

## WEEKLY BULLETIN | 15 - 21 December 2025



### Spotlight

## Driving Continental Unity for Health Security

As Africa continues to navigate evolving health challenges and emerging opportunities, Africa CDC concluded 2025 by reaffirming its commitment to a healthier, more secure continent.

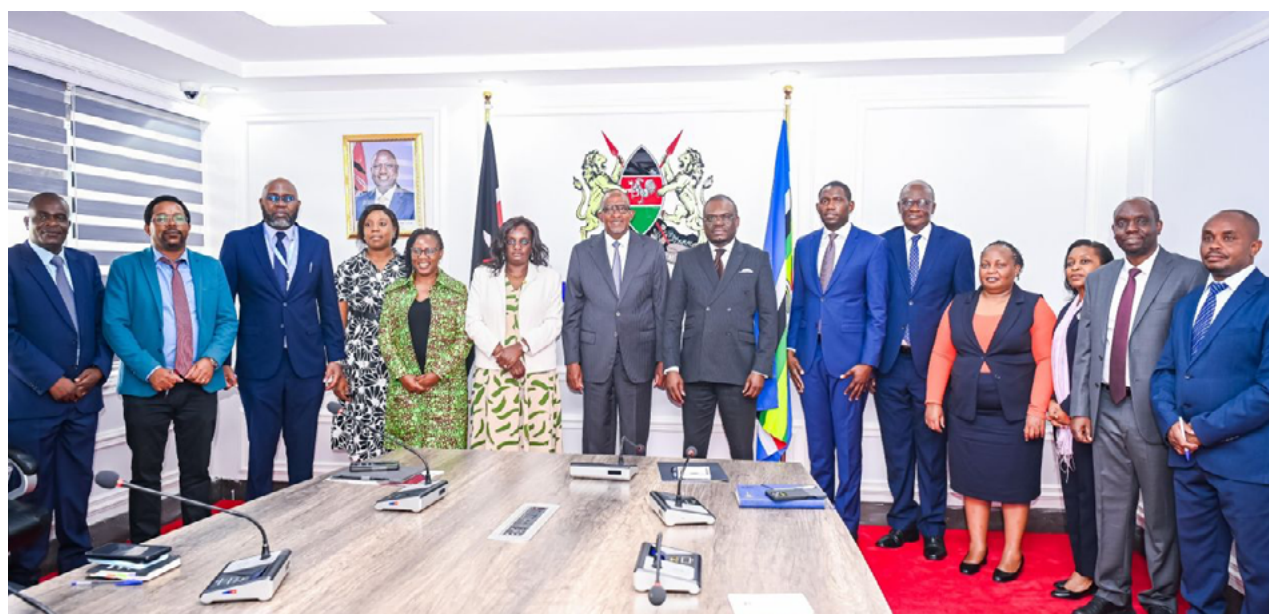
At its annual staff retreat, more than 100 senior leaders from headquarters, regional offices and member states came together to review progress and shape the 2026 workplan - underscoring the organisation's mandate to protect Africa's

health through solidarity, cooperation and strong institutions.

The opening day also featured a heartfelt farewell to H.E. George Orina, Kenya's ambassador to the African Union. His unwavering support and passion for Africa CDC served as a strong reminder that unity and strong institutions remain central to the continent's health security.

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## Kenya and Africa CDC discuss Health Security and Sovereignty



A meeting between Dr Jean Kaseya and Kenya's Minister of Health, Hon. Aden Duale, focused on strengthening Africa's health systems through local manufacturing and regional capacity building.

The discussion highlighted Kenya's critical leadership role in driving resilient, African-led health systems - essential for achieving health security and sovereignty across the continent.

Africa CDC reaffirmed its commitment to working closely with Kenya to advance sustainable solutions that reduce reliance on external supply chains and bolster preparedness for future health challenges.

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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.

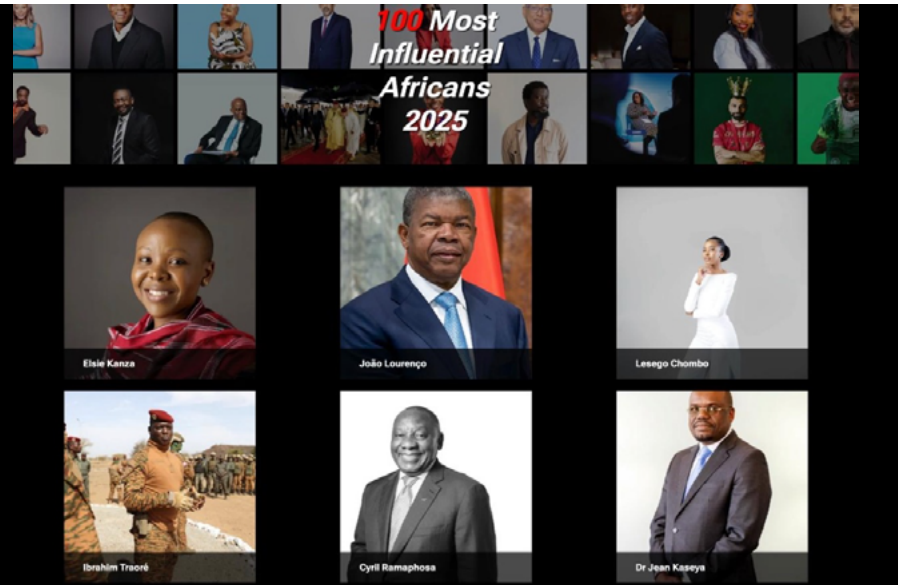


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New African Magazine Lists Dr Kaseya in Top 100

Dr Kaseya has been named by New African Magazine among the 100 Most Influential Africans of 2025. This acknowledgement reflects his role in guiding efforts to strengthen Africa’s public health architecture and improve the continent’s capacity to respond to health emergencies.

for solutions that are designed and led by Africans.

His inclusion in this list underscores the growing importance of regional leadership in addressing complex health challenges and building resilient systems for the future.

Over the past year, Dr Kaseya has worked to advance health security and sovereignty, promote collaboration among African nations, and advocate

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Africa CDC Epidemic Intelligence Weekly Report: 17 December 2025

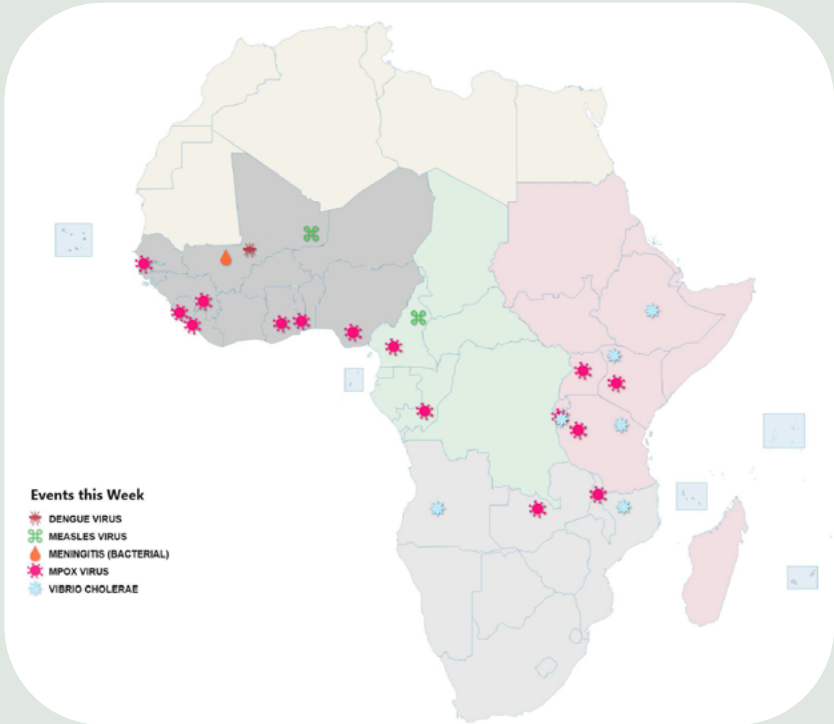
Weekly real-time insights on public health threats across the continent

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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Driving Progress Toward Universal Health Coverage

At a time when Africa is working to fortify its health systems and ensure equitable access to care, Dr Kaseya welcomed the opportunity to engage in strategic discussions with the FHI 360 team, led by CEO Tessie San Martin. This partnership was described as a reflection of a shared commitment to strengthening primary health care and health security - cornerstones for achieving Universal Health Coverage across the continent.

Dr Kaseya said collaborative efforts of this nature are vital in closing persistent gaps in service delivery and enhancing resilience against emerging health threats. Equally important is aligning resources and expertise to accelerate progress toward healthier, more secure communities across Africa, he said.



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Strengthening Africa’s Research Sovereignty Through Collaboration



Africa CDC convened leading African scientists at its headquarters in Addis Ababa to define minimum requirements for preclinical and Phase I–IV clinical research across the continent. Opening the consultative workshop, Dr Raji Tajudeen, the Deputy Director General, emphasised the urgency for African scientists to lead research and development

- from discovery to delivery. This engagement represented a pivotal step toward strengthening Africa-led innovation, enhancing regulatory preparedness and advancing research sovereignty to ensure that solutions for Africa are driven by Africans.

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Honouring Impact: Africa CDC Recognises Two Outstanding Directors



At Africa CDC’s year-end review, two directors were recognised by their peers for exceptional leadership and impact: Dr Yewew Kebede, honoured for his leadership of the Laboratory Division, and Dr Wessam Mankoula, acknowledged for his role in leading the Northern Africa Regional Coordinating Centre.

Dr Kaseya emphasised that strong, accountable leadership across all levels of Africa CDC remains critical to strengthening public health systems and delivering for Member States. He also expressed gratitude to both colleagues for their dedication and service.

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