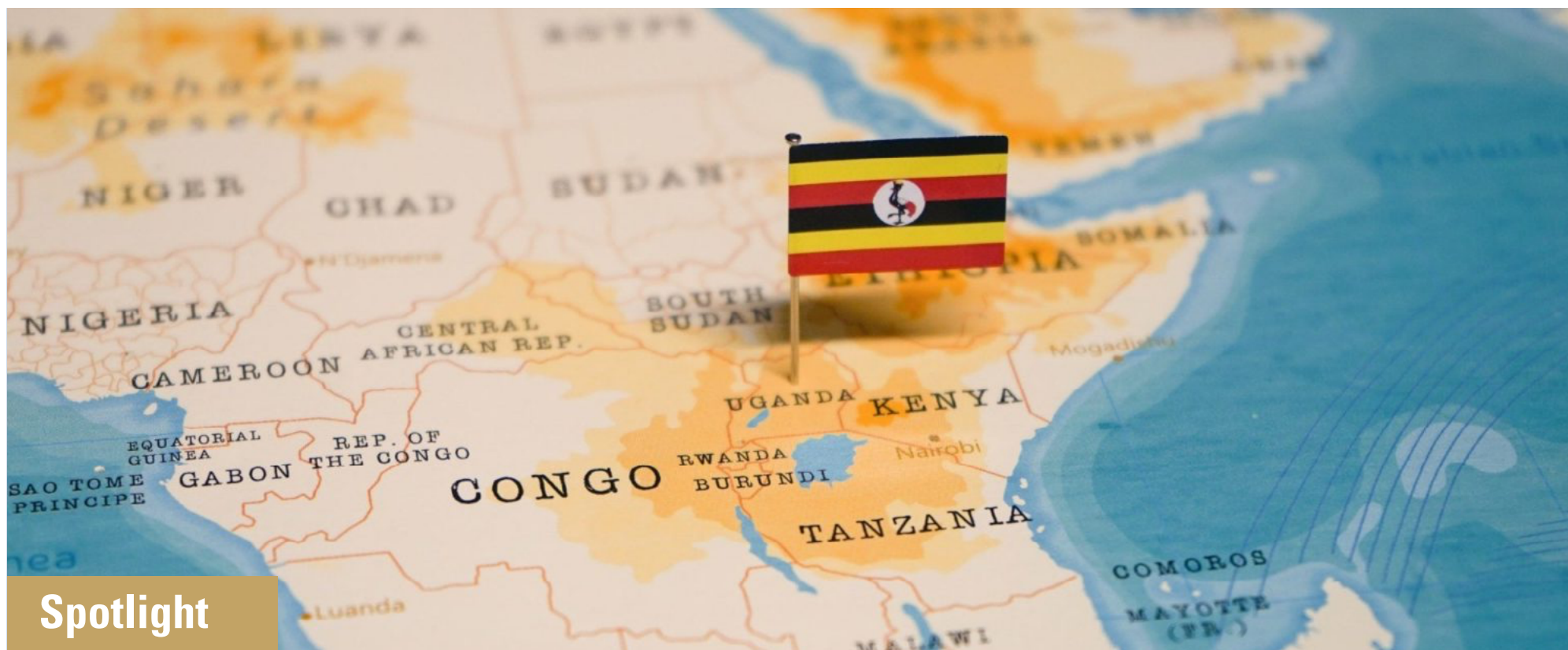


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Spotlight

Strengthening Border Health to Enhance Regional Security in East Africa

Over the last decade, Uganda's borders have faced outbreaks like Ebola, COVID-19 and cholera. Amid an ongoing mpox outbreak, the country is enhancing border health efforts, screening over 1,2 million travellers monthly.

From 19 to 22 May 2025, 40 health officers from 24 border posts attended a four-day training in Kampala. Led by the Ministry of Health, it aimed to strengthen response capabilities.

The officers learned to map population movement, assess health risks, detect outbreaks, and use a new digital screening tool. They also honed their skills in cross-border coordination and community engagement, which is especially important at informal crossings where communities and travellers mix.

A highlight of the training was a new digital reporting tool, already used in Rwanda, which Uganda will test at selected points of entry. This tool will help streamline surveillance and speed up responses across borders.

The Elegu point of entry, on the Uganda-South Sudan border, was highlighted as a success story. Despite limited resources, the border post screens over 3,000 people daily. Patrick Lamot, Cross-Border Coordinator at Elegu, shared how the team utilises a WhatsApp group to enhance coordination and has established strong partnerships across borders to manage health risks effectively.

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Africa Health ExCon 2025: A Landmark Step Toward Health Sovereignty

Africa Health ExCon 2025 has marked a critical milestone in Africa's public health evolution. Under the leadership of Egypt's President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi and Prime Minister Mostafa Madbouly, the event reinforces the continent's commitment to health sovereignty.

Co-hosted by the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC), the Egyptian Authority for Unified Procurement, medical Supply, and the Management of Medical Technology (UPA), and the African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD), this year's gathering places local manufacturing, artificial intelligence, and knowledge sharing at the centre of discussions.

Running from 24 to 27 June 2025, the event aims to build on the achievements of previous editions, emphasising homegrown solutions to Africa's pressing health challenges.

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Africa Public Health Podcast: Episode 6



Advancing Digital Health in Africa: Powering Innovation, Skills, and Access

In this powerful finale, Dr Wessam Mankoula, Regional Director of Northern RCC and Head of Emergency Preparedness and Response Division at Africa CDC, shares how the continent is turning pandemic lessons into lasting change: From vaccine access to emergency preparedness, from data politics to cross-border trust and a new public health order.

Tune in to hear clear insights on what worked, what didn't, and what must come next to build a stronger, more health-resilient Africa.

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Africa CDC's call on Health Financing

Africa CDC is advancing its strategic agenda on sustainable health financing. Read the latest concept note, "Rethinking Africa's Health Financing in a New Era: Toward Sustainable, Resilient, and Self-Reliant Health Systems", outlining the core pillars for transforming Africa's health financing architecture.



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Bold Actions to Transform Africa’s Health

Strengthening national regulatory authorities is crucial to Africa’s health sovereignty. With eight countries now achieving World Health Organization maturity level 3, efforts are underway to build stronger, faster and safer regulatory systems. These advancements support local manufacturing, ensure the quality of medicines and vaccines, and safeguard the health of millions across the continent.

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New Leaders, Fresh Energy for Health in Eastern Africa

Representatives from East African Union Member States gathered in Djibouti for the third Regional Steering Committee (ReSCo) meeting, where they focused on regional health security and cross-border collaboration. New leaders were also elected during the meeting.

Djibouti’s Dr Ahmed Robleh Abdilleh was elected as the new ReSCo Chair, while Tanzania’s Jenista Mhagama was elected as Vice Chair. Both are set to take steps to strengthen outbreak response, secure financing, and enhance coordination with Africa CDC, among others.

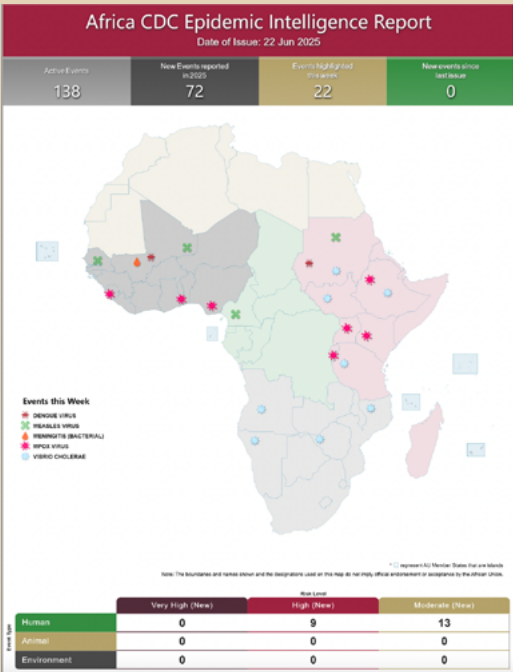
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Africa CDC Epidemic Intelligence Weekly Report: 22 June 2025

Weekly real-time insights on public health threats across the continent

The Africa CDC Epidemic Intelligence Weekly Report highlights the epidemiological situation, risk assessments, and public health interventions by affected Member States, partners, and Africa CDC.

Focusing on moderate to very high-risk events, the report tracks a range of threats—from emerging infectious diseases to natural disasters—through a One Health, multisectoral lens. Events affecting both single and multiple countries are covered, empowering Member States and partners with the latest intelligence for timely, effective response.



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Fast-Tracking Mpox Vaccination to Protect Children

Children are among those affected by the current mpox outbreak, but before they can be included in vaccination programmes, countries must expand emergency use authorisation to cover them. This has been done in the DRC, with Uganda following suit. While Uganda can vaccinate children aged 12 and above, the DRC has begun vaccinating children under 12 with the LC16 vaccine from Japan.



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Strengthening Health Systems to Eliminate NTDs Across Africa

African Union Member States and partners have joined forces to eliminate Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) by 2030. During the week, over 50 African countries gathered with support from Africa CDC, The END Fund, WHO and other partners. The focus of the meeting was to strengthen national plans to combat NTDs and mobilise resources to address the diseases, which include Guinea worm, Kala-azar, sleeping sickness and elephantiasis.

The initiative aims to improve access to healthcare, ensure equity and build stronger, more resilient health systems across the continent. Through these collaborative efforts, the goal is to make significant strides towards eliminating NTDs and improving public health for millions of people in Africa.

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New Initiative Targets Elimination of Viral Hepatitis Across Africa

A new capacity-building programme launched by the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC), in collaboration with the World Hepatitis Alliance (WHA) and the African Viral Hepatitis Action Group (AVHAG), aims to eliminate viral hepatitis as a major health challenge in Africa. The programme focuses on empowering local civil society organisations and community groups to take a leading role in advocacy, policy influence, and community engagement to combat hepatitis B and C.

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