

**WEEKLY BULLETIN | 22 February 2026**



**Spotlight**



## New Africa CDC–FHI 360 Partnership to Boost Public Health Systems Across Africa

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between Africa CDC and FHI 360, an international nonprofit organisation dedicated to improving health and development outcomes worldwide. This marks a significant step toward strengthening health security and building more resilient public health systems across the continent.

Dr Kaseya said the partnership advances the Africa Health Security and Sovereignty (AHSS)

Agenda by reinforcing country-led preparedness, sustainable financing, innovation and local capacity.

He emphasised that Africa must lead in securing its health future. Through this collaboration, Africa CDC and FHI 360 will support African Union Member States in strengthening systems to prevent, detect and respond decisively to public health threats.

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## Alignment, Not Overlap: Africa CDC and AMA Strengthen Coordinated Action

In a clear demonstration of continental alignment, Africa CDC and the African Medicines Agency (AMA) have reaffirmed their shared commitment to strengthening Africa's health security and regulatory landscape.

During a courtesy visit, the Director-General of AMA, Dr Delese Darko, met with Dr Jean Kaseya at the Africa CDC Headquarters in Addis Ababa. The two leaders underscored their determination to work collaboratively in advancing the continent's health priorities.

Dr Kaseya reiterated his ongoing advocacy for universal ratification of the AMA Treaty - an essential milestone for achieving regulatory harmonisation across all African Union Member States.

Both leaders highlighted the clarity and complementarity of their mandates, stressing that alignment - not overlap - guides their cooperation. They identified pooled procurement as a key area where joint efforts can enhance efficiency and strengthen intra African trade under the AfCFTA.

They also encouraged deeper coordination across Africa CDC, AMA, the AfCFTA Secretariat and AUDA NEPAD as the continent moves toward a more integrated and resilient health ecosystem.

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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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## Financing Africa's Health Security and Sovereignty

Africa's health-financing landscape has entered a decisive transition. After two decades of progress supported by expanding development assistance for health (DAH) and disease-specific programmes, the continent now faces a convergence of fiscal pressures that threaten the sustainability of health systems and recent gains in coverage and outcomes.



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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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**DIRECTOR GENERAL'S ENGAGEMENTS**



**Kenya and France Engage Africa CDC on Continental Health Priorities**

During a visit to Africa CDC, Dr Korir Sing'Oei, Kenya's Principal Secretary for Foreign Affairs, and H.E. Éléonore Caroit, France's Minister Delegate for Francophonie, International Partnerships and French Nationals Abroad, met with Dr Kaseya to discuss strategic cooperation in support of Africa's health security and sovereignty.

The discussions focused on aligning global partnerships with Africa's priorities ahead of the Africa Forward Summit in Nairobi and the One

Health Summit in France. Key areas included local manufacturing, pooled procurement, sustainable health financing and digital transformation. Dr Kaseya emphasised that Africa's health agenda must be shaped on the continent and delivered at scale, reaffirming Africa CDC's commitment to working with Member States and partners to turn political commitments into measurable results.

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**Africa CDC Epidemic Intelligence Weekly Report: 18 February 2026**

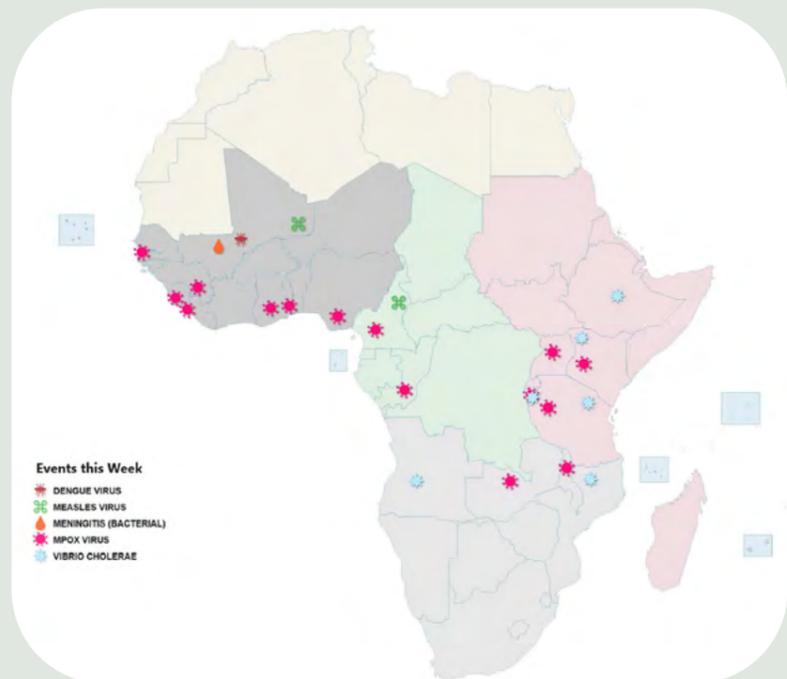
**Weekly real-time insights on public health threats across the continent**

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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**Tanzania Deepens Ties with Africa CDC**

Tanzania's Ambassador to Ethiopia, H.E. Mr Innocent Eugene Shiyo, visited Africa CDC for discussions focused on strengthening collaboration to advance the continent's health security and health sovereignty.

The engagement highlighted the shared commitment to building more resilient primary health care systems, with particular emphasis on improving outcomes for women and children.

The visit also provided an opportunity to acknowledge the appointment of H.E. President Samia Suluhu Hassan as the African Union Champion for Reproductive, Maternal and Child Health - an important step toward accelerating progress across Africa.

Dr Kaseya underscored that strong national leadership, supported by effective partnerships, is critical to translating continental commitments into measurable impact.



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**Congratulatory Message as AUDA NEPAD CEO Gets Another Term**

Dr Kaseya congratulated Mrs Nardos Bekele-Thomas on her reappointment as CEO of the African Union Development Agency-NEPAD for an additional four-year term.

He noted that, under her leadership, AUDA NEPAD has strengthened institutional delivery and mobilised resources at scale to advance the Agenda 2063 priorities. Dr Kaseya also expressed his commitment to continued collaboration, emphasising the importance of joint efforts to deliver tangible results for Africa's development and health security.



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**Mpox Emergency Lifted, Yet Sustained Vaccine Supply Still Needed**

Lifting the mpox Public Health Emergency of Continental Security (PHECS) marked an important milestone for the continent, according to Dr Kaseya, who also emphasised that sustaining this progress now depends on assured and continued access to vaccines.

Dr Kaseya underscored that equity must remain central to vaccine access. He highlighted the Africa Health Security and Sovereignty (AHSS) Agenda as the continent's pathway from scarcity to security - anchored in predictable supply, stronger regional manufacturing and pooled procurement designed to achieve impact at scale.

He referred to a new paper developed by Africa CDC and the World Health Organization, which estimates that 6.4 million vaccine doses are required to interrupt transmission. By January 2026, 5.1 million doses had been shipped - significant movement toward this target, although still insufficient to secure lasting control.



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**New Africa CDC Platform to Centralise Clinical Trial Data**

Africa CDC is developing a centralised continental database to enable real-time tracking of clinical trials across Africa through a single, accessible platform. This initiative aims to enhance transparency, improve coordination of research efforts, and strengthen the continent's ability to rapidly generate evidence during public health emergencies.

innovation and supporting the drive toward a more coherent and self-reliant research ecosystem.

By creating a unified view of ongoing and planned clinical trials, Africa CDC is advancing Africa's leadership in health



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