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Spotlight

Africa CDC and WHO Rally Support for \$518m Ebola Preparedness and Response Plan

A US\$518m continental preparedness and response plan launched by Africa CDC and the WHO aims to strengthen Africa's ability to prevent, detect and respond to the ongoing Bundibugyo Ebola outbreak.

The six-month plan brings together governments, partners and communities under a unified "One Response" approach and aligns continental efforts with the national response plans of the DRC and Uganda.

It focuses on strengthening emergency coordination, disease surveillance, laboratory

testing, infection prevention and control, clinical care, community engagement, research, logistics and support for essential health services.

The strategy places particular emphasis on protecting vulnerable populations, enhancing cross-border collaboration and reinforcing preparedness in at-risk countries. It also seeks to sustain efforts against other major public health threats, including mpox, cholera and measles, while strengthening the resilience of health systems across the continent.

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Pandemic Fund Backs Africa CDC–WHO Ebola Response Plan with US\$220.6m

A US\$220.6 million emergency financing package approved by the Pandemic Fund will strengthen efforts to contain the ongoing Bundibugyo Ebola outbreak and enhance preparedness across Central and Eastern Africa.

The financing will support implementation of the joint Africa CDC–WHO Continental Strategic Preparedness and Response Plan, helping affected and at-risk countries scale up outbreak control efforts. The funding comes as countries work to contain the virus in the DRC and Uganda and prevent further regional spread.

Of the total package, up to US\$175.7 million will be mobilised through the reprogramming of existing projects in affected and high-risk countries, while a further US\$44.9 million will be made available through expedited financing mechanisms to support preparedness and response activities in additional at-risk countries.

Africa CDC said the financing reflects growing international confidence in a coordinated, country-led response built on the principle of "one plan, one budget and one team".

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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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Agreement Secured to Expand Ebola and Marburg Diagnostics

Dr Kaseya announced a major step in strengthening the Ebola response following a visit to South Korea, where he met with KH Medical, currently the only manufacturer in the world producing diagnostics capable of detecting all Ebola and Marburg virus strains.

Dr Kaseya said an agreement had been reached to secure 100% of the company's available production capacity, thereby doubling the number of diagnostic machines deployed by the end of June 2026. He also revealed plans to begin manufacturing

these critical diagnostics on the African continent, a move aimed at strengthening regional capacity to detect and respond to outbreaks.

Describing the partnership as an example of a response driven by African institutions and supported by trusted international partners, Dr Kaseya called for greater international solidarity, emphasising that epidemics are best addressed through cooperation, investment and collective action.

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Africa CDC Epidemic Intelligence Weekly Report: 24 May 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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Kenya and Africa CDC Advance Cooperation on Ebola Preparedness

Strengthening regional preparedness for the ongoing Ebola outbreak in Eastern Africa was a key focus of discussions between Dr Kaseya and Dr Musalia Mudavadi, Kenya's Prime Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Secretary for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs.

The meeting happened on the sidelines of the Korea–Africa Ministers' Forum in Seoul. It provided an opportunity for Dr Kaseya to brief the Kenyan delegation on response measures being coordinated by Africa CDC, affected countries and partners, and to discuss Kenya's preparedness efforts, including measures to enhance surveillance and response



systems. The discussions further explored Kenya's engagement with Africa CDC and opportunities to deepen collaboration

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Second Shipment of Medical Supplies Boosts Ebola Control Efforts in DRC

The arrival of a second shipment of Ebola medical countermeasures at Africa's Ebola Continental Supply Chain mechanism in Entebbe, Uganda, has further strengthened support for the ongoing response to the Bundibugyo Ebola outbreak in the DRC. It brings the total volume of supplies received to nearly 50 metric tonnes, according to Dr Kaseya.



The consignment, provided by India, is being transported to Ituri province with support from Uganda's National Medical Stores, the EU Humanitarian Air Bridge operated by UNHAS, and the DRC Ministry of Health. The supplies are intended to bolster response operations in affected communities and support frontline health workers.

Dr Kaseya said the operation highlights the importance of coordinated action, regional solidarity and strong partnerships in ensuring the timely delivery of critical medical supplies during public health emergencies.

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South Sudan Strengthens Preparedness Against Ebola Threat

A high-level visit to South Sudan's National Public Health Institute and Infectious Disease Unit brought together Africa CDC, senior government officials and key partners to assess the country's readiness to prevent the importation of Bundibugyo Ebola Virus Disease

The delegation, which included Senior Presidential Envoy on Special Programmes Hon. Adut Salva Kiir and Health Minister Hon. Luke Thompson Thoan, reviewed preparedness measures and discussed efforts to strengthen surveillance, coordination and rapid-response



capacities. With South Sudan facing elevated risk due to its proximity and connectivity to affected countries, participants underscored the importance of sustained vigilance and early action.

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Starlink Delivers 150 Connectivity Kits to Support Ebola Control Efforts in DRC

A donation of 150 Starlink satellite internet kits is set to strengthen efforts to contain the ongoing Ebola outbreak in the DRC, providing reliable, high-speed connectivity to frontline response teams operating in the affected areas of Ituri province.

The deployment will support critical outbreak response activities, including disease surveillance, case reporting, laboratory

testing, contact tracing, treatment, and coordination among health facilities, emergency operations centres, and field teams. The connectivity will also facilitate real-time data sharing, logistics management, training and information exchange among health workers operating in remote and hard-to-reach locations.

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