

## WEEKLY BULLETIN | 25 -31 August 2025



### Spotlight

## Continental Cholera Response Plan Unveiled in Lusaka

The fight against cholera in Africa has entered a new phase with the launch of a six-month continental response plan. Announced on August 26 in Lusaka, Zambia, the initiative is led by Africa CDC and WHO, and championed by African Union Cholera Champion H.E. President Hakainde Hichilema. It aims to eliminate cholera by 2030 through urgent action, coordinated leadership and increased investment.

President Hichilema has played a central role in mobilising political commitment across the continent. His call in June 2025 to African Heads of State led to pledges for stronger investment, cross-border coordination and expanded vaccine access — laying the groundwork for the newly-launched plan.

The strategy focuses on seven priorities areas will be implemented through the Continental Cholera Incident Management Support Team (IMST), integrated with the Mpox IMST, and co-led by Africa CDC and WHO to ensure rapid,

unified responses supported by technical and logistical expertise.

Africa CDC Director General Dr Jean Kaseya said the plan is designed to save lives by reducing cholera-related deaths and strengthening preparedness and coordination across the continent. He underscored the importance of strong political leadership, technical expertise and continental solidarity in moving closer to a cholera-free Africa.

To accelerate progress, Africa CDC and WHO will also support the creation of the African Continental Task Force on Cholera Control. This body will align Member States and partners with global elimination targets, establish National Presidential Task Forces, and mobilise resources — including vaccines. With cases and deaths projected to surge in the coming months, coordinated action is more urgent than ever.

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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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## Zambia Awards Dr Kaseya for Role in Cholera Response



During his time in Zambia, Dr Jean Kaseya was conferred the rank of Commander of the Order of the Eagle of Zambia by His Excellency Hakainde Hichilema, the President of the Republic of Zambia and African Union Champion on Cholera.

The honour, one of Zambia's highest civilian distinctions, was awarded in recognition of ongoing efforts to strengthen public health systems across Africa, particularly in the fight against cholera and other infectious diseases.

Dr Kaseya said he received the distinction with humility, emphasising that the recognition was not a personal achievement but a reflection of the collective work of the African Union, Africa CDC and countless health professionals and institutions across the continent.

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4<sup>th</sup> International  
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Public Health in  
Africa (CPHIA 2025)  
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### CPHIA 2025 Set for October in South Africa

The 4th International Conference on Public Health in Africa (CPHIA 2025) will take place from 23–25 October in Durban, South Africa. Organised by Africa CDC, the conference will bring together public health stakeholders from across the continent and beyond to share insights and explore solutions for Africa’s health challenges.

CPHIA 2025 offers a platform for collaboration, learning and advancing efforts to strengthen health systems and resilience.

Launched in 2021, CPHIA has become a leading annual platform for African-led dialogue and action on public health. The conference provides a space for researchers, policymakers, health professionals and partners to exchange knowledge, showcase innovations, and align on priorities that advance health outcomes across the continent.

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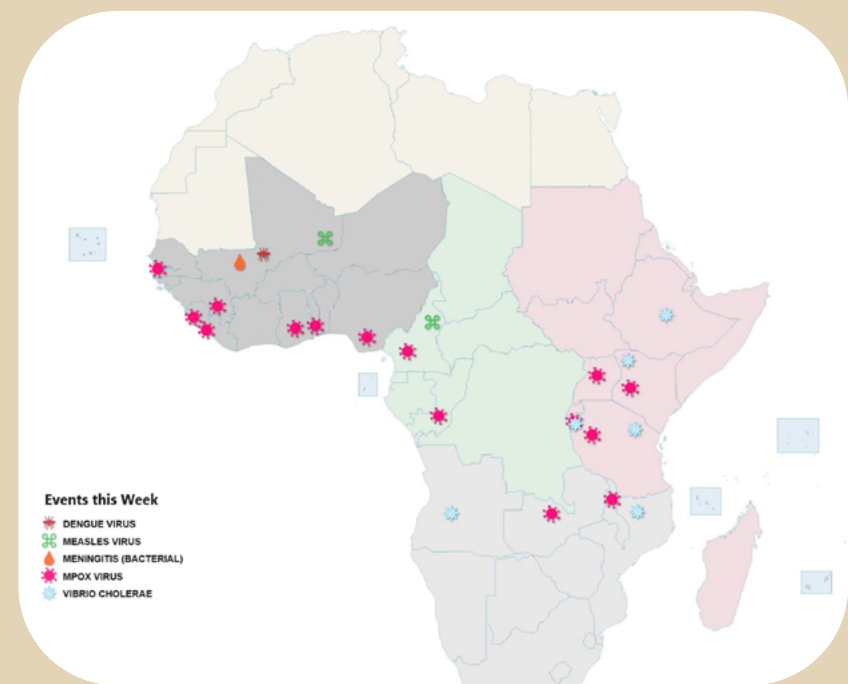
### Africa CDC Epidemic Intelligence Weekly Report: 31 August 2025

#### 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 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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### South Sudan Gains Support for Cholera Response



On the sidelines of the 75th World Health Organization Regional Committee for Africa in Lusaka, Zambia, Dr Jean Kaseya met with H.E. Sarah Cleto Rial, South Sudan’s Minister of Health. Their discussion focused on South Sudan’s response to cholera and the broader need to strengthen health systems across the continent.

Dr Kaseya emphasised that through solidarity and partnership, African nations can make meaningful progress in eliminating cholera and achieving a cholera-free Africa.

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### UNFPA’s New Head Diene Keita Welcomed by Africa CDC



The appointment of Diene Keita as Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) was warmly welcomed by Dr Jean Kaseya. Keita’s extensive experience in public health and international development was hailed as a major asset for advancing global efforts toward equity and inclusion.

Dr Kaseya expressed his commitment to working closely with Keita and UNFPA to empower women and youth, strengthen health systems, and build a more resilient and equitable future for communities across Africa.

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### Libya Prioritises Triple Elimination of HIV, Hepatitis, and Syphilis



Libya has committed to eliminating HIV, viral hepatitis and syphilis by integrating this goal into its 2026 national health budget. In collaboration with Africa CDC and partners, 35 doctors were recently trained in Tripoli to support nationwide knowledge sharing. Regional cooperation with the National Center for Disease Control (NCDC) and Egypt’s Ministry of Health will help align capacity-building and investment efforts to meet elimination targets.

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