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Spotlight

Study Finds International Support Crucial in Outbreaks, Urges Stronger National Integration

A new study by Africa CDC and the UK Public Health Rapid Support Team confirms the vital role international health teams have played in supporting outbreak response across Africa, especially between 2020 and 2023. These teams provided critical surge capacity across multiple domains, from surveillance to clinical care. However, the study also highlights gaps in sustainability and calls for deployments that are better integrated into national systems and aligned with local priorities.

Presented at a high-level workshop in June 2025, the findings led to a roadmap aimed at shifting from reactive emergency support to long-term investments in national preparedness. The report urges global health partners to tailor their support to country-specific contexts, thereby working to reduce Africa's dependence on external teams while building resilient, self-sufficient health systems.

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Joint Effort Curbs Cholera in Ethiopia's Amhara Region

Africa CDC's collaboration with the Ethiopian and Amhara Public Health Institutes has significantly reduced cholera cases in the Amhara Region. Since April 2025, Africa CDC has provided technical support in key areas such as surveillance, case management and infection control, while strengthening the region's health response systems through capacity-building workshops.

Interventions at high-risk sites, like the Andassa Holy Water site, combined with community engagement, have strengthened both immediate and long-term health responses. This holistic approach also supported measles immunisation activities, enhancing overall health system resilience.

Amhara's Vice President Dr Mulunesh Dessie Admassu commended the collaboration, saying it has been instrumental in saving lives and enhancing the region's preparedness for future health challenges.

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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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DIRECTOR GENERAL'S

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Africa CDC Director General Attends 4P High-Level Meeting in Sevilla

On 30 June 2025, Africa CDC Director General, H.E. Dr. Jean Kaseya, participated in the Pact for Prosperity, People, and the Planet (4P) High-Level Meeting, held on the margins of the 4th International Conference on Financing for Development (FfD4) in Sevilla, Spain.

Upon arrival at the venue, Dr. Kaseya was received by several Heads of State, including H.E.

President João Lourenço of Angola, H.E. President William Ruto of Kenya, and H.E. President Emmanuel Macron of France.

The 4P High-Level Meeting served as a platform for leaders to advance global dialogue on prosperity, sustainability, and inclusive development.

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Call for Rethinking Health Financing and Investment in Regional Manufacturing

At the same FfD4 summit in Sevilla, H.E. Dr. Jean Kaseya joined a high-level roundtable with global partners to advocate for a new approach to health financing.

Dr. Kaseya emphasized that health must be viewed not as a cost, but as a strategic investment in sovereignty, equity, and resilience. With development aid in decline, he called for financing strategies that empower regional institutions and align with African-led priorities.

Later in the summit, Dr. Kaseya joined representatives from Unitaid, the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), and other global health partners to explore the development of sustainable regional health manufacturing ecosystems.



The discussion emphasized a shift from vulnerability to sovereignty through long-term investment, local production, and strategic partnerships.

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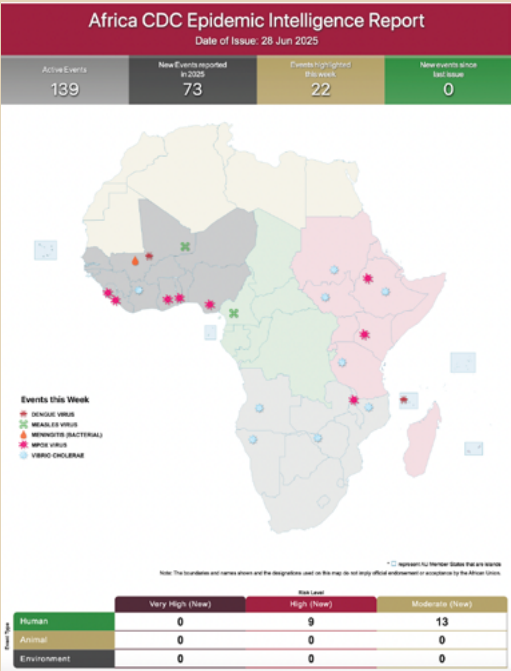


Africa CDC Epidemic Intelligence Weekly Report: 28 June 2025

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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New Study Urges Action as Drug Resistance Rises in Africa

A new study published in the Public Library of Science (PLOS) reveals alarmingly high levels of antimicrobial resistance (AMR) across Africa, with resistance rates reaching up to 70% in common bacteria such as Escherichia coli and Staphylococcus aureus.

Led by One Health Trust with support from Africa CDC and partners, the study highlights the urgent need for increased investment in AMR surveillance and response systems to curb this growing public health threat.

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