

WEEKLY BULLETIN | 23 February-1 March 2026



Spotlight

Africa CDC and AU Partners Group Team Deepen Collaboration on AHSS Priorities

A team from the African Union Partners Group visited Africa CDC for an exchange on advancing the Africa Health Security and Sovereignty (AHSS) Agenda.

During the engagement, Dr Jean Kaseya emphasised the importance of aligning partner efforts with country-led priorities to strengthen health security and resilience across the continent.

The visit contributed to ongoing efforts to reinforce coordination between Africa CDC and its regional and global partners. Discussions highlighted the critical need for sustained investment, coherent support and collective action to build robust public health systems capable of addressing both current and emerging health threats across Africa.

[Read more...](#)



Indoor Residual Spraying Spotlighted as Equatorial Guinea Targets Malaria Elimination

Indoor residual spraying remains a vital tool for malaria eradication, said Dr Kaseya as he congratulated Equatorial Guinea on its goal to eliminate the disease by 2030. He reaffirmed Africa CDC's commitment to a broad, evidence-based approach that includes vector control, vaccination, stronger surveillance and effective case management.

During the Africa CDC weekly media briefing, Dr Kaseya hosted Health Minister Mitoha Ondo'o

Ayekaba, who outlined Equatorial Guinea's plan to join the small group of African countries that have eliminated malaria. The Minister highlighted four key pillars: the rollout of the R21 vaccine, strengthened vector control including indoor spraying, high-precision surveillance and strong scientific oversight.

[Read more...](#)

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

[Listen in...](#)

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.



[Read more...](#)

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.

[Read more...](#)

DIRECTOR GENERAL'S ENGAGEMENTS



Early Career Insights Shape Dr Kaseya's Push for Resilient Health Systems

Reflecting on his time in public health, Dr Kaseya said his three years at Africa CDC had reaffirmed a lesson he had first learned early in his career. As a young doctor serving 250,000 people in Kahemba, a rural community in the DRC, he had seen how fragile health systems could be and how they could cost lives.

He maintained that expanding access to care depended on investing in strong, community rooted public health infrastructure that reached everyone. In his conversation with Raj Kumar of Devex, Dr Kaseya looked back on these experiences as the foundation for strengthening resilient systems across Africa.

[Read more...](#)

Africa CDC Epidemic Intelligence Weekly Report: 25 February 2026

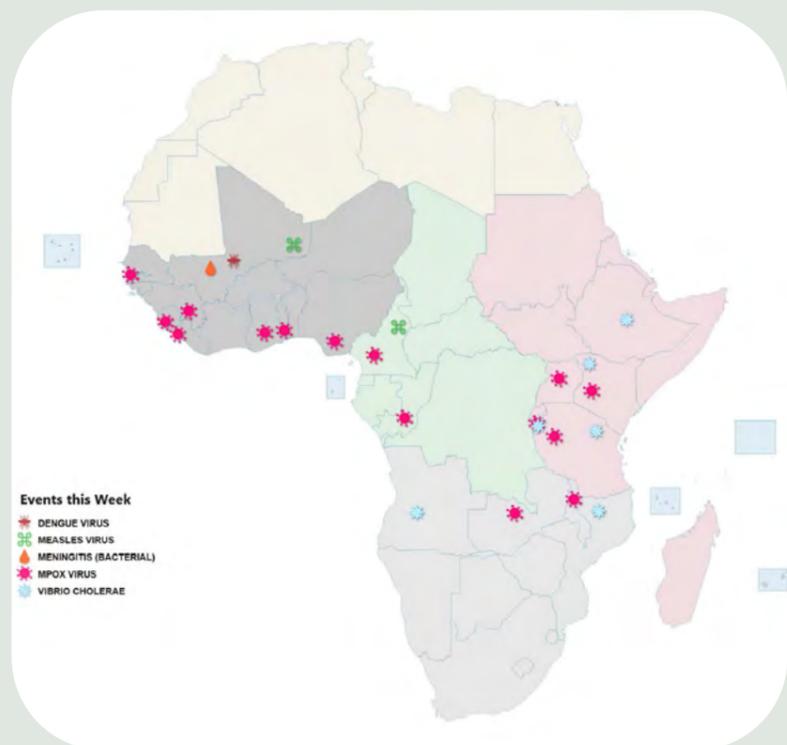
Weekly real-time insights on public health threats across the continent

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.

Events 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.

Focusing on moderate to very high-risk events, the report tracks a range of threats from emerging infectious dis-

[Read more...](#)



Nairobi Meeting Advances PHEM Fellowship's Vision for a Ready Emergency Workforce

Africa CDC's Public Health Emergency Management (PHEM) Fellowship convened its 3rd Technical Advisory Committee meeting in Nairobi, bringing partners together to reflect on how best to strengthen emergency workforce capacity across African Union Member States.

simulation exercises and digital learning, and the need to ensure these approaches take root at the country level.

Participants agreed that a well-prepared workforce remains central to effective prevention, preparedness and response - and is essential for safeguarding Africa's collective health security.

The gathering offered space for thoughtful exchange on the skills, systems and collaboration needed to prepare the continent for an increasingly complex public health landscape. Discussions emphasised the importance of harmonised training standards, the integration of One Health and climate-related risks, the expanded use of



[Read more...](#)

Virtual Peer to Peer Learning Boosts Emergency Readiness Across Eastern Africa

Peer to peer virtual learning is emerging as a powerful way to rapidly expand expertise during health emergencies. Africa CDC's Eastern Africa Regional Coordinating Centre engaged the University of New Mexico's Project ECHO to explore how virtual, cross border learning networks can strengthen preparedness across the region.



[Read more...](#)

By using platforms such as iECHO, countries can exchange real time insights, coordinate more effectively during outbreaks and collectively advance Africa's Health Security and Sovereignty agenda.

Shared Accountability Strengthens Mpx Response Across Africa

As part of the ongoing mpx response, Africa CDC has worked closely with WHO, African Union Member States and other partners to strengthen joint planning, harmonise monitoring and reporting as well as improve operational delivery at the community level.



[Read more...](#)

A new video highlights how shared accountability and a common operational framework can reinforce health security systems and build preparedness that extends well beyond a single outbreak.

Ethiopia Unveils Digital Platform to Power Public Health Emergency Management

The Ethiopian Public Health Institute has launched its Public Health Emergency Management (PHEM) Digitalisation Initiative, marking a major step toward strengthening emergency preparedness in the country.



[Read more...](#)

Africa CDC welcomed the effort as a key milestone in advancing Ethiopia's Public Health Emergency Management Centre of Excellence. The launch brought together national leaders and partners, underscoring a shared commitment to building a more coordinated and effective public health emergency response system.