

## WEEKLY BULLETIN | 18 -24 August 2025



### Spotlight

## Mpox at One Year: Lessons in Speed and Continental Coordination

One year ago, on 13 August 2024, the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) declared mpox a Public Health Emergency of Continental Security — its first such declaration — in response to a rapidly worsening situation across multiple regions. This decision mobilised political and technical resources continent-wide, strengthening coordination and driving a unified response.

The mpox response has become a model for how the continent can confront public health threats with speed, solidarity, and resilience. By rapidly mobilising vaccines, strengthening surveillance, and deploying expert teams to affected areas,

Africa CDC has demonstrated the value of coordinated continental action.

Central to this effort was the establishment of an Incident Management Support Team (IMST) – co-led by Africa CDC and WHO - which coordinated technical guidance, country support and real-time information sharing.

The mpox outbreak has also underscored the importance of investing in local manufacturing of medical countermeasures, reinforcing community health systems, and expanding cross-border collaboration to prevent future outbreaks.

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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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## Three Priorities for Advancing Health Sovereignty in Africa



Strengthening health financing, expanding local manufacturing, and fostering unity among African nations are the three priorities outlined by Dr Jean Kaseya, Director General of Africa CDC, at the opening of the 75th World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Committee for Africa.

Speaking to health ministers and regional leaders in Lusaka, Zambia, Dr Kaseya emphasised the importance of building resilient, self-reliant health systems across the continent. His remarks reflect Africa CDC's ongoing efforts to support member states in reducing external dependency and advancing regional collaboration in public health.

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### DRC Peace Deal Paves Way for Health Renewal

Peace is more than the absence of conflict — it is the foundation of health security. This was the message from Dr Jean Kaseya, the Africa CDC Director General, in response to the recent peace agreement in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Dr Kaseya noted that without peace, diseases spread unchecked, overwhelming fragile health systems and leaving vulnerable communities exposed. But with peace, there is a

chance to contain outbreaks at their source, restore early warning systems and rebuild trust in public health services. He described the DRC peace agreement as a historic opportunity to strengthen health infrastructure, improve access to care and prevent future epidemics from escalating into global threats.

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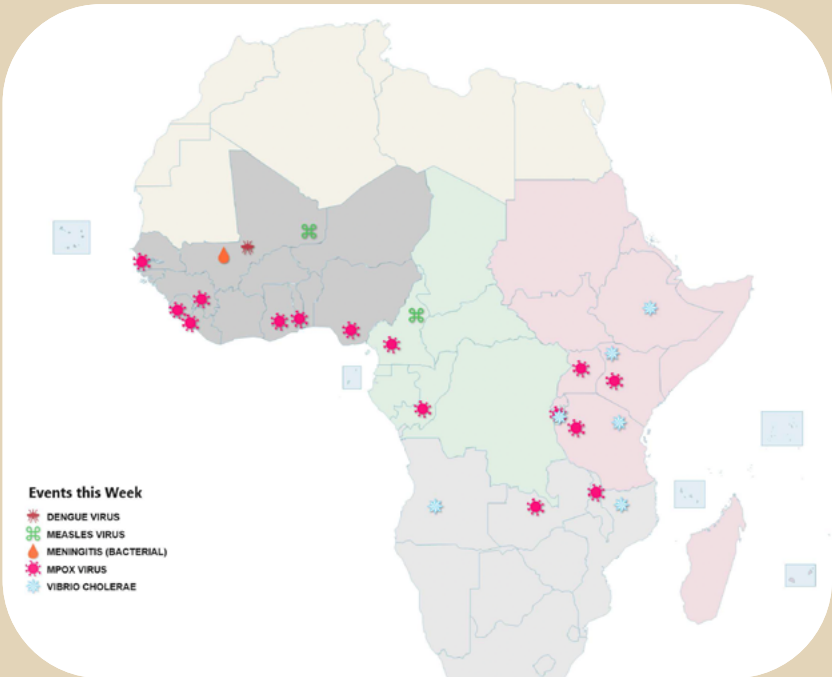
### Africa CDC Epidemic Intelligence Weekly Report: 20 August 2025

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

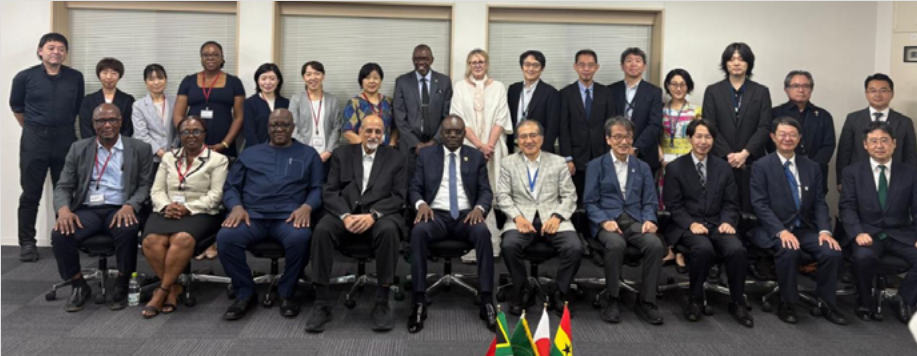
The Africa CDC Epidemic Intelligence Weekly Report highlights the epidemiological situation, risk assessments, and public health interventions by affected Member States, partners, and Africa CDC.

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–Japan Collaboration Sets the Pace for Pandemic Readiness



At the Ninth Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD9), Dr Jean Kaseya joined leaders and partners at a side event co-hosted by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and Africa CDC. The session centred on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response, with emphasis on strengthening Africa’s health systems.

Dr Kaseya underscored the need for resilient infrastructure in surveillance, diagnostics and vaccine manufacturing, stressing that Africa’s health security is vital to long-term stability and equity. He welcomed continued collaboration with Japan as a model of how innovation and international partnership can advance shared goals.

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### Gabon Applies Regional Lessons to Boost Community Health



Gabon is preparing to launch its national Community Health Programme, with support from Africa CDC and the country’s Ministry of Health.

and long-term resilience. As part of the process, Gabon has established a national multisectoral technical working group and set clear priorities to advance community health across the country.

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### New Epidemiologists Ready to Lead Mental Health Change



The first cohort of the Subregional Intermediate Field Epidemiology Training Programme (FETP) in Mental Health has graduated — marking a key milestone in strengthening public health systems in West Africa.

and response. By equipping professionals with specialised epidemiological skills, it boosts national capacity and fosters regional collaboration. The graduates are now ready to lead change in their countries, contributing to more resilient and responsive health systems.

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