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**Spotlight**

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## Africa CDC and Japan Forge New Pact to Strengthen Global Health Security

A Memorandum of Cooperation has been established between Africa CDC and the Japan Institute for Health Security (JIHS) to deepen collaboration in health security, infectious disease control, research and public health workforce development.

Signed simultaneously in Addis Ababa and Tokyo, the agreement strengthens joint efforts to improve surveillance, laboratory capacity, early warning systems and coordinated emergency

response. The partnership also advances One Health and climate-resilient approaches to address zoonotic diseases, antimicrobial resistance and emerging threats.

Aligned with Africa CDC's Strategic Plan (2023–2027) and the Africa Health Security and Sovereignty Agenda, it will be implemented through a Joint Action Plan outlining priority activities and timelines.

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## New Momentum in Africa CDC's Collaboration with Tanzania on Maternal and Child Health

In Tanzania, Dr Jean Kaseya held productive discussions with Hon. Amb. Mahmoud Thabit Kombo, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Hon. Florence Samizi, Deputy Minister of Health.

The parties explored ways to strengthen cooperation to advance health security across the continent, with a particular focus on maternal and child health, building resilient health systems, and ensuring equitable access to quality health services for all Africans.

Dr Kaseya reaffirmed Africa CDC's support for H.E. President Samia Suluhu Hassan in her role as the African Union Champion for Maternal and Child Health, highlighting the importance of this leadership in advancing Africa's health agenda.

He expressed gratitude to Tanzania for its leadership and continued partnership in strengthening the continent's health security.

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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

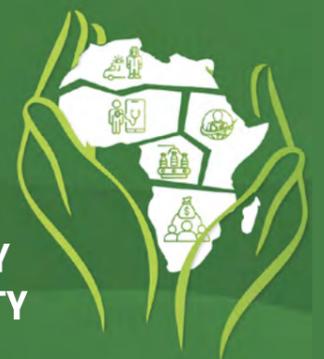
Africa's health-financing landscape has entered a decisive transition. After two decades of progress supported by expanding development assistance for health (DAH) and disease-specific programmes, the continent now faces a convergence of fiscal pressures that threaten the sustainability of health systems 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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### Africa CDC Launches Public Health Track under AU Media Fellowship 3.0

As part of its Public Health Media Fellowship, Africa CDC has launched the Public Health track under Cohort 3.0 of the African Union Media Fellowship Programme, with five fellows participating in the inaugural cohort.

Implemented in collaboration with the African Union, the track aims to

strengthen evidence-based public health storytelling across Africa. The wider AU Media Fellowship Cohort 3.0 brings together 22 fellows from across the continent, with Africa CDC supporting the five fellows in the Public Health track through mentorship and technical engagement over the next 16 months.

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### Africa CDC Epidemic Intelligence Weekly Report: 5 March 2026

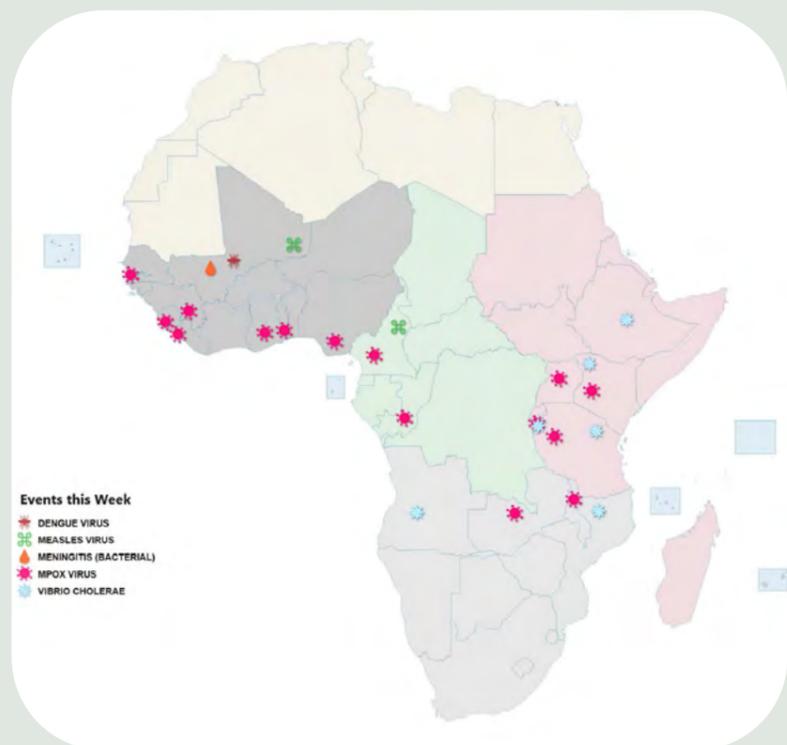
#### Weekly real-time insights on public health threats across the continent

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.

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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### DIRECTOR GENERAL'S ENGAGEMENTS

#### Women Are the Backbone of Africa's Health Systems, Dr Kaseya Affirms

On International Women's Day, Dr Kaseya paid tribute to the extraordinary women who stand at the heart of Africa's health security. He noted that the continent's public health strength is powered by the resilience, expertise and leadership of women - those responding on the frontlines of outbreaks, driving scientific innovation and shaping policies that safeguard millions.

Dr Kaseya expressed his deep appreciation for the many brilliant and dedicated women at Africa CDC, whose daily contributions advance public health and reinforce the continent's ability to detect, respond to and prevent health threats. Their leadership, he emphasised, is not only invaluable but essential to building stronger systems and safer communities.

Dr Kaseya reaffirmed Africa CDC's unwavering commitment to elevating and



empowering women in public health. When women thrive, he emphasised, health systems flourish - and Africa becomes stronger, safer and more resilient.

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#### AHSS Agenda Builds on - and Advances - the New Public Health Order

What makes the Africa Health Security and Sovereignty Agenda different from the New Public Health Order?

Dr Kaseya clarifies the distinction: The New Public Health Order established the overarching vision for stronger and more autonomous public health systems in Africa. It defined the principles needed to build resilient institutions, enhance public health leadership and drive long term transformation across the continent.

The Africa Health Security and Sovereignty (AHSS) Agenda builds directly on this foundation. It moves from vision to implementation by prioritising sustainable financing, expanding local manufacturing of health products and accelerating digital transformation. Through these practical measures, the AHSS Agenda aims to ensure that Africa can better prevent, detect and respond to health threats with increased self reliance, preparedness and long term

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#### Equatorial Guinea's Malaria Target Hinges on Proven Controls, Say Dr Kaseya

Dr Kaseya congratulated Equatorial Guinea on its goal of eliminating malaria by 2030. He emphasised that proven vector control measures - particularly indoor residual spraying - remain essential to achieving this target.

He also highlighted the importance of vaccination, strengthened surveillance and effective case management to accelerate progress against malaria across Africa.



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#### Fungal Disease Summit Pushes for Stronger Detection and Response

Africa faces a critical shortage of diagnostic tests for life threatening fungal infections, a gap that drives misdiagnosis, delayed treatment and preventable deaths. At the Africa Fungal Disease Summit in Addis Ababa - co-organised by Africa CDC and the Global Action for Fungal Infections (GAFFI) - stakeholders gathered to confront this growing challenge.

The discussions focused on key priorities for strengthening detection and response across the continent.



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