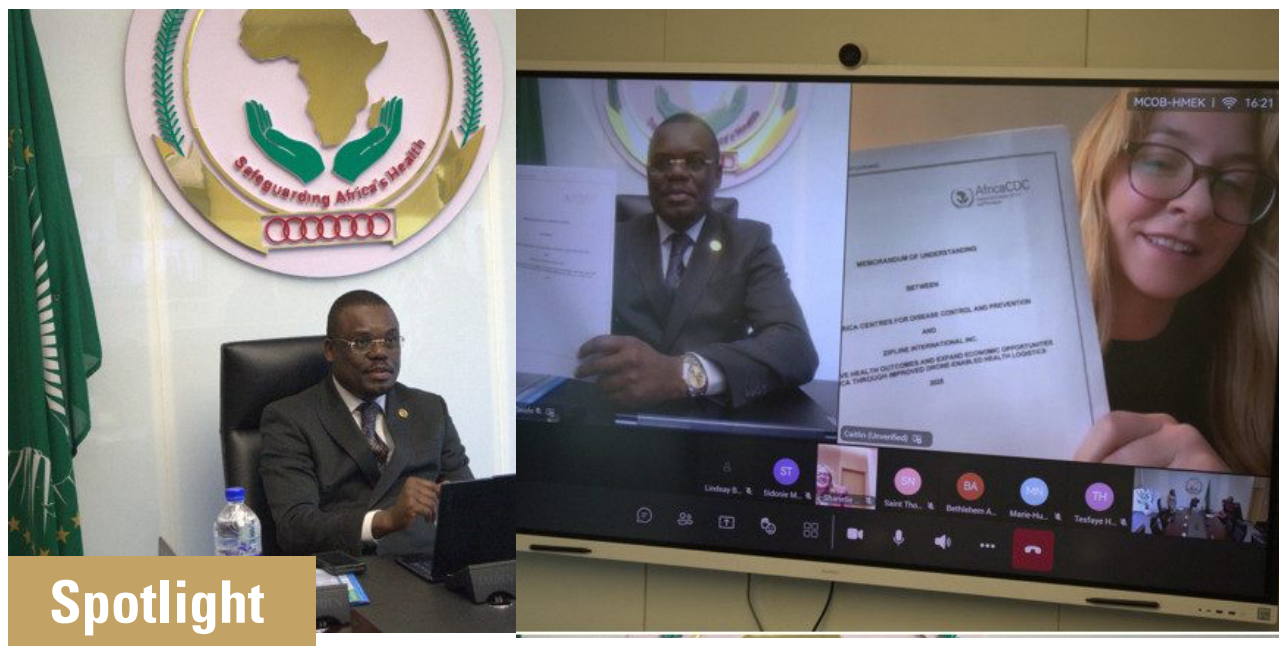


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Spotlight

Drone Logistics to Strengthen Health Delivery Across Africa

A new continental initiative to modernise health supply chains through drone-enabled logistics has been launched through a Memorandum of Understanding between the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) and Zipline International, Inc., working with Member States. The partnership aims to improve access to life-saving medical products - including vaccines, diagnostics and essential medicines - particularly for underserved and remote communities.

Aligned with Africa CDC's Strategic Plan (2023–2027), the Africa Health Security and Sovereignty agenda and Africa's digital transformation priorities, the collaboration advances African-led solutions that strengthen national health systems and epidemic preparedness. "This partnership is a commitment to equity, access and resilience - enabling Africa to respond faster, work smarter and save more lives," said Africa CDC Director-General Dr Jean Kaseya.

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Lusaka Agenda Gains Momentum with Accountability Framework



Under the Lusaka Agenda, Africa is taking concrete steps to strengthen health systems, secure sustainable financing and ensure accountability. This vision has advanced significantly with the validation of its Monitoring and Accountability Framework, which includes a dashboard and scorecard to track progress.

A milestone workshop in Addis Ababa brought together representatives of Member States, partners and key stakeholders to endorse this framework - designed to ensure transparency and reinforce accountability for Africa's health commitments. Adopted on Universal Health Coverage Day in 2023, the Lusaka Agenda serves as Africa's roadmap for moving from dependency

to self-reliance in health, building on long-standing commitments such as the Abuja Declaration, which calls for allocating at least 15% of national budgets to health.

The new framework supports countries in measuring progress toward these goals at a time when external aid is declining, and domestic investment in health is increasingly urgent. By validating this framework, participants laid a stronger foundation for systems that deliver results for Africans and reaffirmed Africa's determination to lead its own health future.

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5 Pillars

AFRICA'S HEALTH SECURITY AND SOVEREIGNTY AGENDA

Africa's Health Security and Sovereignty (AHSS) agenda builds on the New Public Health Order adopted in 2022 after COVID-19. It addresses reduced aid, recurring outbreaks and fragile supply chains. Centred on five pillars - governance, preparedness, financing, digital innovation and local manufacturing - AHSS seeks to strengthen resilience and cut external dependence. By 2040, Africa aims to produce 60% of essential health products, secure its data and lead in global health.

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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 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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Burundi's Health Gains Highlighted in Talks with Africa CDC

Dr Kaseya met with H.E. Évariste Ndayishimiye, President of Burundi, who will assume the chairmanship of the African Union in February 2026.

During the meeting, they explored key health priorities shaping Africa's future and reflected on Burundi's impressive progress in strengthening its health system - from mpox response to surveillance, laboratories and vaccination. The discussion reaffirmed Africa CDC's commitment to supporting Burundi as it prepares to take on this crucial continental leadership role.

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In Bujumbura, Dr Kaseya was received by the First Lady of Burundi, Angeline Ndayishimiye. Their discussion focused on shared priorities for improving health and well-being nationwide. Dr Kaseya acknowledged her commitment to advancing health initiatives and emphasised the importance of strong partnerships in building a healthier Africa.

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Africa CDC Epidemic Intelligence Weekly Report: 10 December 2025

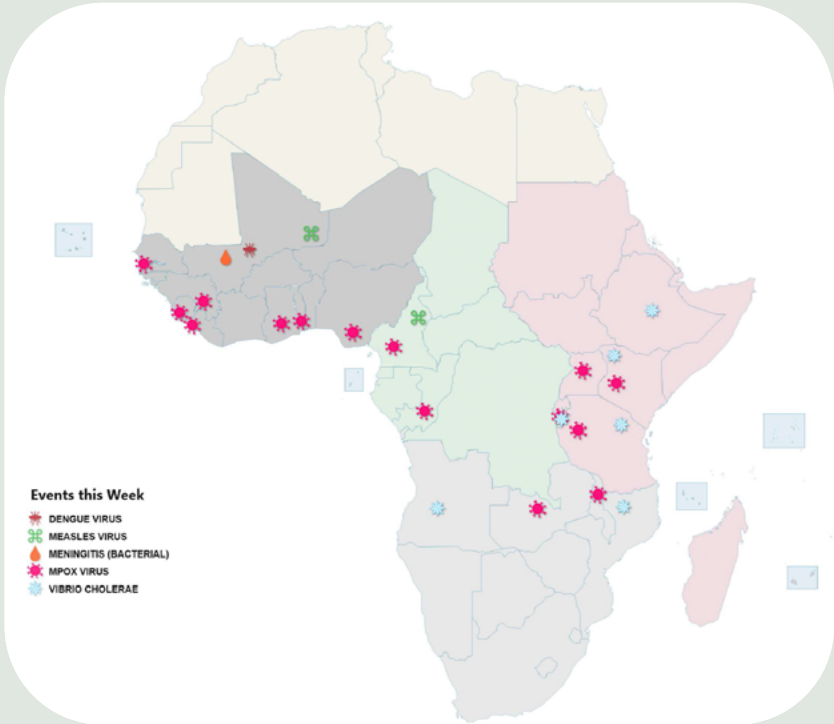
Weekly real-time insights on public health threats across the continent

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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New Africa CDC Platform Powers Evidence-Based Action

The Africa CDC Knowledge Management Portal is now live, offering a central platform to support evidence-based decision-making and knowledge sharing across the continent. By improving access to data and information, the portal strengthens Africa's health security, drives digital transformation and advances health sovereignty.

The portal brings together critical resources, including research, guidelines, best practices, and real-time data, enabling policymakers, health professionals and partners to make informed decisions. It serves as a collaborative space where Member States and stakeholders can exchange insights, track progress and align

strategies to address Africa's most pressing health challenges. This innovation reflects Africa CDC's commitment to leveraging technology for stronger health systems and resilience.



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Saving Lives & Livelihoods: Vaccines Delivered Where Clinics Can't



In parts of Nigeria, long distances and insecurity make a simple clinic visit nearly impossible, leaving many children without access to routine vaccinations.

Through the Saving Lives & Livelihoods (SLL) partnership with the Mastercard Foundation, Africa CDC and partners are supporting efforts to bring vaccines

directly to hard-to-reach communities and strengthen local health systems.

The initiative has helped deliver millions of vaccine doses, build public health workforce capacity, and expand access in settings where routine immunisation services have been disrupted or limited.

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New Analysis Calls for Greater Funding for Community Health



Africa CDC and UNICEF have released new analyses showing how data can support greater domestic investment in community health. The findings highlight the economic value of community health workers and the cost-effectiveness of sustained, community-based services.

This evidence will support governments strengthen workforce planning, prioritise funding for community health workers, and build more resilient, people-centred health systems across Africa.

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