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Spotlight

Africa CDC and AFF Scale Up Drive for 200,000 Community Health Workers

A new agreement between Africa CDC and Africa Frontline First (AFF) - a coalition of governments, donors and partners supporting community health systems - is set to accelerate the deployment of 200,000 community health workers across the continent.

Signed on the sidelines of the World Health Summit Regional Meeting in Nairobi by Africa CDC Director General Dr Jean Kaseya and AFF Co-Executive Director Nan Chen, the partnership reflects a growing push to institutionalise community health within national systems.

Building on progress between 2023 and 2025, the partnership has helped mobilise significant financing, supported the deployment of over 100,000 community health workers, and strengthened digital and surveillance systems - shifting efforts from fragmented interventions to more integrated, system-driven approaches.

The 2026 to 2028 phase will focus on scaling deployment, strengthening domestic financing, professionalising the workforce and integrating community health into pandemic preparedness and response.

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A New Platform for Africa's Collective Voice in Global Health

A new High-Level Ministerial Committee is set to strengthen Africa's influence in global health governance and reform, bringing together Ministers of Health and Finance to drive coordinated action.

Launched by Dr Kaseya, the platform aims to align political leadership, consolidate Africa's voice, and advance a unified position across key global health processes.

The move comes as multiple crises - from pandemics to climate-related health risks - continue to expose gaps in access to vaccines,

technology and financing. At the same time, declining external support is placing added strain on national health systems, reinforcing the need for more sustainable, locally driven solutions.

Working in support of Africa's Health Security and Sovereignty agenda, the Committee will focus on strengthening governance, advancing financial and data sovereignty, supporting local manufacturing and improving pandemic preparedness and response.

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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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DIRECTOR GENERAL'S ENGAGEMENTS



Zimbabwe and Africa CDC align on health sector priorities

Dr Kaseya met with Zimbabwe's President, Emmerson Mnangagwa, alongside Finance Minister Mthuli Ncube and Health Minister Douglas Mombeshora, for talks on strengthening the country's health sector and aligning national and continental priorities.

improving health outcomes and reinforcing system resilience. It also underscored a shared commitment to investing in sustainable health systems that can effectively respond to current and future challenges.

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The interaction highlighted the importance of coordinated leadership and cross-sector collaboration in

Africa CDC Epidemic Intelligence Weekly Report: 19 April 2026

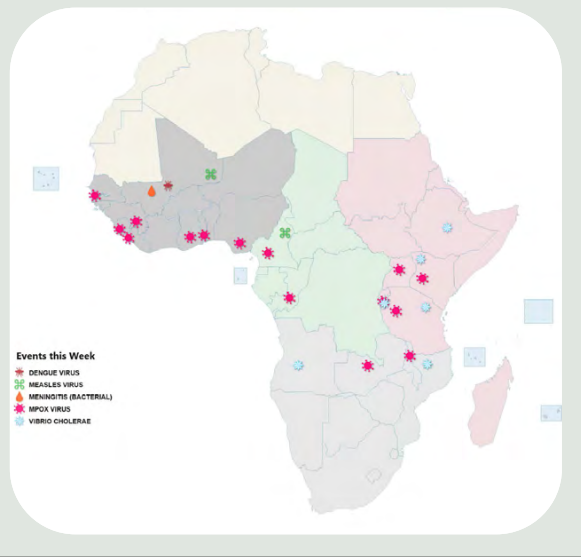
Weekly real-time insights on public health threats across the continent

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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South Sudan Commissions Health Security Infrastructure

Dr Kaseya met with senior leadership of the Government of South Sudan to advance strategic priorities for strengthening the country's health sector. Discussions focused on enhancing health security, reinforcing system resilience and aligning efforts to better serve the population.

The visit also marked the official opening and tour of key national health security infrastructure, including the Public Health Emergency Operations Centre and the National Public Health Laboratory, highlighting progress in building national capacity for preparedness, surveillance, and response.



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Continental immunisation strategy targets zero-dose children and equity gaps

African leaders and partners, under Dr Kaseya's guidance, launched the Continental Immunisation Strategy in Nairobi, marking a decisive step toward closing equity gaps and reaching zero-dose children across the continent.

The strategy places immunisation at the core of resilient primary health care systems, building on decades of progress that have saved over 50 million lives in Africa, while focusing on scaling proven solutions to underserved communities.



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Kenya Backs Regional Health Hub with Land and Funding Deal

A new agreement signed between Dr Jean Kaseya and Kenya's Cabinet Secretary for Health, Aden Duale, marked a major step in strengthening regional health coordination. The MoU advances the full operationalisation of the Eastern Africa Regional Coordinating Centre, building on Kenya's role as host since 2017. Signed at the World Health Summit Regional Meeting in Nairobi, the agreement commits Kenya to providing 10 acres of land and a USD2 million contribution.



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Africa CDC Drives Shift to Domestic Health Financing Solutions

At the World Health Summit Regional Meeting in Nairobi, Dr Kaseya convened African Health Ministers of Health, development partners and financing experts for a Ministerial Dialogue on Health Financing, set against a stark backdrop of high disease burden, limited health spending, and tightening external support.

agenda, emphasising the need for bold decisions and sustainable investments that deliver tangible improvements in health outcomes across the continent.

The discussions focused on practical pathways to bridge the financing gap, including mobilising domestic resources, improving efficiency, exploring debt-for-health swaps and advancing mechanisms such as the African Sovereign Health Fund. The dialogue underscored the urgency of Africa's Health Security and Sovereignty



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