

## WEEKLY BULLETIN | 15-27 July 2025



### Spotlight

## Southern Africa Leaders Unite to Advance Bold Health Agenda for Resilience and Equity

At the 4th Regional Ministerial Steering Committee (ReSCO) meeting in Lilongwe, Dr Jean Kaseya joined health leaders from across Southern Africa to reaffirm a shared commitment to protecting the health and well-being of the region's people.

The discussions underscored the urgent need to strengthen cross-border disease surveillance, expand local manufacturing, invest in resilient

laboratory systems and accelerate digital innovation within primary healthcare.

Dr Kaseya emphasised that health security cannot be achieved in isolation. Solidarity and shared accountability remain the region's strongest defences. Africa CDC stands firmly with Member States to transform this unity into tangible action and lasting impact.

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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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## Empowering Malawi's Frontline Heroes



While still in Malawi, Dr Jean Kaseya closed a four-day training for 100 Community Health Workers (CHWs) from eight high-risk districts across the country.

These CHWs -from Lilongwe to Nsanje -are now equipped to detect diseases early, communicate risks and respond to outbreaks. They are the first line of defence in communities often beyond the reach of formal health systems.

This effort supports the African Union's Million CHWs Initiative -a bold call to expand access and strengthen health resilience. Dr Kaseya thanked Hon. Khumbize Chiponda, Malawi's Minister of Health, for her leadership and support.

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Peace Deal Sparks Hope for Health Recovery

The opportunity to improve health is at the heart of the new ceasefire between the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Congo River Alliance/M23, according to Dr Jean Kaseya, Director General of Africa CDC. He highlighted the renewed hope it brings to millions who have suffered from conflict and recurring disease outbreaks.

Dr Kaseya praised the mediators -particularly the State of Qatar and the US Government -for their instrumental role in advancing the peace process. He commended African Union Chair João Lourenço and the AU-appointed Mediator, Faure Gnassingbé, for their leadership. He also recognised Presidents Félix Tshisekedi and Paul Kagame for their strong commitment to peace and stability in the region.

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Africa CDC Epidemic Intelligence Weekly Report: 21 July 2025

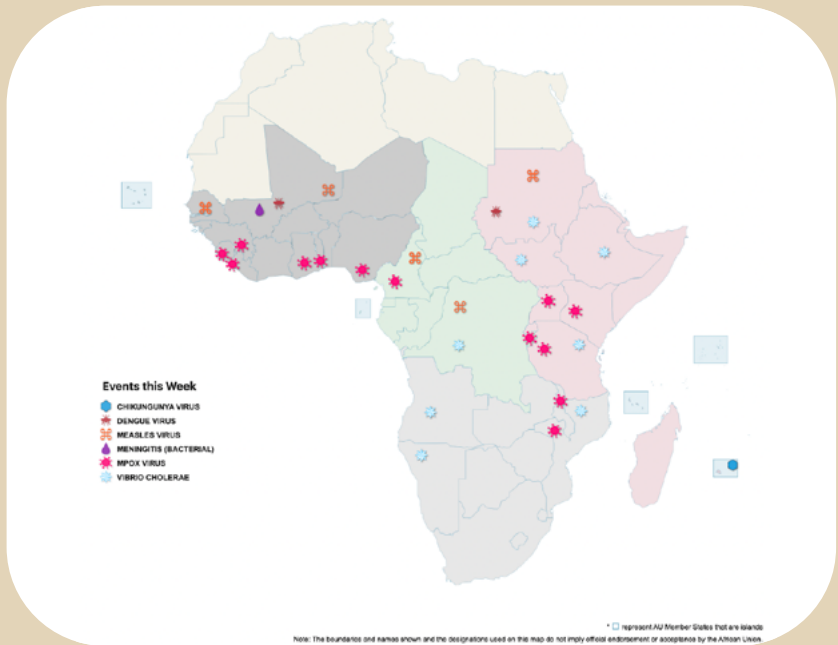
Weekly real-time insights on public health threats across the continent

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.

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.

Focusing on moderate to very high-risk events, the report tracks a range of

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Africa CDC and Qatar Strengthen Health Partnership

The Ambassador of the State of Qatar to Ethiopia and Permanent Representative to the African Union, H.E. Saad bin Mubarak Al Nuaimi, visited the Africa CDC headquarters in Addis Ababa, where he was warmly received by Dr Jean Kaseya. Their discussion focused on strengthening collaboration between Africa CDC and the State of Qatar to advance health security across the continent. The visit followed Qatar's recent diplomatic success in facilitating a peace treaty in the Great Lakes region -an achievement welcomed by Africa CDC.

Dr Kaseya expressed optimism about the growing partnership, emphasising the potential to turn shared goals into lasting impact for communities across Africa.



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Chinese Envoy Visits Africa CDC to Strengthen Health Ties



Dr Jean Kaseya welcomed H.E. Ambassador Jiang Feng, Head of the Chinese Mission to the African Union, on an official diplomatic visit. Their discussions reaffirmed a shared commitment to strengthening Africa-China cooperation in public health. They emphasised the importance of coordinated action in emergency response, laboratory systems and institutional capacity across the continent.

From diagnostics to outbreak preparedness, both parties explored practical avenues to deepen collaboration and build resilient health systems. Dr Kaseya expressed optimism for continued partnership grounded in solidarity and innovation.

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Africa's Readiness Starts with Strong Institutions



Health security isn't a luxury -it's a lifeline. That was the message from Dr Jean Kaseya during his recent appearance on Chatham House's #AfricaAware podcast. He shared how Africa CDC is working closely with AU Member States to strengthen public health institutions, align with national

priorities and prepare the continent for future disease threats. The conversation underscored a clear vision: a healthier, more resilient Africa built through unity and action.

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