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Spotlight

Emergent BioSolutions and PANTHER Back Africa CDC Mpox Study

Emergent BioSolutions is partnering with PANTHER to fund Africa CDC's MpOx Study in Africa (MOSA), which seeks treatments for mpox - a virus with no specific medicine yet.

The trial began in 2024 and is currently running in several African countries, with a focus on the Democratic Republic of Congo. After reviewing early safety data, experts confirmed the study is safe to continue.

Africa CDC and PANTHER plan to expand the study to more countries, including Uganda, and enrol more patients to strengthen Africa's ability to fight health threats.

Mpox remains a major concern, with over 61,000 cases and nearly 300 deaths reported across 32 African nations since early 2024.

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Africa-China Strategic Dialogue Launches 2026 Year of Exchanges



At the invitation of the Chairperson of the African Union Commission, H.E. Mahmoud Ali Youssouf, Dr Jean Kaseya joined leaders - including H.E. Wang Yi, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China - at the 9th China-African Union Strategic Dialogue.

The meeting took place at the African Union Headquarters in Addis Ababa, alongside the launch of the 2026 China-Africa Year of People-to-People Exchanges. It focused on strengthening political, economic and social ties between Africa and China, with particular emphasis on

cooperation in health, trade and infrastructure. The interaction also highlighted shared priorities for sustainable development and resilience in the face of global challenges.

Dr Kaseya emphasised that multilateral cooperation remains essential to advancing peace, development and resilient systems, noting that health security is a cornerstone for Africa's future and global stability.

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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

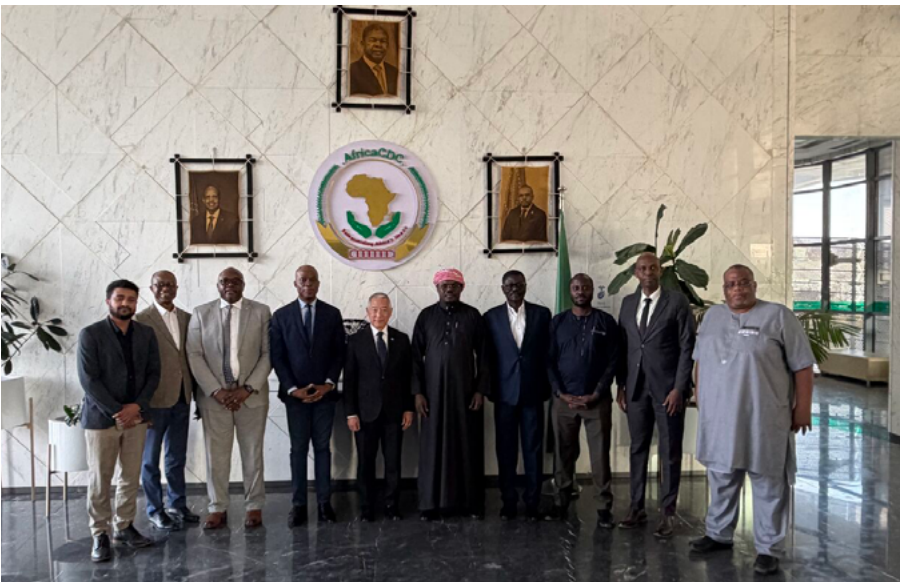
Africa CDC is advancing its strategic agenda on sustainable health financing. Read the latest concept note, "Rethinking Africa's Health Financing in a New Era: Toward Sustainable, Resilient, and Self-Reliant Health Systems", outlining the core pillars for transforming Africa's health financing architecture.



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Africa CDC and International Vaccine Institute Unite to Drive Vaccine Innovation

A strategic meeting was held with Jerome Kim, Director General of the International Vaccine Institute (IVI), to strengthen collaboration on vaccine development, manufacturing and clinical research in Africa.

Dr Kaseya emphasised that such partnerships are essential for building Africa’s vaccine ecosystem,

accelerating innovation, and improving preparedness for future health threats. IVI is a global nonprofit organisation committed to discovering, developing and delivering safe, effective and affordable vaccines for populations in need, with a strong focus on improving health in low- and middle-income countries.

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Africa CDC Epidemic Intelligence Weekly Report: 24 December 2025

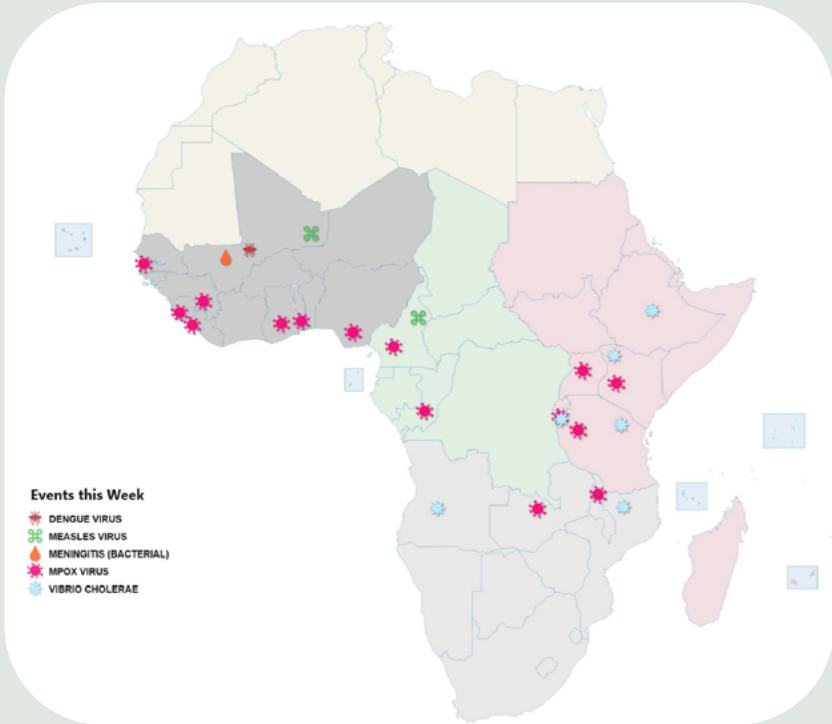
Weekly real-time insights on public health threats across the continent

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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Egypt, Africa CDC Advance Health Sovereignty

During his visit to Egypt, Dr Kaseya held high-level discussions with H.E. Dr Mostafa Madbouly, the Egyptian Prime Minister. They reaffirmed a shared conviction: health security must be a cornerstone of African sovereignty, driving growth, innovation, stability and creating jobs for Africa’s youth.

Dr Kaseya also met with Dr Badr Abdel Aaty, the Egyptian Minister of Foreign Affairs, to explore ways to strengthen health and pharmaceutical security across Africa. He welcomed Egypt’s continued partnership with Africa CDC to build capacity, enhance emergency preparedness, and expand access to vaccines and essential medical supplies.



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Health Security Focus as Japan, Africa CDC Deepen Ties

Japan’s Ambassador to the African Union, H.E. Mr Sekiguchi Noboru, visited the Africa CDC headquarters to discuss strengthening collaboration.

Discussions focused on deepening Japan–Africa CDC cooperation to enhance health security and resilience across Africa. Dr Kaseya expressed appreciation for Japan’s continued support in preparedness, surveillance, and response, and reaffirmed the commitment to advancing this partnership.



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Armenia and Africa CDC Forge Ties to Strengthen Health Systems

Dr Jean Kaseya welcomed H.E. Sahak Sargsyan, Armenia’s Ambassador to Ethiopia and Permanent Representative to the African Union and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), to Africa CDC headquarters.

Their discussion focused on strengthening cooperation between Africa CDC and Armenia in areas such as digital health, emergency

preparedness, non-communicable disease prevention, and health financing reform. Both parties agreed to continue dialogue toward practical collaboration.

The engagement reflects Africa CDC’s commitment to building strategic partnerships that enhance health systems and resilience across the continent.

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Recognition for Africa CDC DG among Africa’s Top 100 Leaders

Dr Kaseya expressed his gratitude and honour at being recognised among the “100 Most Reputable Africans” by Reputation Poll International (RPI).

He emphasised that the accolade belonged to many of his colleagues at Africa CDC, African Union Member States, and partners who work to advance Africa’s Health Security and Sovereignty Agenda and protect the health of Africa’s people.

RPI said this recognition celebrates leaders who demonstrate integrity, influence and measurable impact in shaping Africa’s global reputation. Dr Kaseya was commended for his role in strengthening public health systems, driving disease prevention strategies, and fostering cross-border collaboration to safeguard millions across the continent.

RPI is a global reputation-management firm that conducts independent surveys and rankings to assess public perception, trust and influence.



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