

## WEEKLY BULLETIN | 11 -17 August 2025



### Spotlight

## Africa CDC Hails Breakthrough Malaria Treatment for Newborns

For the first time, a malaria treatment has been approved for newborns and infants under five kilogrammes - closing a critical gap in care for Africa's youngest. The Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) has welcomed this milestone as a vital step in protecting the most vulnerable.

Eight Member States - Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Nigeria, Tanzania, and Uganda - played a pivotal role in clinical trials, underscoring Africa's growing leadership in health innovation.

Until now, infants under five kilogrammes had no approved treatment and were given unsafe

adaptations of medicines for older children. This new formulation, dissolvable in breast milk and with a sweet flavour, provides a safe, effective, and infant-friendly option.

Developed by Novartis and the Medicines for Malaria Venture (MMV) under the PAMAfrica consortium, the new artemether-lumefantrin formulation has been cleared by Swiss regulators, with rapid approvals expected in participating countries.

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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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## Closing the 6 Million Health Worker Gap



Africa faces a shortage of five to six million health workers, with clinics shutting down, medicines slipping out of reach, and outbreaks increasingly spreading across borders, warned Africa CDC Director General Dr Jean Kaseya.

He cautioned that unless urgent action is taken, these pressures could erase two decades of hard-won progress in public health.

Dr Kaseya underscored that protecting lives, rebuilding the health workforce, and securing sustainable financing are critical to safeguarding Africa's health future.

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Farewell to a Trusted Ally in Health Security

Africa CDC Director General Dr Jean Kaseya bid farewell to H.E. Mohamed Omar, Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt to Ethiopia and Permanent Representative to the African Union.

Dr Kaseya thanked Ambassador Omar for his steadfast support of Africa CDC's health security agenda - from reinforcing emergency preparedness to advancing Egypt's

leadership in biomanufacturing - and for championing a shared vision of a healthier, safer continent.

He extended best wishes for the Ambassador's next chapter while reaffirming Africa CDC's commitment to deepening the Egypt–Africa CDC partnership.

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Africa CDC Epidemic Intelligence Weekly Report: 17 August 2025

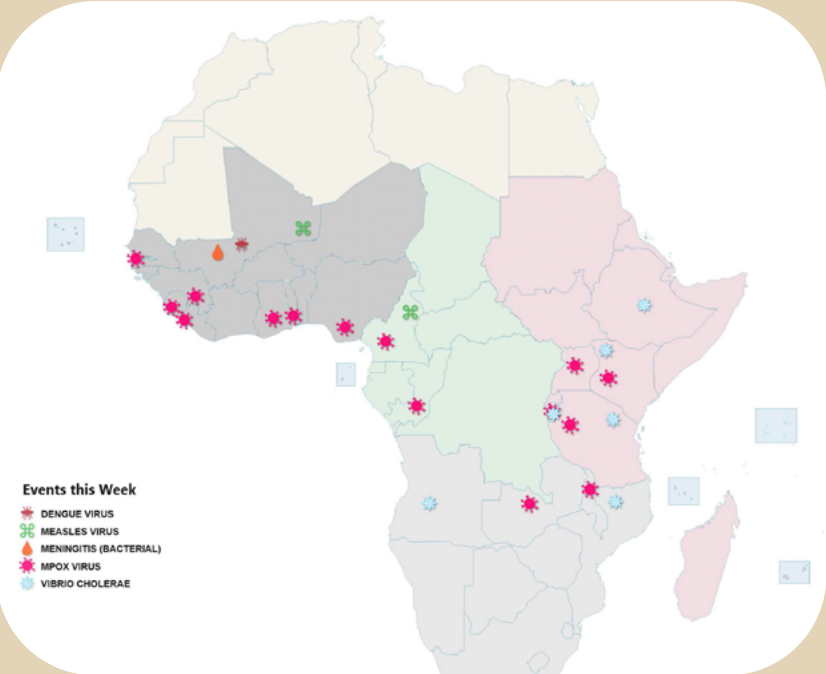
Weekly real-time insights on public health threats across the continent

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 dis-

eases 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 CDC and UK Strengthen Emergency Readiness



During a meeting with H.E. Mr Adam Drury, United Kingdom Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative to the African Union, Africa CDC Director General Dr Jean Kaseya underscored the importance of strengthening Africa–UK cooperation in health security.

The discussions focused on pandemic prevention, local manufacturing, health

financing and digital health - priority areas for deeper collaboration that will enhance Africa's resilience.

Both sides reaffirmed their commitment to building on this long-standing partnership to keep the continent prepared for future health emergencies.

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Climate and Health Framework Unveiled



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A Climate Change and Health Strategic Framework launched by Africa CDC offers a timely and practical response to the growing overlap between climate and health challenges in Africa.

Over the past 20 years, more than half of the continent's health emergencies have been linked to climate-related factors-from shifting disease patterns to disruptions in food and water systems.

The framework provides African Union Member States with the tools to adapt health systems to a changing climate, in addition to reducing vulnerability and strengthening long-term planning.

It moves climate resilience from reactive measures to a central pillar of public health policy - prioritising stability, preparedness and sustainability.

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New Dashboard to Strengthen Africa's Health Supply Chain Resilience



Africa CDC, in partnership with UNICEF and African Union Member States, is developing the Continental Health Supply Chain Profile Snapshot - Africa's first-ever dashboard to map health supply chains across the continent.

This innovative tool will help identify strengths and gaps, guide strategic

investments, and reduce bottlenecks in delivering essential health supplies. By improving visibility and coordination, it will play a key role in strengthening Africa's resilience against future public health emergencies.

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