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Spotlight

Climate and Health Leadership: Dr Kaseya Highlights Zimbabwe's Forward Momentum

Dr Jean Kaseya met with H.E. President Emmerson Mnangagwa of Zimbabwe, reaffirming Africa CDC's commitment to supporting the country's efforts to strengthen health security and sovereignty, with particular emphasis on sustainable health financing and expanding local manufacturing.

Dr Kaseya also commended President Mnangagwa's leadership at the critical intersection of climate change and health, noting that this kind of partnership-driven vision continues to advance Africa's collective progress.

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New Operations Centre Enhances Madagascar's Ability to Manage Health Emergencies

Africa CDC has formally handed over the newly equipped Public Health Emergency Operations Centre (PHEOC) to Madagascar, marking a significant milestone in bolstering the country's capacity to prepare for and respond to public health threats.

The support package includes modern infrastructure and equipment worth about US \$300,000, as well as training for 40 frontline

health workers in Emergency Operations Centre management and the Incident Management System.

The investment comes at a crucial moment as Madagascar responds to the mpox outbreak and recover from the impacts of Cyclones Fytia and Gezani.

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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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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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AU Leadership Visit Reinforces Africa's Health Security Vision

The first official visit by H.E. Amb. Selma Malika Haddadi, Deputy Chairperson of the African Union Commission, to Africa CDC provided an important opportunity to deepen collaboration on Africa's public health architecture. Amb. Haddadi met with Dr Kaseya to discuss strengthening a more resilient and coordinated continental health security system.

At a time when global health threats continue to evolve, the discussions underscored the need for stronger AU cooperation to ensure a better-prepared and more secure Africa. The visit also acknowledged Amb. Haddadi's leadership and her continued support for Africa CDC's mission to protect the health of Africans.

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Africa CDC Epidemic Intelligence Weekly Report: 13 March 2026

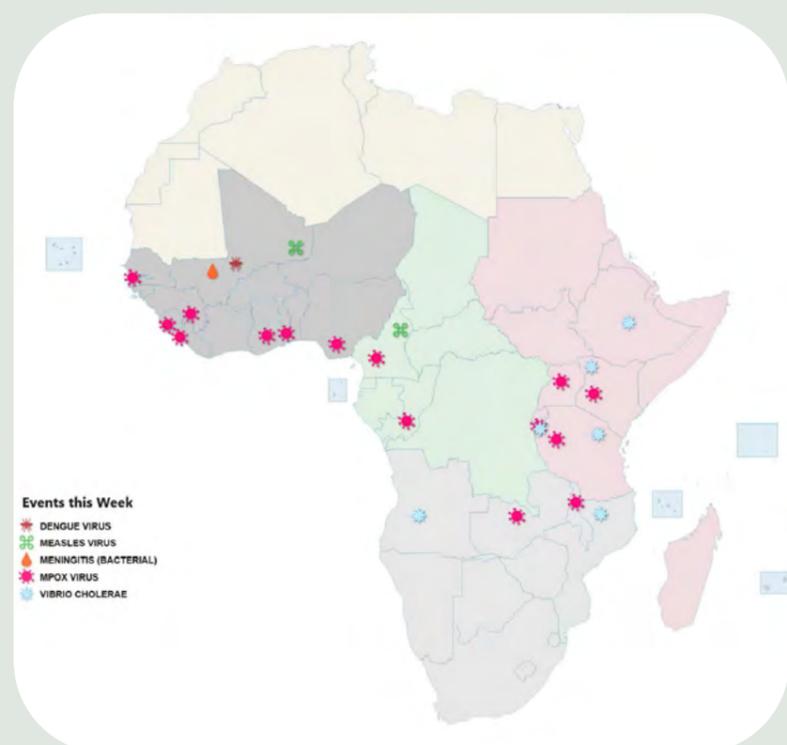
Weekly real-time insights on public health threats across the continent

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-

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DRC's Abuja Breakthrough: A Turning Point for Africa's Health Financing

The Democratic Republic of Congo's steady advance toward the 15% Abuja health financing target is, as Dr Kaseya emphasises, a powerful signal for Africa's future health security.

In an op-ed co-authored with H.E. President Félix Tshisekedi and colleagues, Dr Kaseya highlights how the DRC is strengthening domestic resource mobilisation and improving public financial management to reach this milestone.

He says predictable financing, efficient spending and national ownership are indispensable pillars of sustainable health systems - principles driving Africa CDC's Africa Health Security and Sovereignty (AHSS) Agenda across the continent.



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Meeting with Former President of Botswana

A conversation with H.E. Dr Mokgweetsi Eric Keabetswe Masi, former President of Botswana, provided space to discuss Africa's evolving health priorities.



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In the exchange, Dr Jean Kaseya and the former head of state underscored the need for continued leadership and commitment to strengthen health outcomes across the continent.

Equity Must Anchor the Future of Global Health Security

A stark lesson from COVID 19: inequity remains the biggest threat to global health.

In an article co-authored with Africa CDC colleagues, Dr Kaseya makes the case for reimagining the global health architecture - from manufacturing capacity to financing - to create a system that is fair, resilient and prepared.

The message is unequivocal: equity is not optional; rather, it is the foundation of global security.



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Africa's Health Workforce Crisis Cannot Wait

Africa's shortage of 5-6 million health workers is already affecting essential services and enabling outbreaks to spread across borders - a reality Dr Kaseya has repeatedly warned about.

In his conversation with Hadley Gamble at Abu Dhabi Global Health Week, Dr Kaseya underscored the urgency of rebuilding Africa's health workforce to avoid reversing two decades of progress. He called for immediate investment to protect essential services and ensure sustainable financing for Africa's long-term health security.



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