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Spotlight

Ibanga: A Game-Changer in Ebola Response

A significant milestone in the fight against Ebola is unfolding in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Ibanga (MAB114), a promising monoclonal antibody treatment discovered by renowned Congolese scientist Prof Jean-Jacques Muyembe, is now being deployed with logistical support from Africa CDC.

With 100 doses already delivered to areas affected by the current outbreak, this life-saving innovation is offering new hope to patients and communities.

Africa CDC is supporting efforts to scale up production and distribution of Ibanga, recognising its potential not only to curb the latest outbreak but also to strengthen Africa's preparedness for future health emergencies. This collaboration highlights the potential of African-led innovation and the significance of continental solidarity in promoting public health.

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Africa Public Health Podcast: Season One Recap



TELLING AFRICA'S HEALTH STORY FROM WITHIN!

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 homegrown solutions.

Six 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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Malaria's Return Demands Africa-Led Solutions



Malaria is resurging, and Africa is bearing the brunt. In 2023, the world recorded an estimated 263 million new cases and nearly 597,000 deaths — the vast majority in Africa. New outbreaks in parts of Southern Africa are compounding the crisis.

In a recent article in The British Medical Journal, Dr Jean Kaseya and Nebiyu Dereje lay out a critical roadmap: Africa must reclaim the fight against malaria by strengthening surveillance,

advancing vaccine equity, scaling up prevention, and increasing domestic investment.

Africa CDC is urging swift action to reinforce surveillance and genomic research, ensure equitable access to vaccines, invest in proven prevention tools, and secure sustainable, locally led financing.

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Africa CDC Applauds Ethiopia’s WHO Level 3 Status

Ethiopia has reached a significant milestone by achieving World Health Organization (WHO) Maturity Level 3 for its medicines regulatory system.

This designation places Ethiopia among a select group of African nations recognised for having a stable, well-functioning, and integrated regulatory authority capable of ensuring the safety, quality and efficacy of medical products.

In response to the news, Dr Jean Kaseya, stated: “Ethiopia’s progress reflects a strong commitment to building resilient health systems. Trusted and capable regulators are essential for Africa’s health security and for accelerating local pharmaceutical manufacturing across the continent.”

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Africa CDC Epidemic Intelligence Weekly Report: 30 September 2025

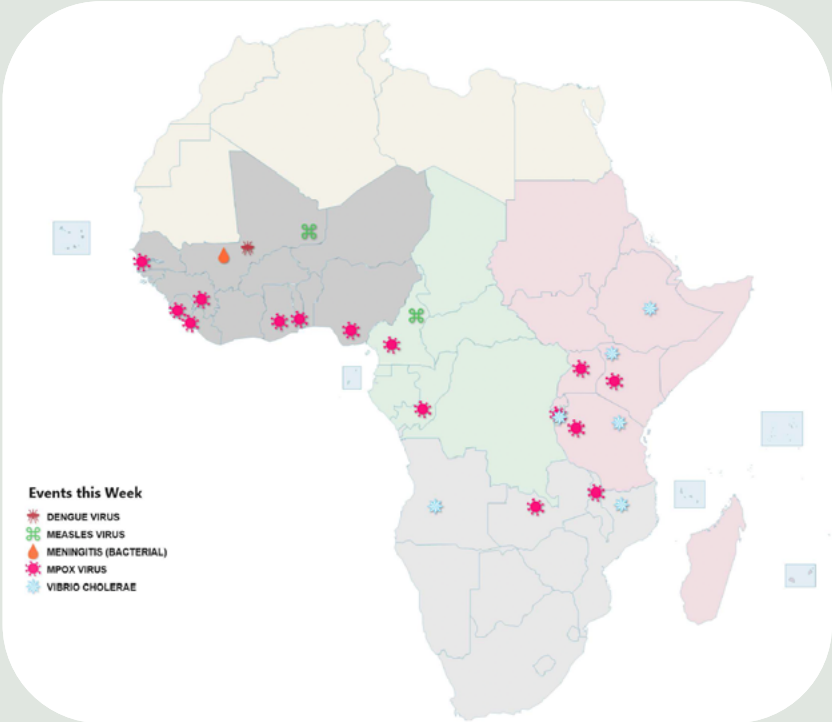
Weekly real-time insights on public health threats across the continent

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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Mental Health Overlooked in Africa - Kaseya Urges Action

Mental health remains a frequently overlooked public health issue across Africa. Limited data, low investment, and weak integration into primary healthcare systems leave millions without the support they need.

Encouraging progress is underway, with Equatorial Guinea among the countries taking essential steps to address these challenges. Dr Jean Kaseya reaffirmed Africa CDC’s commitment to making mental health a public health priority.

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Advancing Africa’s Health Priorities on the Global Stage

Dr Jean Kaseya will join global health leaders at the World Health Summit, taking place in Berlin and online from 12–14 October. This gathering presents a vital opportunity to advance solidarity, equity, and preparedness in pursuit of a healthier and safer world.

Africa CDC remains committed to championing Africa’s health priorities and innovations, ensuring the continent’s voice is central in shaping the global health agenda.

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Survey Shows High Mpx Vaccine Support, But Challenges Remain



A new Africa CDC study conducted between December 2024 and August 2025 across nine African Union member states shows strong public engagement in Africa’s fight against mpx.

Vaccine acceptance is high, and many communities trust information shared through traditional channels. However,

significant gaps remain. Knowledge of symptoms remains low in some countries, misinformation continues to circulate, and stigma persists as a barrier to care. Closing these gaps is crucial to protecting communities and sustaining progress.

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