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Spotlight

Africa CDC Deploys Emergency Support After Attack on Sudan Hospital

Africa CDC is dispatching emergency medical supplies to Sudan following the 28 October attack on the Saudi Maternity Hospital in El Fasher, North Darfur, which killed hundreds, led to the abduction of health workers and crippled one of the region's few remaining hospitals.

Working with the African Union Humanitarian Affairs Division, Africa CDC has also deployed experts to support outbreak control, sustain essential care, and reinforce biosafety in the

affected area. The agency is coordinating with Sudan's Ministry of Health and the World Health Organization to assess the health impact.

Africa CDC urged all parties to protect health facilities, staff and laboratories to prevent further biosecurity risks. With Sudan already battling multiple outbreaks, continued attacks on health infrastructure are deepening the crisis.

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The Durban Promise: A Commitment to Health Innovation and Unity



The 4th International Conference on Public Health in Africa (#CPHIA2025), convened by Africa CDC in partnership with the Government of South Africa, concluded with a defining moment - the launch of The Durban Promise, a bold declaration of Africa's collective commitment to self-reliance, innovation and equity in health.

Africa CDC Director General Dr Jean Kaseya expressed deep appreciation to African Union

Member States, the CPHIA Secretariat, partners and the vibrant community of young scientists whose contributions made #CPHIA2025 a resounding success. This spirit of collaboration and innovation, he noted, is helping Africa move steadily toward a future defined by better health, greater strength and deeper unity.

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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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Guide to Strengthen NPHIs Launched

Ahead of the official opening of CPHIA 2025 in Durban, South Africa, Africa CDC unveiled a strategic guide to support the development of National Public Health Institutes (NPHIs) across the continent.

The guide offers practical direction for African Union Member States to strengthen and sustain NPHIs as leading institutions in public health - driving progress in accordance with Africa's New Public Health Order.



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Africa CDC Partners with PATH for Health Innovation

A Memorandum of Understanding signed between Africa CDC and PATH aims to strengthen public health systems across Africa. The partnership will focus on advancing primary health care, driving digital innovation and enhancing community health capacity to deliver stronger, people-centred services throughout the continent.

Dr Jean Kaseya highlighted the importance of collaboration in building resilient, data-driven and equitable health systems. He explained that the agreement marks a significant step forward in Africa CDC's commitment to improving health outcomes for all.

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Africa CDC Epidemic Intelligence Weekly Report: 27 October 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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Health System Resilience in Focus at World Bank Coalition Roundtable

At the Health Workforce Leaders Coalition Roundtable during the World Bank Group Meetings recently, Dr Jean Kaseya joined global health leaders in reaffirming a shared commitment to strengthening health systems worldwide.

He underscored that well-functioning health systems are essential - not only for delivering care but also for enabling countries to respond effectively to health threats and maintain autonomy over their public health priorities.

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New Blueprint for Outbreak Preparedness Across Africa

A new framework, developed through a partnership between Africa CDC and the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA), is set to enhance outbreak preparedness and response deployment across Africa.

It defines clear roles, responsibilities and best practices for managing health emergencies - supporting a more coordinated, effective and sustainable approach to outbreak response across the continent.

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Bavarian Nordic Donates 110,000 Mpox Vaccine Doses to Africa



An additional 110,000 doses of mpox vaccines have been donated by Bavarian Nordic to boost Africa's response to the ongoing outbreak. The vaccines have been allocated to Uganda - one of the most affected countries in 2025 - through the Mpox Access and Allocation Mechanism (AAM), coordinated by Africa CDC and global health partners to ensure equitable access. The donation will strengthen Uganda's response and enhance the continent's ability to manage current and future outbreaks. Africa CDC noted that continued collaboration with partners like Bavarian Nordic is vital to

building a prepared, self-reliant, and resilient Africa.

With this contribution, Bavarian Nordic's total mpox vaccine donations to Africa now stand at 165,000 doses. Africa CDC Director-General Dr Jean Kaseya said the partnership reflects a shared commitment to equitable access and collective health security, adding that only through sustained cooperation can Africa build the systems needed to prevent and respond to future public health emergencies.

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