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Spotlight

Exit Screening Critical to Stopping Ebola Spread, Africa CDC Warns

As the Bundibugyo Ebola outbreak continues to spread, the Africa CDC has urged African Union Member States to immediately strengthen exit screening and public health measures at airports, seaports and major land border crossings to reduce the risk of cross-border transmission.

In a letter to Ministers of Health, Africa CDC Director-General Dr Jean Kaseya called for coordinated, science-based action to detect potential cases early while keeping travel, trade and humanitarian operations moving safely. Recommended measures include enhanced

traveller screening, stronger referral systems, improved risk communication and closer coordination among border health authorities.

The guidance stresses that enhanced screening is not a travel restriction, but a practical tool to contain the outbreak at its source, protect communities and maintain international confidence. Africa CDC, the WHO and partners have pledged continued support as African leaders prepare to meet on 16 June to mobilise the political commitment and resources needed to accelerate containment efforts.

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EU Pledges €11.5 Million for Bundibugyo Ebola Response

The European Union has committed €11.5 million to support Africa CDC's response to the ongoing Bundibugyo Ebola outbreak, strengthening surveillance, laboratory capacity, preparedness and frontline response efforts in affected and at-risk countries.

The funding was unveiled during a visit to Africa CDC headquarters in Addis Ababa by European Commissioner for Equality, Preparedness and Crisis Management, Hadja Lahbib. It will help enhance early detection, train health workers and improve outbreak coordination across the region.

The contribution adds to growing international support for the Africa CDC–WHO Continental Strategic Preparedness and Response Plan, which aims to contain the outbreak in the DRC and Uganda while strengthening readiness in neighbouring countries.

The funding also reinforces the EU–Africa CDC partnership at a critical stage of the outbreak, as response efforts continue to rely on surveillance, contact tracing and community engagement in the absence of approved vaccines or therapeutics for the Bundibugyo strain.

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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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Safe Access and Community Trust Crucial to Halting Ebola’

Containing the Bundibugyo Ebola outbreak will require more than medical interventions alone. Safe access to affected communities, stronger community trust and the establishment of a “corridor of peace” are essential to enable responders to reach those most at risk, said Dr Kaseya, during a high-level ministerial discussion on the outbreak in the Great Lakes region.

He warned that insecurity, population movements and access constraints in eastern DRC continue to hamper surveillance, contact tracing, case

management, safe burials and community engagement, complicating efforts to bring the outbreak under control.

Africa CDC is working with Member States, the African Union, WHO, the European Union and other partners to strengthen coordination, support frontline responders and reduce the risk of further spread, Dr Kaseya added.

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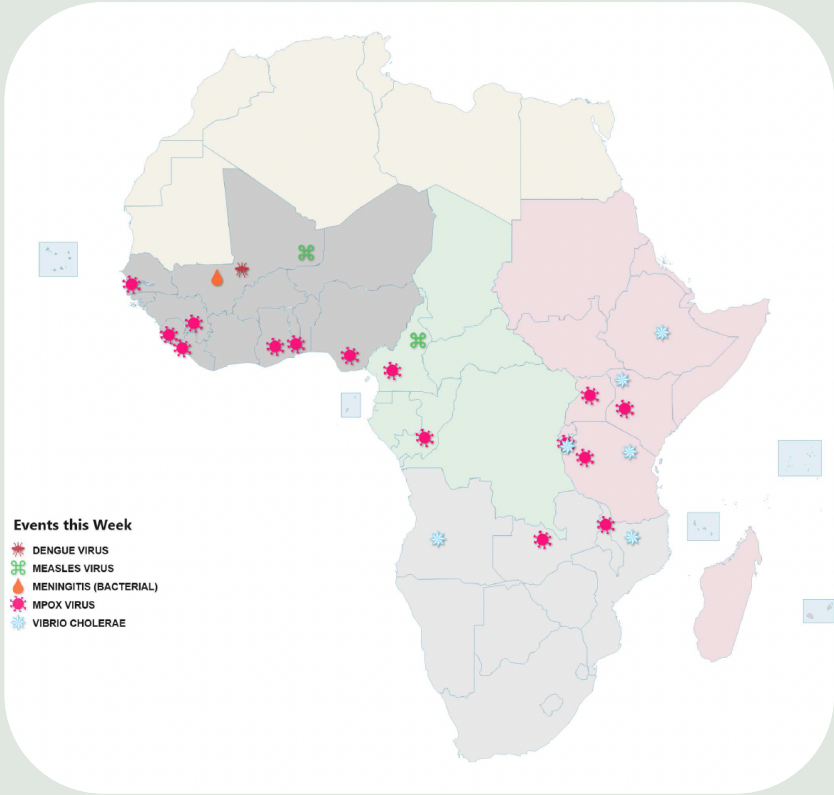
Weekly real-time insights on public health threats across the continent

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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Chinese Participation at Highest Level Signals Solidarity Against Ebola

Ahead of this week’s High-Level Meeting of African Heads of State and Partners on the Bundibugyo Ebola outbreak, Dr Kaseya met with H.E. Jiang Feng, the People’s Republic of China’s ambassador to the African Union, to discuss ongoing efforts to strengthen the response.

The meeting underscored the strong partnership between Africa CDC and China, as well as China’s continued commitment to supporting Africa’s efforts to contain the outbreak. China’s decision to participate in the summit at the highest level was welcomed



as a significant demonstration of solidarity and recognition of the importance of Africa’s health security agenda.

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Gates Foundation Backs Africa CDC’s Ebola Containment Efforts

Partnerships remain central to Africa’s efforts to contain the Bundibugyo Ebola outbreak and strengthen long-term health security, a message reinforced during a meeting between Dr Kaseya and Ankur Vora, President of Africa & India Offices and Chief Strategy Officer at the Gates Foundation.

The discussions focused on advancing the Ebola response and strengthening collaboration to support resilient, African-led public health systems. Dr Kaseya expressed appreciation for the Gates Foundation’s US\$5 million contribution to Africa CDC’s Ebola response, describing it as an important investment in efforts to protect lives and contain the outbreak.



The meeting highlighted the value of sustained partnerships in mobilising resources, strengthening preparedness and building the health systems needed to respond to future public health threats across the continent.

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Joint Mission Strengthens Ebola Control Efforts in Outbreak Epicentre

A joint field mission to Mongwalu in Ituri province has reinforced efforts to contain the Bundibugyo Ebola outbreak, bringing together national authorities, Africa CDC, the WHO and other partners to assess progress, identify remaining gaps and strengthen coordination on the ground.

The mission highlighted the importance of frontline action and close collaboration in responding to public health emergencies, particularly in areas most affected by the outbreak. Discussions focused on enhancing operational effectiveness,



improving coordination and ensuring that response efforts remain centred on the needs of affected communities.

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Addis Ababa Gears Up to Host Africa’s Premier Public Health Conference

Dr Kaseya met with Addis Ababa Mayor H.E. Adanech Abiebie to discuss preparations for the 5th International Conference on Public Health in Africa (CPHIA 2026), which will take place in the Ethiopian capital this November.

The meeting underscored Addis Ababa’s role as Africa’s diplomatic capital and its growing importance as a centre for public health

leadership, innovation and collaboration. CPHIA 2026 is expected to convene heads of state, policymakers, researchers, health professionals and development partners from across Africa and beyond to advance solutions to strengthen the continent’s health security.

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