

### WEEKLY BULLETIN | 21 - 27 April 2025



## A landmark act of solidarity to advance sustainable health financing across Africa

n a landmark move for Africa's health future, H.E. João Lourenço, President of the Republic of Angola and Chairperson of the African Union, announced a voluntary contribution of USD 5 million to the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC). The announcement follows a high-level meeting with Dr. Jean Kaseya, Director General of Africa CDC, on 21 April 2025 in Luanda.

Dr. Kaseya hailed the pledge as a bold and historic commitment, stating, "President Lourenço's leadership reflects Africa's collective determination to finance our health future with African-led solutions."

President Lourenço further committed to convening a Committee of African Heads of State to champion the continental health financing strategy, "Rethinking African Health Financing in a New Era," in response to declining global development assistance.

Africa CDC also announced support for Angola's plan to locally manufacture mosquito nets, expanding regional production capacity for essential health commodities. Discussions also focused on Angola's cholera outbreak response, with Africa CDC pledging full financial and technical assistance.

This announcement marks a major milestone in Africa CDC's drive to advance political leadership, sustainable financing, and continental solidarity under the New Public Health Order and the Lusaka Agenda.

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H.E. Dr Kaseya

# Africa CDC Commends Uganda on Declaring the End of its Eighth Ebola Virus Disease Outbreak



## A milestone in public health resilience and continental collaboration

frica CDC commends
the Republic of Uganda
for declaring the end of
its eighth Sudan Ebola Virus
Disease (SVD) outbreak after
42 days with no new infections.
Strong leadership, swift action,
and community engagement
were critical in achieving this
milestone, with all admitted
patients recovering and safely
reintegrating into their communities.

In support of the national response, Africa CDC deployed 15 emergency specialists, trained 897 community health workers and 80 surveillance officers, and deployed 40 IPC mentors to

high-risk districts. Laboratory capacity was strengthened with field diagnostic kits, and extensive risk communication activities were carried out.

Africa CDC's ongoing support focuses on future preparedness through research studies, a genomic sequencing machine, and the delivery of \$4.3 million worth of emergency supplies and cold chain equipment.

Together, Uganda's leadership and Africa CDC's collective efforts highlight the strength of collaboration in safeguarding public health across the conti-



"Uganda's leadership and Africa's solidarity have once again proven that resilience and collective action can defeat even the toughest public health challenges." — Dr. Jean Kaseya, Director General, Africa CDC

H.E. Dr Kaseya

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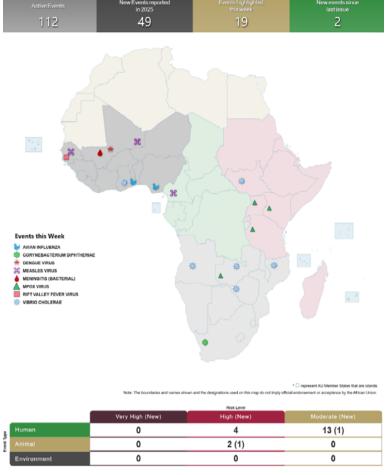
## **Africa CDC Epidemic Intelligence Weekly Report: April 2025**

## **Real-time insights on** public health threats across the continent

he Africa CDC Epidemic Intelligence Weekly Report provides real-time updates on priority pub-lic health events across the continent. Each edition highlights the epidemiological situation, risk as-sessments, 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 diseases 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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**Africa Public Health Podcast** 



#### Africa's health revolution: ethics, innovation, and the power of R&D

Dr. Mosoka P. Fallah, Acting Director of Science & Innovation at Africa CDC, explores how ethical, African-led research is transforming public health on the continent.



Africa CDC's Concept Paper on Health Financing

#### **DIRECTOR GENERAL'S ENGAGEMENTS**

## **Africa CDC Reaffirms Commitment to Ending Tuberculosis in Africa**



Last week, on the sidelines of the World Bank and IMF Spring Meeting in Washington DC. meetings, Dr. Jean Kaseya global leaders at the Foreign Policy Global Health Roundtable, in partnership with the Stop TB Partnership, to reflect on what it will take to end tuberculosis (TB) in Africa.

Africa CDC is committed to working with African Union Member States, communities, and partners to scale access to TB diagnostics and treatment, strengthen local manufacturing through the Platform for Harmonized African Health Products Manufacturing, and build resilient primary health care systems rooted in equity and people-centered care.

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## **New Vision for Health Financing at CSIS Bipartisan Alliance Dialogue**

The Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) hosted a high-level dialogue with Dr. Jean Kaseya and his team on "Africa's Health Financing in a New Era."

The discussion emphasized Africa CDC's leadership in building a sustainable, African-led health financing architecture in response to declining global development assistance.

Find out more from the Africa CDC Concept Note on "Rethinking Africa's Health Financing in a New Era: Toward Sustainable, Resilient, and Self-Reliant Health Systems."

## **Call for Bold Health Financing at Pandemic Fund High-Level Roundtable**

Spearheading sustainable investment and continental resilience

At a high-level roundtable hosted by the Pandemic Fund on the margins of the World Bank-IMF Spring Meetings in Washington, D.C., Africa CDC called for urgent action to rethink Africa's health

financing architecture. Dr. Jean Kaseya highlighted the continent's worsening financing gap, with official development assistance declining by 70% and a looming \$81 billion debt burden.

Africa CDC emphasized its leadership role through the AU-endorsed "Rethinking Africa's Health Financing in a New Era" strategy, the upcoming AU Health Financing Forum, and the Africa Epidemics Fund (AfEF), which aims to secure rapid, transparent financing for health emergencies. Dr. Kaseya also underscored Africa CDC's operational advances through its Incident Management Support Team (IMST) and collaboration with WHO under the Joint Emergency Action Plan (JEAP).

Commending the Pandemic Fund's \$321 million funding for Africa through the second call for proposals, Africa CDC reiterated its commitment to country systems strengthening, regional collaboration, and building resilient, African-led health security solutions.



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