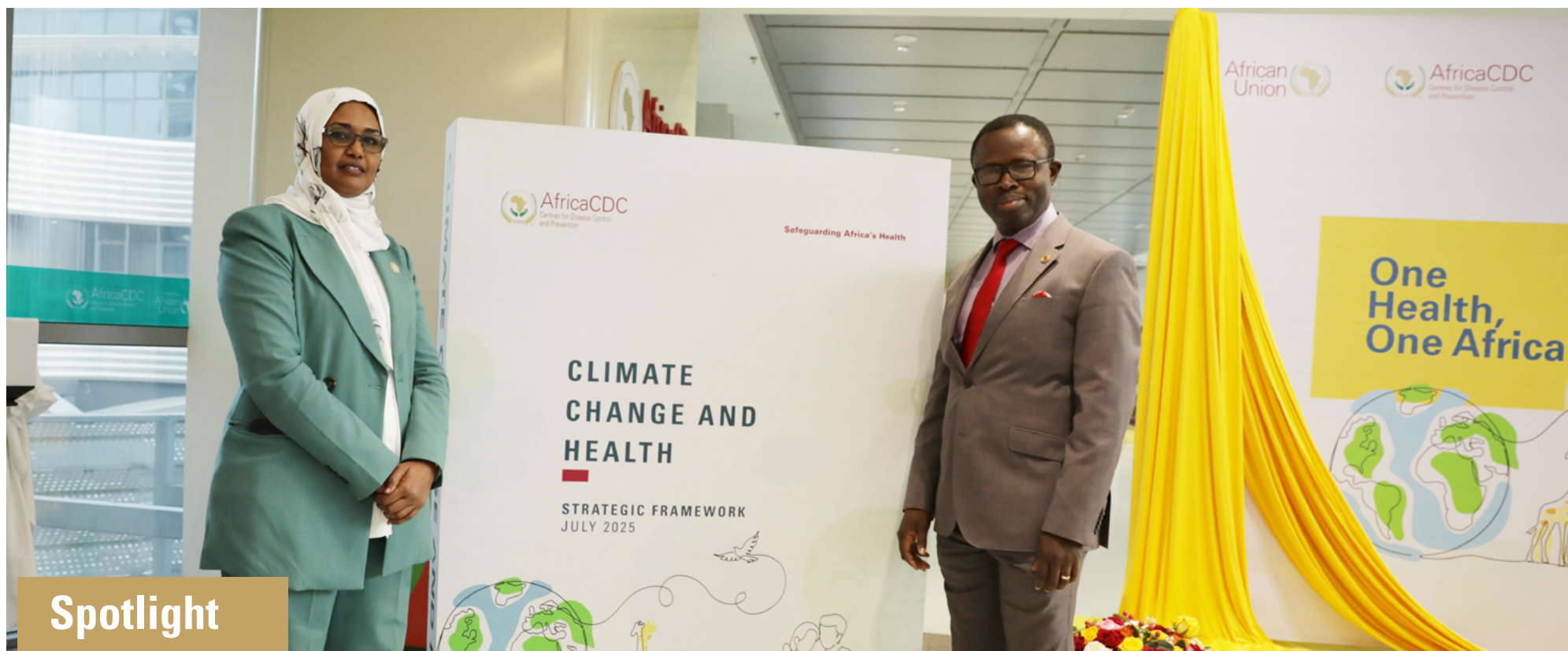


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Spotlight

Strengthening Africa's Health Security through One Health

Africa CDC and the African Union - Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources (AU-IBAR) have launched two bold strategies to counter rising health threats driven by climate change, urbanisation and zoonotic spillover.

- Zoonotic Disease Prevention & Control Strategy (2025–2030)
- Climate Change & Health Strategic Framework (2025–2029)

These frameworks translate the One Health approach into action - linking human, animal and environmental health to prevent outbreaks before they happen.

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Africa Public Health Podcast: Season One Recap



Public health in Africa is evolving—and so is the conversation. Season one of the Africa Public Health Podcast, powered by Africa CDC, brought together expert voices from across the continent to unpack Africa's most pressing health challenges and home-grown solutions.

Over six compelling episodes, the series explored emergency preparedness, digital innovation, health workforce development, ethical research, and the power of genomics—highlighting African-led strategies that shaped the public health response across the continent.

All episodes are available now on YouTube, Spotify, Apple Podcasts, and the Africa CDC website

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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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Malawi's Updated Genomic Strategy Bolsters Disease Detection and Response



Malawi has launched its updated Genomic Surveillance Strategy, marking a key step in the fight against infectious diseases. With support from the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) and the Africa Pathogen Genomics Initiative (Africa PGI), the strategy strengthens Malawi's ability to detect, track and respond to emerging health threats.

Malawi joins Zambia as one of the first countries to implement a national genomic surveillance strategy, contributing to efforts

across 16 African nations to improve disease tracking, data sharing, and public health responses. The launch on 8 July 2025, is a major milestone in enhancing Malawi's health systems and regional health security.

The updated plan establishes a National Genomics Committee to coordinate efforts across the public and private sectors as well as academia. This comes at a critical time as Africa faces rising challenges with emerging pathogens and the resurgence of diseases like mpox and Marburg.

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AU Summit Reflects on Africa’s Progress

Africa CDC Director General Dr Jean Kaseya attended the 7th African Union Mid-Year Summit in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea — joining heads of state, ministers, senior officials and key stakeholders from African Union Member States to assess progress and chart the way forward since the February summit in Addis Ababa.

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Surveillance Guidelines Boost Health Security in Southern Africa

Africa CDC is supporting Zimbabwe, Botswana, and Namibia in launching their National Event-Based Surveillance Guidelines—an important step toward strengthening early warning systems and improving rapid detection and response to public health threats.



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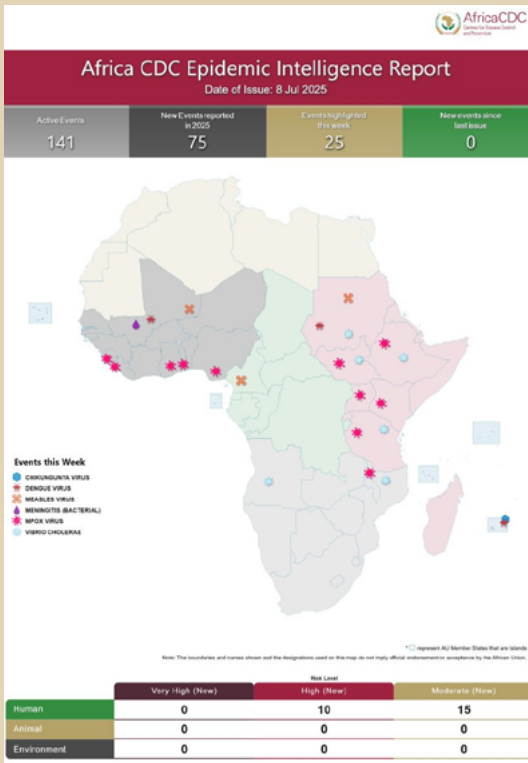
Africa CDC Epidemic Intelligence Weekly Report: 4 July 2025

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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Africa-UAE Partnership to Enhance Health Security

Dr Jean Kaseya welcomed the signing of a landmark Memorandum of Understanding between the African Union and the United Arab Emirates at the AU summit in Malabo, marking a bold step in advancing health security and sustainable development across Africa.

This partnership will strengthen public health systems, expand access to primary healthcare, drive innovation and scale impactful health solutions for Africans. Africa CDC remains committed to working with Member States to transform this shared vision into a lasting impact.



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Africa CDC Regional Director Presents Credentials to Kenya for the First Time

Africa CDC’s Regional Director for Eastern Africa, Dr Mazyanga Lucy Mazaba, presented her credentials to H.E. Dr Musalia Mudavadi, Prime Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Secretary for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs of the Republic of Kenya, yesterday.

This marks the first credential presentation by the Eastern Africa RCC to the Government of Kenya since Africa CDC’s elevation as an autonomous African Union public health agency.

Hosted in Nairobi since 2017 and officially launched in 2021, the RCC

leads public health coordination across 14 AU Member States. Dr Mudavadi commended Africa CDC’s role in regional health security and reaffirmed Kenya’s commitment to finalising the Hosting Agreement, including the establishment of a permanent RCC site.



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Strong Maternal Health Access, But Challenges Remain in Lesotho

Lesotho is demonstrating strong maternal health service coverage, with over 80% of women accessing antenatal, delivery and postnatal care. Yet, outcomes remain concerning, with high maternal, neonatal and stillbirth rates.

To address this, Africa CDC is supporting the development of a five-year national strategy for sexual, reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health.

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