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Spotlight

Africa CDC and European Commission Unite to Boost Mpox Diagnostics in Africa

A new partnership between Africa CDC and the European Commission will accelerate Mpox testing and genomic sequencing in African countries.

The initiative, known as the Partnership to Accelerate Mpox Testing and Sequencing in Africa (PAMTA), is co-funded under the EU4Health 2024 Work Programme and will invest €9.4 million over three years to strengthen outbreak response, build laboratory capacity and promote local manufacturing of diagnostic tools.

Africa CDC Director General, Dr Jean Kaseya, welcomed PAMTA as a strategic intervention to close diagnostic gaps and reinforce Africa's public health resilience. The project will support over 150,000 mpox tests, expand genomic surveillance, train health professionals in molecular diagnostics and bioinformatics and validate locally developed testing kits.

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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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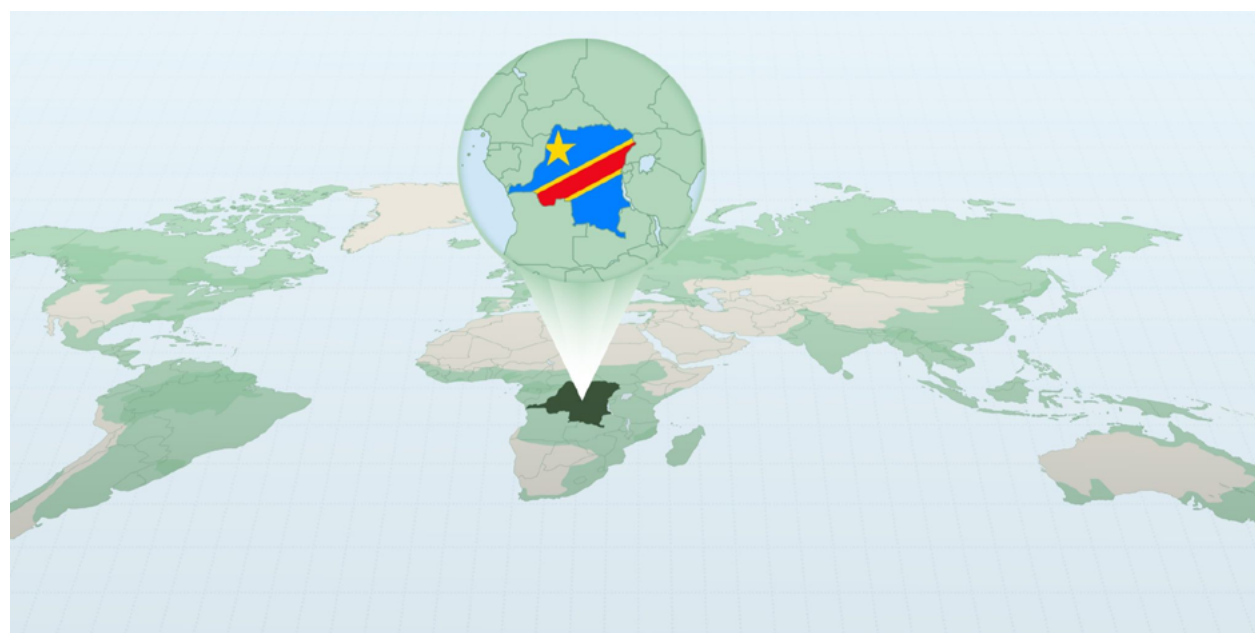
Africa CDC's call on Health Financing

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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Africa CDC Applauds Inclusion of Health in Eastern DRC Peace Accord



The US government has formally recognised the importance of public health in the peace process for the Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), a move that has been warmly welcomed by Africa CDC.

Dr Jean Kaseya applauded the US Department of State's announcement that a dedicated public health pillar will be included within the economic and critical minerals component of the peace accord.

Dr Kaseya attributed this milestone to Africa CDC's persistent advocacy - supported by the US, the DRC and Rwanda - to elevate health as a strategic priority in peacebuilding efforts. He emphasised that health is not only a basic human right but also a catalyst for peace, resilience and sustainable development.

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Africa CDC Hosts Tanzanian Foreign Minister

Tanzania's Foreign Minister, Hon. Ambassador Mahmoud Thabit Kombo, visited Africa CDC headquarters for high-level discussions with Dr Jean Kaseya.

The meeting focused on advancing shared efforts to strengthen health security across the continent. Ambassador Kombo acknowledged Africa CDC's valuable support

to Tanzania and emphasised the importance of deepening collaboration to protect the health of communities. Dr Kaseya welcomed the Minister's commitment and reaffirmed Africa CDC's dedication to working closely with member states to build a healthier, safer Africa.

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Africa CDC Epidemic Intelligence Weekly Report: 28 July 2025

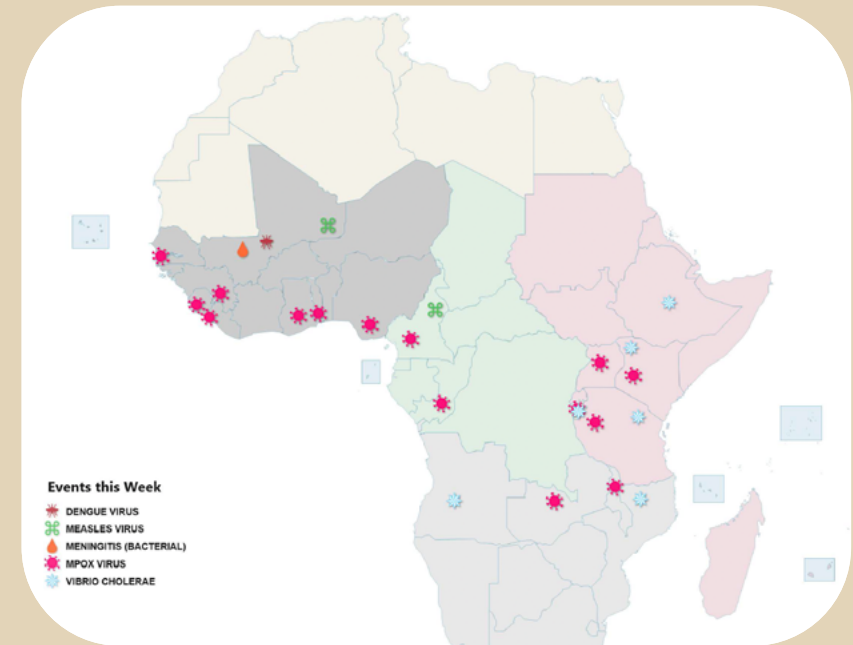
Weekly real-time insights on public health threats across the continent

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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New Fellowship Track Strengthens Health in Africa

Africa CDC has launched a new Health Journalism Track under the African Union Media Fellowship to support journalists and content creators who are passionate about reporting on health security, resilience and equity across the continent.

Supported by the World Bank, the mentorship will focus on building media capacity and strengthening Africa's voice on health security. It will support five journalists, one from each of Africa CDC's Regional Coordinating Centres, through a dynamic programme of collaborative learning and field engagement.



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Eight Countries Reach WHO Regulatory Benchmark



Eight African countries have now reached WHO Maturity Level 3, marking a significant step toward stronger regulatory systems that protect lives and advance Africa's health sovereignty. Strengthening national regulatory

authorities means faster access to safe, high-quality medicines and vaccines - and lays the groundwork for local manufacturing across the continent.

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Mpox Progress Made, But Threat Persists



In countries like Burundi and the DRC, strong local leadership and community-driven action have helped bend the curve - resulting in fewer cases, fewer deaths, and stronger health systems.

Dr Jean Kaseya underscores the urgency of continued action as international aid declines and the outbreak spreads. He emphasises that Africa must lead with proven strategies and calls on global partners to remain engaged and responsive.

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