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Spotlight

Africa CDC Responds to New Ebola Outbreak in DRC

Africa CDC has launched an emergency response to the Democratic Republic of Congo's (DRC) 16th Ebola virus disease (EVD) outbreak, confirmed in Kasai Province. Director General Dr Jean Kaseya visited the country to coordinate with the Ministry of Health, and experts have been deployed to support surveillance, contact tracing, laboratory capacity and infection control.

The outbreak began with a 34-year-old pregnant woman and has resulted in 15 deaths and 28 suspected cases across Bulape and Mwaka health zones, including four healthcare workers. The Zaire strain has been confirmed, and

investigations are ongoing to determine the source. Kasai last reported an Ebola outbreak in 2008.

Africa CDC reaffirmed its commitment to supporting the DRC through enhanced digital surveillance, protection of frontline health workers, and targeted vaccination. It emphasised early detection, effective case management and close coordination with national and international partners to contain the outbreak.

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Mpox Emergency Status Maintained Amid Ongoing Risks



Mpox remains a Public Health Emergency of Continental Security following the recommendation of the Emergency Consultative Group (ECG), which advises the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC). The Group cautioned that lifting the declaration could undermine political commitment, reduce funding and heighten the risk of resurgence.

First declared on 13 August 2024, the emergency has been under regular review by

the ECG, which continues to provide technical guidance on the evolving outbreak.

Although cases have declined by 52%, new outbreaks and virus introductions persist across several countries. Infant deaths and high fatality rates remain a concern, while vaccine access for children under 12 is still limited due to regulatory gaps.

Testing and vaccination have improved, but surveillance weaknesses and reduced international support - including the withdrawal of PEPFAR - continue to undermine containment. Poor sample handling and transport delays further hamper response efforts.

The ECG urged stronger surveillance, expanded paediatric vaccine access, and integration of mpox response with other health threats. It also recommended a scalable alert system to sustain vigilance beyond the emergency declaration.

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Dr Jean Kaseya Attends Swearing-In of New AfDB President

On 1 September, Dr Jean Kaseya was in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, to attend the swearing-in ceremony of Dr Sidi Ould Tah as the new President of the African Development Bank Group. Dr Tah succeeds Dr Akinwumi Adesina, whose decade-long tenure helped strengthen the Bank's role in Africa's development.

Dr Kaseya extended warm congratulations to Dr Tah on his appointment. The two leaders held a constructive exchange and agreed

to deepen collaboration to position health as a key pillar of prosperity and resilience across the continent.

Dr Tah, a Mauritanian economist and development finance expert, brings decades of experience to the role, having previously served as Minister of Economy and Finance of Mauritania and Director General of the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa.

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Dr Kaseya Celebrates Field Epidemiologists on World Field Epidemiology Day



Africa is experiencing an unprecedented rise in public health threats, with outbreaks increasing from 153 in 2022–2023 to 242 in 2024, according to Africa CDC data. Recent emergencies-including mpox, cholera, and the latest Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo-underscore the urgent need for strong frontline response. On World Field Epidemiology

Day, Dr. Jean Kaseya paid tribute to field epidemiologists, the continent's first line of defense, whose vigilance, expertise, and decisive action safeguard communities and embody Africa CDC's New Public Health Order of resilience, solidarity, and science in action.

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Eswatini Health Minister Visits Africa CDC to Boost Regional Health Ties



Africa CDC's Southern Africa Regional Coordinating Centre hosted His Excellency Mduduzi Matsebula, Minister of Health of the Kingdom of Eswatini, for a high-level visit focused on strengthening regional health collaboration.

Discussions explored aligning Africa CDC's priorities with Eswatini's national health goals -including innovative

approaches to health financing, pooled procurement, and the establishment of the Eswatini Public Health Institute (Eswatini CDC).

The Minister also toured the Southern Africa Regional Emergency Operations Centre and the Zambia National Public Health Institute EOC -both regional models of excellence shaped by the Lusaka Call to Action.

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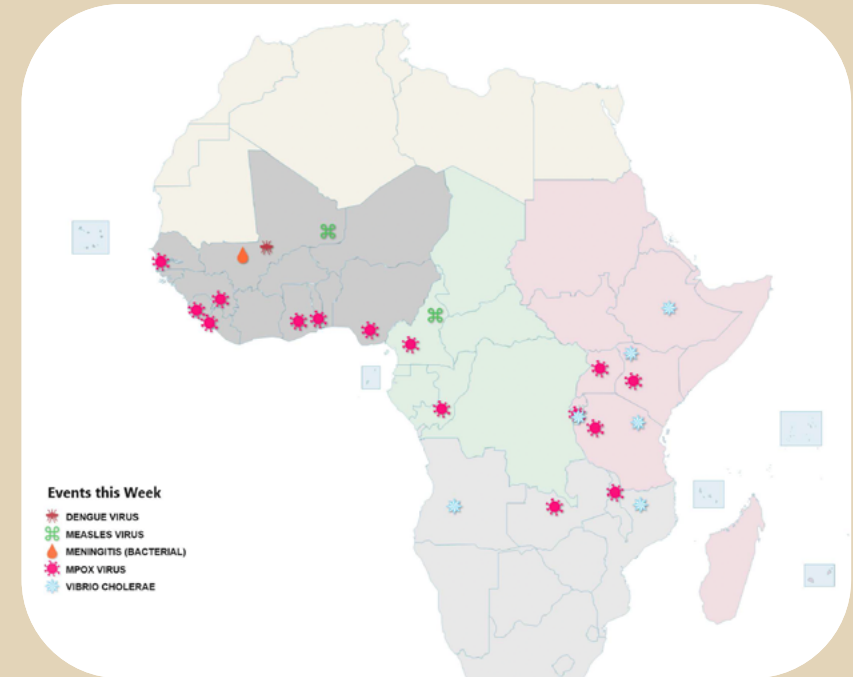
Weekly real-time insights on public health threats across the continent

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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Rapid Response Starts with Smart Logistics



Africa CDC is boosting emergency preparedness by constructing strategic warehouses in Ethiopia and Cameroon to preposition medical supplies for rapid outbreak response.

A temporary hub in Addis Ababa and a regional facility in Douala will feature

advanced cold chain systems, enabling swift deployment across the continent.

"By positioning supplies closer to where they're needed, we can act swiftly to contain outbreaks and save lives," said Africa CDC Director General Dr Jean Kaseya.

These efforts are part of a broader supply chain strategy that includes a planned mega warehouse and strong partnerships, especially with WFP. Together, they're improving logistics, training and coordination to ensure timely access to life-saving countermeasures.

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