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Measles

Historic low in measles deaths, but immunization gaps threaten progress
27 November 2026 *WHO News release*
Worldwide measles deaths are at a historic low as more children are vaccinated, the World Health Organization (WHO) said in a report released today. In 2025, an estimated 72 000 people died from measles worldwide, a 91% reduction since 2000. However, vaccination coverage remains insufficient and uneven across many countries, putting progress towards measles elimination at risk. Looking at global measles over the past 25 years, the report estimates that measles vaccination has saved more than 60 million lives since 2000.

"Measles deaths have never been lower, thanks to the extraordinary life-saving power of vaccines," said Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General. "But measles does not forgive complacency. **Countries that had eliminated it are now losing that status. Elimination is not a finish line. It must be defended, with two doses of vaccine for every child, everywhere."**

Globally, nearly 10 million people were estimated to have been infected with measles in 2025. While this is among the lowest estimated levels reported, trends varied substantially by region. **In the Region of the Americas, case numbers increased 8-fold since 2000**, with 73 000 people infected in 2025. Nearly half of the global cases occurred in the South-East Asia Region.

While global measles immunization coverage remained largely unchanged in 2025, with 84% of children receiving a first dose and 77% receiving a second dose, the global trends mask regional and national declines and inequities.

The Region of the Americas has seen immunization coverage decline from levels above 90% before the COVID-19 pandemic. Most concerning is the recent loss of measles elimination status in several countries. Several countries in the European Region also recorded some of the lowest measles immunization coverage rates despite the overall regional coverage rate for the first dose remaining high at 92%.

There are stark inequalities in access to immunization. Low-income countries reported coverage of just 69% for the first dose and 57% for the second, compared with 93% and 91%, respectively, in high-income countries. Children in conflict and crisis settings also remain far less likely to be vaccinated and bear a disproportionate burden of measles outbreaks.

More than 29 million children were unvaccinated or under-immunized against measles in 2025, making them vulnerable to the disease. That year, 59 countries experienced large or disruptive measles outbreaks, including 18 low-income countries, 34 middle-income countries, and seven high-income countries. Eleven outbreaks occurred in countries that had previously been declared measles-free…

By the end of 2025, 95 countries had been verified as having achieved or maintained measles elimination. However, ongoing challenges, including the recent loss of elimination status in several countries underscore that elimination is not the finish line. Without consistently high vaccination

coverage in every community, strong surveillance systems and sustained political will, the virus can quickly regain a foothold.

Ending measles outbreaks means reaching every child, everywhere. The Measles & Rubella Partnership is working with governments worldwide to strengthen political commitment to measles elimination; invest in stronger surveillance and routine immunization systems; enhance outbreak response, including through the M&RP Outbreak Response Fund; and build community trust in measles vaccination.

> **PAHO urges countries to step up efforts to stop measles outbreaks and move towards elimination in the Americas**
> *The Region's measles resurgence has resulted in Bolivia, Mexico and the United States losing their measles elimination status, underscoring the urgent need to close vaccination gaps and strengthen surveillance and outbreak response.*
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> Washington, D.C., 17 November 2026 (PAHO) – The Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) today called on countries across the Americas to intensify efforts to stop measles transmission, close vaccination gaps, and put the Region back on track towards elimination, as outbreaks continue to spread in several parts of the Americas.
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> The call follows the 10–13 November meeting of the Measles, Rubella and Congenital Rubella Syndrome Elimination Regional Monitoring and Re-Verification Commission (RVC), which reviewed the latest epidemiological situation across the Region.
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> Following the Commission's assessment and recommendations, which were accepted by PAHO Director Dr. Jarbas Barbosa, endemic measles transmission was determined to have been re-established in Bolivia, Mexico, and the United States. All three countries have therefore lost their measles elimination status…
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> *PAHO's response and RVC recommendations*
> PAHO is working with countries to interrupt measles transmission through vaccination campaigns, stronger epidemiological and laboratory surveillance, rapid-response teams and support for outbreak investigation and containment.
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> The RVC has recommended that countries prioritize the following actions to strengthen their efforts to interrupt transmission:
> - Assess risks and close immunity gaps: Use PAHO's risk assessment tool to identify high-risk municipalities and populations, prioritizing the most vulnerable.
> - Strengthen active case finding: Conduct active searches in health facilities, communities and laboratories every three months, and systematically document the results.
> - Improve classification of suspected vaccine reactions: Apply PAHO criteria, including the timing of rash onset following vaccination, and genotype PCR-positive cases to identify vaccine strains.
> - Adapt responses to the epidemiological situation: Use PAHO's July 2026 Measles Preparedness and Response Matrix to guide vaccination, surveillance and laboratory activities, documenting any changes.
> - Protect health workers: Verify vaccination status, enforce institutional immunization policies and implement airborne isolation protocols.
> - Ensure timely resources: Equip field teams, remove operational barriers and coordinate government support to enable rapid outbreak response.

Sustaining at least 95% coverage with both doses of the measles vaccine in every community remains essential to closing immunity gaps and preventing further transmission. National averages can mask pockets of low coverage, making it critical to reach every community, particularly those most vulnerable to outbreaks.

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Global Health Inequalities

Countries face critical gaps in health inequality monitoring systems

24 November 2026 *Departmental update*

Health inequalities exist in every country. Yet millions of people at risk of being left behind may remain invisible in national health statistics. A new World Health Organization (WHO) report reveals that despite strong commitments, countries still face significant gaps in their ability to identify, measure and monitor health inequalities. The Health inequality monitoring atlas: a global mapping of country capacities, resources, policies and practices provides the first comprehensive global picture of national health inequality monitoring systems. Drawing on self-reported data from 161 WHO Member States, it highlights examples of encouraging progress and good practices, while also pointing to areas where further investment and support are needed…

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Health inequality monitoring atlas: a global mapping of country capacities, resources, policies and practices

24 November 2026 | Global report
PDF: https://iris.who.int/server/api/core/bitstreams/36c790ad-3edd-4d15-b3b0-e8a9747a78e3/content
Overview
Health inequalities exist in every country, but national averages can mask important differences in health outcomes and access to services between population groups. Health inequality monitoring makes these differences visible, helping countries identify populations being left behind and generate evidence to inform policies, programmes and resource allocation.

This report provides the first global mapping of national health inequality monitoring capacities, resources, policies and practices across WHO Member States. Drawing on self-reported information from 161 countries, representing 83% of WHO Member States and 89% of the global population in 2025, it examines leadership and strategic planning, the availability of disaggregated health data, and national capacities for analysis and reporting.

The findings reveal widespread political commitment, with 89% of countries reporting commitments to address health inequalities in their national health sector strategic plans, alongside gaps in governance, data collection, analytical capacity and reporting. The report identifies priorities for strengthening equity-oriented health information systems, showcases country practices and supports cross-country learning to advance health equity.
eBook, country profiles and interactive visuals

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Malaria

Major new funding announced for Gavi's malaria vaccine programme

- Investment of up to US$ 214 million by GiveWell will help Gavi protect more children against one of the world's deadliest diseases
- New analysis from the Sabin Vaccine Institute highlights strong demand for the malaria vaccine, with three dose coverage having already reached 70% on average in areas implementing rollout
- Dr Sania Nishtar, CEO of Gavi: "The high coverage rates already achieved with three doses are an indication of the high demand from communities for this powerful new tool and its ability to save lives and relieve the burden malaria places on families and health systems."

Geneva, 27 November 2026 – **Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance announced today that it has received an up to US$ 214 million grant that aims to help sustain and expand access to malaria vaccines across Africa.**

The grant is from GiveWell, a research and grantmaking organization dedicated to finding and funding the most cost-effective global health and development programs, and is funded by Coefficient Giving, a philanthropic funder and advisor, through its commitment to grants directed by GiveWell.

The announcement comes as **new analysis from the Sabin Vaccine Institute** – which looked at countries that had at least one year of experience rolling out the vaccine as of end 2025* – reveals that **three dose coverage has reached 70% on average in areas implementing malaria vaccination. First dose coverage stood even stronger at 80% on average.**

"We are deeply grateful to GiveWell for their support in helping us maintain the powerful momentum that has been generated by Gavi's malaria vaccine programme," said Dr Sania Nishtar, CEO of Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance. "The high coverage rates already achieved with three doses are an indication of the high demand from communities for this powerful new tool and its ability to save lives and relieve the burden malaria places on families and health systems."

If approved by the Gavi Board at its upcoming December meeting, the grant from GiveWell would make additional money available for country vaccine budgets – allowing Gavi to restore support for malaria vaccination in African countries to 85% of eligible populations in moderate- and high-transmission areas. Funding constraints had reduced Gavi's planned support to 70% for its current strategic period, which runs through 2030. Final choices on the scale and design of malaria vaccine programmes for this period are currently being made by countries, who also co-finance vaccine doses alongside Gavi…

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Ebola – Bundibugyo virus disease (BVD) – PHEIC/PHECS

WHO

Bundibugyo virus continental preparedness and response plan, November 2026–May 2027: Ownership, anticipation…

24 November 2026 | Guidance (normative)
PDF: https://iris.who.int/server/api/core/bitstreams/7c02c120-4f85-40c9-9751-9763117f1073/content
Overview
The Bundibugyo virus continental preparedness and response plan, November 2026–May 2027: Ownership, anticipation and accountability provides a coordinated strategic framework to stop the ongoing Bundibugyo virus disease outbreak and protect communities. Building on lessons learned

during the first six months of the response and drawing on epidemiological and operational evidence, the plan outlines priority actions to strengthen surveillance and case detection, expand access to safe and quality clinical care, enhance community protection, ensure safe and dignified burials, and protect vulnerable populations in humanitarian settings. Organized around 15 technical pillars, it emphasizes country ownership, community-centred action, regional coordination and accountability. The plan guides collective efforts by WHO, Africa CDC, governments, and partners to interrupt transmission, strengthen preparedness and response capacities, and mitigate the impact of the outbreak.

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Africa

Africa CDC

Africa CDC Welcomes Qatar's Decision to Lift Ebola-Related Travel and Visa Restrictions on Uganda

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 26 November 2026 – The Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) welcomes and expresses its appreciation to the State of Qatar for its decision to lift Ebola-related travel restrictions on Uganda and resume the issuance of all categories of entry visas.

This decision marks an important public health and diplomatic achievement for Uganda.

We commend Uganda's Ministry of Health for its leadership and effective response in containing the Bundibugyo Ebola outbreak. This achievement reflects the dedication of health workers, surveillance teams, communities and response partners.

We congratulate the Government of Uganda, particularly its Ministry of Foreign Affairs for their sustained engagement with the Qatari authorities.

Qatar's decision sends a positive signal about the role of science, evidence and diplomacy in addressing public health emergencies. Protecting public health must go hand in hand with safeguarding livelihoods, trade and the movement of people.

We encourage other countries maintaining similar restrictions to review their measures in light of the latest epidemiological evidence and international public health guidance…

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INGOs, CSOs

Gavi signs agreement with Serum Institute of India to secure rapid access to Bundibugyo vaccines

- **Advance purchase commitment from Gavi secures access to up to 1.5 million doses of ChAdOx1 BDBV,** a Bundibugyo candidate vaccine developed jointly by Serum Institute of India and the Oxford Vaccine Group at the University of Oxford

- **The agreement is funded through Gavi's First Response Fund**, with supply remaining conditional on clinical trial results, as well as the candidate vaccine securing necessary regulatory approvals and policy recommendations
- Dr Sania Nishtar, CEO of Gavi: "For the second public health emergency of international concern since its launch, the First Response Fund is functioning as designed – securing early and rapid access to vaccines so that communities can be protected as quickly as possible."

Geneva, 24 November 2026 – Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance today announced that it had signed an advance purchase commitment with the Serum Institute of India (SII) and Serum Life Sciences to secure access to up to 1.5 million doses of ChAdOx1 BDBV – a candidate vaccine against the Bundibugyo species of Ebolavirus. **These doses, funded through Gavi's First Response Fund* (FRF), would be procured in the event of successful clinical trial results, regulatory approvals, and appropriate policy recommendations for the vaccine's use.**

"For the second public health emergency of international concern since its launch, the First Response Fund is functioning as designed – securing early and rapid access to vaccines so that communities can be protected as quickly as possible," said Dr Sania Nishtar, CEO of Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance. "As the Ebola outbreak continues to devastate communities in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, **we must act with urgency to ensure the regulatory pathways are in place to quickly roll out this vaccine candidate if the clinical trials show positive results. This is critical to saving lives and keeping the world safe."**

To date, the current Ebola outbreak has resulted in more than 11,600 cases and more than 5,700 deaths – the vast majority in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. ChAdOx1 BDBV is one of two novel Bundibugyo vaccine candidates that WHO has recommended for clinical testing in the on-going outbreak.

In the event that the candidate vaccine secures the necessary regulatory approvals and WHO SAGE policy recommendations following its trials, Gavi's advance purchase commitment means that doses can be made available to affected populations quickly. SII has already manufactured the drug substance for more than half a million doses of the candidate vaccine to enable rapid access.

Adar Poonawalla, CEO, Serum Institute of India, said: "Effective epidemic response calls for the ability to act swiftly, with preparedness and global collaboration playing a critical role in ensuring timely access to vaccines. **Through our agreement with Gavi, we are taking an important step towards ensuring that vaccine supplies can be mobilised quickly**. Working jointly with Oxford Vaccine Group and the University of Oxford to develop the Ebola vaccine, we are committed to ensuring that affected communities have access to vaccines, strengthening global epidemic response against the Bundibugyo strain of the Ebola virus."…

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Polio – PHEIC

Polio this week [18 November 2026]
:: Professor Helen Rees named Global Achievement Awardee at University of Cambridge
The GPEI would like to congratulate Professor Helen Rees, on being named the Global Achievement Awardee at the University of Cambridge Alumni Awards 2026. This prestigious recognition honours alumni whose achievements have made an exceptional impact globally. As Chair of the Polio IHR

Emergency Committee since 2014, her leadership has been instrumental in guiding the global response to polio.

:: How AI is helping to reinforce polio surveillance in Africa

WHO's Regional Office for Africa is integrating AI into its operational dashboards, helping polio teams analyse data more rapidly, identify surveillance gaps and vaccination campaign weaknesses, and better target outbreak response efforts. The approach complements epidemiological expertise and supports more timely, evidence-based decision-making. More.

Summary of new polioviruses this week:

:: Pakistan : two WPV1-positive environmental samples
:: Kenya: one cVDPV2-positive environmental sample
:: Somalia: three cVDPV2-positive environmental samples
:: South Sudan: one cVDPV1 case and three cVDPV2 cases
:: Uganda: two cVDPV2-positive environmental samples

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Disease Outbreak News

23 November 2026 | Circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 1 – Syrian Arab Republic

Situation at a glance

In October 2026, a cluster of four cases of acute flaccid paralysis (AFP) was identified in Al-Mayadin District, Deir Ez Zor Governorate, Syrian Arab Republic. As of 13 November 2026, three confirmed cases of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 1 (cVDPV1) have been reported. Vaccine-derived poliovirus type 1 (VDPV1) was also detected in three contacts who did not present with AFP and are therefore not included in the reported paralytic poliomyelitis case count. Between 9 and 20 November 2026, twelve additional AFP cases were reported from several locations in Deir Ez Zor Governorate. Epidemiological and laboratory investigations are ongoing.

Genetic analysis confirmed that the cVDPV1 isolates detected are genetically linked, providing evidence of person-to-person transmission. **The event represents a new emergence of cVDPV1**. The current emergence is not genetically linked to the VDPV1 previously detected through environmental surveillance at the Al-Mayadin site in February 2026.

Following activation of the Emergency Operations Centre, national health authorities, with support from WHO and partners, are coordinating the outbreak response. Response measures include rapid-response vaccinations, active case finding, strengthened AFP surveillance and reinforcement of routine immunization services, risk communication, and efforts to restore access to essential health services in affected communities.

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Historic low in measles deaths, but immunization gaps threaten progress

27 November 2026 *News release*
WHO issues updated Ebola response recommendations, calling for improved security and accelerated research

27 November 2026 *Departmental update*
Global Clinical Trials Forum strengthens collaboration to advance implementation of resolution WHA75.8

26 November 2026 *News release*
WHO Director-General visits Haiti, announces US$ 1 million in support for critical hospital equipment

25 November 2026 *Departmental update*
WHO recommends new oral treatment option for gonorrhoea and reports new data on antimicrobial resistance

24 November 2026 *Departmental update*
WHO calls for stronger parliamentary leadership for global health at the 153rd Inter-Parliamentary Union Assembly

24 November 2026 *Departmental update*
Advancing the timely and ethical inclusion of pregnant and lactating women in clinical trials

24 November 2026 *News release*
WHO Director-General announces support for vaccines, medical equipment during official visit to Cuba

24 November 2026 *Departmental update*
Countries face critical gaps in health inequality monitoring systems

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WHO: GHA – Global Health Architecture

Reforming the global health architecture
WHO webpage for the GHA initiative
[Last update posted 26 June 2026]

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WHO Vaccines and Immunization [IVB]
https://www.who.int/health-topics/vaccines-and-immunization#tab=tab_1
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Historic low in measles deaths, but immunization gaps threaten progress

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WHO Region of the Americas PAHO
:: 25 Nov 2026
PAHO calls for stronger surveillance amid increase in mpox cases in the Americas
Washington, D.C., 25 November 2026 (PAHO) – The Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) is urging countries in the Americas to strengthen surveillance, laboratory capacity and prevention measures, including vaccination, in response to a surge in mpox cases in several countries of the Region.In an Epidemiological Alert issued on 24 November, PAHO…
:: 25 Nov 2026
PAHO calls for stronger health sector response to violence against women and girls
Washington, D.C., 25 November 2026 (PAHO) – The Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) is calling on countries to strengthen health services' role in preventing and responding to violence against women and girls. As part of these efforts, PAHO is launching a virtual course to help health workers identify violence and provide timely, safe,…
24 Nov 2026
:: **Suriname joins the Alliance for Primary Health Care in the Americas**
Paramaribo, Suriname, November 24, 2026 (PAHO) — Suriname has joined the Alliance for Primary Health Care (PHC) in the Americas, a regional initiative led by the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), and the World Bank that supports countries in transforming their health systems through stronger…

WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO
:: 28 November 2026 *News release*
WHO urges action to close measles immunity gaps as South-East Asia countries account for 47% of global cases despite highest immunization coverage

WHO European Region EURO
:: 27 November 2026 *News release*
Five Central Asian countries launch new health cooperation roadmap
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With the influenza season under way, WHO urges those at most risk to get vaccinated

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:: **WHO and partners sustain lifesaving surgical care as conflict escalates in Yemen**
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Disease Outbreak News (DONs)
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Weekly Epidemiological Record
https://www.who.int/publications/journals/weekly-epidemiological-record
Volume 101 Issue 47 Epidemiological Week 47 (16 November – 22 November 2026)
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:: Progress toward measles elimination – worldwide, 2000–2025

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CPHIA 2026 Closes in Addis Ababa: Africa Commits to Finance, Make and Lead its Own Health
27 November 2026
[Excerpt]
… **Key outcomes**
With external health assistance falling, financing dominated deliberations as governments set out how they will mobilise domestic resources, make better spending decisions and protect essential services.

- **The Central African Republic** committed to raise health's share of its national budget from about 4% in 2026 to 10% by 2029, with expenditure reported every quarter.
- **Ghana** announced a US$1 billion investment over four years in pharmaceutical and biomanufacturing hubs. Sudan, South Sudan and Botswana signed the African Pooled Procurement Mechanism agreement, and Zimbabwe is completing its national processes to join. Five Southern African Development Community countries joined regional pooled procurement, which is projected to save an estimated US$200 million.
- **Zambia** broke ground on a cholera vaccine manufacturing facility, with fill-and-finish operations targeted within a year. Ghana authorised direct procurement of locally produced snake antivenom. Africa CDC and the African Medicines Agency will submit a continental quality assurance policy to the African Union in early 2027.
- With the Ebola Bundibugyo outbreak ongoing, Gavi announced an advance purchase commitment for up to 1.5 million doses of a Bundibugyo Ebola vaccine, conditional on Phase 3 trial results. The revised continental Ebola response plan requires an estimated US$1.576 billion over six months; the World Bank will lead its socio-economic protection component.
- Africa CDC also released the **first continental public health intelligence report**, which links data analysis to operational action, and launched a health law consortium with CEPI to help countries remove legal and regulatory barriers to emergency preparedness and response.
- **Tanzanian President H.E. Samia Suluhu Hassan** launched a continental roadmap targeting zero home deliveries, zero preventable maternal and newborn deaths and zero unvaccinated children, and Tanzania pledged 60 specialist scholarships. The Beginnings Fund announced US$665 million for maternal and newborn health across 14 African countries.
- **Ethiopian Prime Minister H.E. Dr Abiy Ahmed** launched a continental roadmap on artificial intelligence and digital health, and announced plans for an AI university in Ethiopia open to students from across Africa. The new Africa Health Atlas provides standardised, comparable health indicators for all 54 African countries to guide national planning and investment.

Accountability ran through the conference. Africa CDC launched a mechanism to monitor implementation of the Lusaka Agenda, and Zambia committed to report on its progress at the next CPHIA. The UN Economic Commission for Africa offered technical support to countries restructuring their health budgets. Leaders called on governments and partners to align behind "one plan, one budget, one report". Delegates agreed that the next conference with will review what has been delivered: resources mobilised, budgets executed, and measurable improvements in health services.

Statement
Africa CDC Welcomes Qatar's Decision to Lift Ebola-Related Travel and Visa Restrictions on Uganda
26 November 2026

Communiqué
Statement of the Governing Board of the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC)
25 November 2026
16th Ordinary Meeting of the Governing Board
Addis Ababa, 23 November 2026

The Governing Board of the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) convened its 16th Ordinary Meeting on 22 and 23 November 2026 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

During the meeting, the Governing Board elected its new Bureau, with the Honourable Minister of Health of the Republic of Uganda assuming the position of Chairperson and the Honourable Minister of Health and Social Services of the Republic of Namibia, assuming the position of Vice-Chairperson. The Board also received the report of the outgoing Governing Board.

As a newly constituted Governing Board, and to enable a comprehensive and informed assessment of the performance of Africa CDC and his Director General for the period 2023-2026 building on the presentation made by the secretariat and the results presented therein, the Governing Board requested additional documentation to make a fully informed, objective and evidence-based recommendation.

This will allow the Governing Board to reconvene before 15 December 2026 to finalise its recommendation, ensuring its timely submission to the Committee of Heads of State and Government, and then the African Union Assembly of Heads of State and Government.

The members of the Governing Board collectively affirmed that the request for additional information was not motivated by any personal concerns or allegations against the Director General, but rather reflected the Board's responsibility to exercise appropriate institutional oversight and due diligence.

The Board recognises the critical importance of Africa CDC as the continental public health agency and takes seriously its responsibility to ensure that the institution remains strong, effective and fit for purpose in protecting the health and lives of Africa's more than 1.4 billion people.

African Medicines Agency [28 Nov 2026]
https://au-ama.africa/news-events/
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China – CDC+

National Health Commission of the People's Republic of China [28 Nov 2026]
http://en.nhc.gov.cn/
News
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National Medical Products Administration – PRC [28 Nov 2026]
https://english.nmpa.gov.cn/
Website not responding at inquiry.

China CDC

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:: *Foreword*
Advancing High-Quality Public Health Development in China: Insights from the China Public Health Development Report (2025)
Hui Liu, Ying Cui
2026, 8(48): 1455-1457. DOI: 10.46234/ccdcw2026.235
:: *Perspectives*
From Emergency Repair to Systemic Reconstruction: The Era Positioning and Advancement Pathways of High-Quality Public Health Development in China
Ying Cui, Hui Liu, Jianwei Wang
2026, 8(48): 1458-1461. DOI: 10.46234/ccdcw2026.236

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Europe

European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control
https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en
News/Updates/Reports/Publications [Selected]
Operational support
Guide for designing and conducting risk prioritisation exercises to rank infectious disease threats
26 November 2026

European Medicines Agency [EMA]
https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/news
News & Press Releases
Executive Director speech at European media workshop on vaccines
Emer Cooke discussed the role of science communication in building trust around vaccines in the European Union
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Meeting highlights from the Pharmacovigilance Risk Assessment Committee (PRAC) 23-26 November 2026
PRAC carried out its broad range of responsibilities for managing the safety of medicines
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National Centre for Disease Control
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U.S. Immunization and Public Health Governance/Policy/Funding

Given the continuing extraordinary situation in the U.S., we have established a separate section of the digest to capture and organize key content. Please note that we will selectively include external analysis and comment, either boxing or indenting this content under the relevant organization/action. We recognize that despite the volume of content in this section, this summary is indicative and not exhaustive

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The United States Welcomes the Joint Bid by Chile and Belgium to Host the Secretariat of the Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ) Agreement
Thomas "Tommy" Pigott November 24, 2026

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HHS Launches 'Radical Transparency' Website, Makes Tens of Thousands of Government Records Accessible to Americans
November 24, 2026 *Press Release*
WASHINGTON—NOVEMBER 24, 2026—The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) today launched Radical Transparency, a website that brings tens of thousands of government records into one searchable location, giving Americans easier access to the documents behind federal health decisions. The site brings together records from across HHS, including the Food and Drug Administration, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Institutes of Health, and Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services….

NIH
News Releases
No new digest content identified.

FDA
Press Announcements
No new digest content identified.

FDA CBER
What's New for Biologics
No new digest content identified.

FDA VRBPAC [Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee]
Advisory Committee Calendar
No new committee meeting announcements identified.

FDA Pediatric Advisory Committee Meeting
Advisory Committee Calendar
No new committee meeting announcements identified.

CDC
http://www.cdc.gov/media/index.html
Latest News - Selected
No new digest content identified.

CDC – Immunization Safety Office (ISO)
https://www.cdc.gov/vaccine-safety-systems/about/cdc-monitoring-program.html
No new digest content identified [last updated August 7, 2024]

ACIP
2026 Meetings Schedule *[as posted]*
- March 18-19 (Due to ongoing litigation, this meeting is cancelled)
- June 24-26 (Due to ongoing litigation, this meeting is cancelled)
- October 21-23 (Due to ongoing litigation, this meeting is cancelled)

Solicitation of Nominations for Appointment to the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices
A Notice by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on 10/30/2026
SUMMARY:
In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), is seeking nominations for membership on the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). The ACIP consists of up to 19 experts that collectively represent a balanced range of scientific, clinical, and public health expertise relevant to the Committee's mission, including person(s) knowledgeable about consumer perspectives and/or social and community aspects of immunization programs.
DATES:
Nominations for membership on the ACIP must be received no later than December 31, 2026. Submissions received after this time will not be considered for the current membership cycle.

National Vaccine Advisory Committee (NVAC)
https://www.hhs.gov/programs/national-vaccine-program/nvac/index.html
Upcoming Meetings/Latest Updates
No new meeting dates posted.

Advisory Commission on Childhood Vaccines (ACCV)
https://www.hrsa.gov/advisory-committees/vaccines/meetings
Next ACCV meetings – TBD

MMWR Weekly
https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/index2026.html
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No new digest content identified.

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National Science Foundation/NSF
News
No new digest content identified.

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U.S. Congress

House
No new digest content identified.

Senate
No new digest content identified.

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Supreme Court, Federal & Appellate Courts

O'Neill Institute – Health Care Litigation Tracker [Georgetown University]
https://litigationtracker.law.georgetown.edu/
No new digest content identified.

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Editor's Note:
This section captures statements from a number of societies and other organizations responding primarily to the loss of measles elimination status in the U.S. Some of these statements were published in last week's edition and are retained here to provide a more comprehensive record.

U.S. Medical, Scientific, Professional Societies; Health Organizations

This inventory is evolving and may not capture all instances of relevant comment and analysis.

American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP)
https://www.aafp.org/news/media-center.html
(Accessed 28 Nov 2026)
No new digest content identified.

American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)
https://www.aap.org/en/news-room/news-releases-from-the-aap/
(Accessed 28 Nov 2026)
News Releases, Statements
No new digest content identified.

American College of Physicians (ACP)

https://www.acponline.org/more-acp-news
(Accessed 28 Nov 2026)
No new digest content identified.

America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP)
https://www.ahip.org/news
(Accessed 28 Nov 2026)
News
No new digest content identified.

American Geriatrics Society (AGS)
https://www.americangeriatrics.org/media-center
(Accessed 28 Nov 2026)
Recent Press Releases
No new digest content identified.

American Medical Association (AMA)
https://www.ama-assn.org/press-center
(Accessed 28 Nov 2026)
Press Releases
No new digest content identified.

American Osteopathic Association (AOA)
https://osteopathic.org/news/
(Accessed 28 Nov 2026)
Latest News
No new digest content identified.

American Public Health Association (APHA)
https://www.apha.org/news-and-media/news-releases?sortFieldName=ItemDate&sortDisplayName=Newest&sortMode=desc
(Accessed 28 Nov 2026)
No new digest content identified.

Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA)
https://www.idsociety.org/
(Accessed 28 Nov 2026)
News
No new digest content identified.

National Foundation for Infectious Diseases (NFID)
https://www.nfid.org/news-updates/
(Accessed 28 Nov 2026)
News and Updates
No new digest content identified.

National Medical Association (NMA)
https://nmanet.org/blog/
(Accessed 28 Nov 2026)
Latest News
No new digest content identified.

Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society (PIDS)
https://pids.org/news-announcements/
(Accessed 28 Nov 2026)
News & Announcements
No new digest content identified.

Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America (SHEA)
https://shea-online.org/news/
(Accessed 28 Nov 2026)
No new digest content identified.

Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine (SMFM)
https://www.smfm.org/
(Accessed 28 Nov 2026)
News
No new digest content identified.

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Civil Society – Individuals, Organizations, Institutions *[Selected]*

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Kaiser Family Foundation/KFF [28 Nov 2026]
https://www.kff.org/search/?post_type=press-release
Research, Analysis
Global COVID-19 Tracker
Nov 24, 2026
Tracker
This tracker provides data on global COVID-19 cases and deaths by country, region, and income-level. Additionally, the tracker reports current closure, economic, and health system policy responses to the COVID-19 pandemic globally. This tracker will be updated as new data are available.

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Vaccine Integrity Project – CIDRAP [to 28 Nov 2026]
https://www.cidrap.umn.edu/vaccine-integrity-project
Announcements, Viewpoints
Special Report: Measles Zero Dose Vaccination

[As measles spreads and holiday travel approaches, Vaccine Integrity Project highlights "Zero dose" data]
Evidence shows that early MMR dose can provide meaningful protection for infants ages
November 16, 2026

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Center for Vaccine Ethics & Policy - GE2P2 Global Foundation [to 28 Nov 2026]
https://centerforvaccineethicsandpolicy.net/
No new digest content identified.

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Paul Offit, MD – *Beyond the Noise*
Substack: https://pauloffit.substack.com/
No new digest content identified.

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Paul G. Allen Frontiers Group [28 Nov 2026]
https://alleninstitute.org/news-press/
News
No new digest content identified.

Gates Foundation [28 Nov 2026]
https://www.gatesfoundation.org/ideas/media-center
Press Releases & Statements
No new digest content identified.

CARB-X [28 Nov 2026]
https://carb-x.org/
News
No new digest content identified.

Chan Zuckerberg Initiative [28 Nov 2026]
https://chanzuckerberg.com/newsroom/

Newsroom
No new digest content identified.

CEPI – Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations [28 Nov 2026]
http://cepi.net/
News
No new digest content identified.

CIOMS – COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OF MEDICAL SCIENCES [to 28 Nov 2026]
https://cioms.ch/
News; Publications; Events
No new digest content identified.

DARPA – Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency [U.S.] [28 Nov 2026]
https://www.darpa.mil/news
News
No new digest content identified.

DNDI – Drugs for Neglected Diseases Initiative [28 Nov 2026]
https://dndi.org/press/press-releases/
Press Releases
No new digest content identified.

Duke Global Health Innovation Center [28 Nov 2026]
https://dukeghic.org/
News
No new digest content identified.

EDCTP [28 Nov 2026]
http://www.edctp.org/
The European & Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership (EDCTP) aims to accelerate the development of new or improved drugs, vaccines, microbicides and diagnostics against HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria as well as other poverty-related and neglected infectious diseases in sub-Saharan Africa, with a focus on phase II and III clinical trials
News
No new digest content identified.

Emory Vaccine Center [28 Nov 2026]
http://www.vaccines.emory.edu/
Vaccine Center News
No new digest content identified.

European Vaccine Initiative [28 Nov 2026]

http://www.euvaccine.eu/
News
One vaccination round before the rains cut malaria infection by up to 70%
Today's vaccination strategies focus mainly on young children. SERVAL suggests that vaccinating wider populations before the malaria season could add real benefit.

Fondation Merieux [28 Nov 2026]
http://www.fondation-merieux.org/
Actualités
No new digest content identified.

Gates Medical Research Institute [28 Nov 2026]
https://www.gatesmri.org/news
News: Articles and Publications
No new digest content identified.

Gavi [to 28 Nov 2026]
https://www.gavi.org/
News Releases [Selected]
27 November 2026
Major new funding announced for Gavi's malaria vaccine programme

24 November 2026
Gavi signs agreement with Serum Institute of India to secure rapid access to Bundibugyo vaccines

GE2P2 Global Foundation [28 Nov 2026]
www.ge2p2.org
News/Analysis/Publications-Digests/Statements/Digests
:: **The Sentinel** *– Health :: Human Rights :: Humanitarian Action :: Peace :: Heritage/Literacy/Education :: Climate :: Sustainable Development* - Current edition

GHIT Fund [28 Nov 2026]
https://www.ghitfund.org/newsroom/press
Press Releases
No new digest content identified.

Global Fund [to 28 Nov 2026]
https://www.theglobalfund.org/en/news/
News Releases
25 November 2026
First Deliveries of Generic Lenacapavir for HIV Prevention Arrive in Countries
GENEVA – The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (the Global Fund) is announcing a major milestone in expanding access to HIV prevention: The world's first deliveries of generic lenacapavir arrived in Zambia, with another delivery to Uganda expected in the coming days. These deliveries, just one year after Gilead Sciences'

lenacapavir arrived in sub-Saharan Africa, mark an unprecedented acceleration and expansion in access to a highly effective, quality-assured generic HIV prevention medicine in low- and middle-income settings. Another Global Fund-financed shipment of generic lenacapavir will arrive in Zimbabwe in early 2027…

Global Research Collaboration for Infectious Disease Preparedness [GloPID-R] [28 Nov 2026]
https://www.glopid-r.org/
News & Event
No new digest content identified.

Hilleman Laboratories [28 Nov 2026]
http://www.hilleman-labs.org/
News & Insights
No new digest content identified.

HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute [28 Nov 2026]
https://www.hhmi.org/news
News & Stories
No new digest content identified.

Human Immunome Project [nee Human Vaccines Project] [28 Nov 2026]
https://www.humanimmunomeproject.org/
News
No new digest content identified.

IAVI [28 Nov 2026]
https://www.iavi.org/
Press Releases, Features
No new digest content identified.

INSERM [28 Nov 2026]
https://www.inserm.fr/en/home/
Press Releases
No new digest content identified.

International Coalition of Medicines Regulatory Authorities [ICMRA]
http://www.icmra.info/drupal/en/news
Selected Statements, Press Releases, Research
No new digest content identified.

ICH [International Council for Harmonisation of Technical Requirements for Pharmaceuticals for Human Use] [to 28 Nov 2026]
https://www.ich.org/page/public-consultations

News/Pubs/Press Releases [Selected]
No new digest content identified.

ICRC [to 28 Nov 2026]
https://www.icrc.org/en/news
Latest press releases and statements
Article 27-11-2026
The ICRC biometrics policy
The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) has long been using biometrics to support the implementation of its mandate in limited use cases, such as forensics and the restoration of family links. Recognizing the evolving opportunities and challenges posed by new technologies, the ICRC has updated its dedicated 2019 Biometrics Policy on 3 September 2026. The updated policy is designed to facilitate the responsible use of biometrics while addressing associated data protection challenges.

IFFIm [28 Nov 2026]
http://www.iffi m.org/
No new digest content identified.

IFRC [to 28 Nov 2026]
http://media.ifrc.org/ifrc/news/press-releases/
Press releases
No new digest content identified.

IPPS - International Pandemic Preparedness Secretariat [28 Nov 2026]
https://ippsecretariat.org/news/
News
Registration now open: 100 Days Mission Report Launch and IPPS Transition Event
October 20, 2026
Hybrid Event | **Wednesday 3rd February 2027** | **London** and online
Register here

Institut Pasteur [28 Nov 2026]
https://www.pasteur.fr/en/press-area
Press Documents
Communiqué de presse Lecture 6 min
Journée mondiale du sida : à l'Institut Pasteur, la recherche sur le VIH avance vers une rémission durable sans traitement antiviral
Publié le 27 novembre 2026

InterAcademy Partnership (IAP)
https://www.interacademies.org/news/press-releases
News
No new digest content identified.

ISC / International Science Council [to 28 Nov 2026]

https://council.science/current/
ISC is a non-governmental organization with a unique global membership that brings together 40 international scientific Unions and Associations and over 140 national and regional scientific organizations *including Academies and Research Councils.*
News, Blogs
No new digest content identified.

International Union of Immunological Societies (IUIS)
https://iuis.org/
News, Resources
No new digest content identified.

IVAC [28 Nov 2026]
https://www.jhsph.edu/research/centers-and-institutes/ivac/index.html
Updates; Events
No new digest content identified.

IVI [28 Nov 2026]
http://www.ivi.int/
IVI News & Announcements
IVI strengthens engagement with Vienna's diplomatic community

IVI launches 2026 GxP Course in fifth year of WHO Global Training Hub for Biomanufacturing

Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security [28 Nov 2026]
https://centerforhealthsecurity.org/newsroom
Center News [Selected]
No new digest content identified.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation [to 28 Nov 2026]
https://www.rwjf.org/en/about-rwjf/newsroom.html
Latest News and Highlights
No new digest content identified.

MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières [to 28 Nov 2026]
http://www.msf.org/
Latest [Selected Announcements]
DRC Ebola outbreaks
Ebola disease survivors share their stories
Project Update 26 Nov 2026

National Academy of Medicine - USA [to 28 Nov 2026]
https://nam.edu/programs/
News, Stories, Insights

Nov 24, 2026 *Announcement*
From Scientific Discovery to Better Health: NAM President Discusses Health Policy After the Midterms

Nov 19, 2026 *Announcement*
NAM President Calls for Sustained Investment to Transform Rural Health Care

National Academies-Sciences-Engineering-Medicine [NASEM] - USA [to 28 Nov 2026]
https://www.nationalacademies.org/newsroom
News
To Strengthen Reliability of the Scientific Record, New Report Provides Journals and Publishers with Steps to Reduce Barriers in Correction and Retraction Process
News Release Last update November 24, 2026
By Jennifer Walsh

Statement on Publication of New Report on Maintaining the Reliability of the Scientific Record
Statement Last update November 23, 2026
A new report, *Maintaining the Reliability of the Scientific Record: Corrections, Retractions, and Other Postpublication Notices,* originally scheduled to be released on Nov. 19, will now be published tomorrow, Nov. 24 at 11 a.m. EST. Members of the committee that authored the report will discuss its findings and recommendations at a public webinar on Wednesday, Dec. 9, beginning at 2 p.m. EST.

PATH [28 Nov 2026]
https://www.path.org/media-center/
Newsroom [Selected]
PATH and Vietnam strengthen partnership during Vice Minister of Health visit
November 24, 2026 by PATH
The high-level visit reaffirmed a longstanding partnership and explored new opportunities to advance Vietnam's health priorities and strengthen its health system.

Rockefeller Foundation [to 28 Nov 2026]
https://www.rockefellerfoundation.org/
News and Announcements
Statement by Elizabeth Yee, Executive Vice President of Programs, on Outcome of COP31 Talks
Statements Published Date November 23, 2026
Like many, The Rockefeller Foundation is disappointed that countries were unable to reach consensus at COP31. Global consensus matters, especially when people around the world are feeling the effects of extreme weather, pollution, and rising food and energy costs. But the outcome shouldn't obscure an important point of consensus: Nations are not divided on the need to electrify. The disagreement lies in how, and how quickly, economies move away from fossil fuels…

Sabin Vaccine Institute [28 Nov 2026]
https://www.sabin.org/press/
Latest News & Press Releases
No new digest content identified.

UNAIDS [28 Nov 2026]
http://www.unaids.org/en
News, Stories, Updates
Press Statement
World AIDS Day 2026 - Statement by Winnie Byanyima, Executive Director of UNAIDS
27 November 2026

World AIDS Day 2026 is my last as Executive Director of UNAIDS. Today, we remember the nearly 45 million people we have lost to AIDS and we stand in solidarity with the 41 million people living with HIV and with the communities who have carried this response forward with courage, determination and love.

In reflecting on the past and looking to the future, I feel both immense pride and deep concern. Pride in what has been achieved through science, solidarity and struggle. Concern that, at the very moment when we have the tools to end AIDS, political choices and deepening inequalities threaten to put that goal beyond our reach.

UNICEF [to 28 Nov 2026]
https://www.unicef.org/media/press-releases
Latest press releases, news notes and statements [Selected]
Press release 25 November 2026
Three months on from Nepal's devastating floods, thousands of children face a new threat: winter

KATHMANDU, 25 November 2026 –, Nearly three months after the devastating floods that struck Nepal on 26 August, thousands of children and families remain on a long road to recovery. While floodwaters receded, a new crisis is emerging as winter approaches, threatening children who have already lost homes, belongin...

Remarks 24 November 2026
"Families are under enormous pressure because of Ebola, and women and girls are bearing much of the cost" – UNICEF

GENEVA, 24 November 2026, – "I've just wrapped up a trip to Beni, Butembo, and Bunia, in eastern DRC. "The response has made considerable progress since my last visit in May, but much remains to be done, and the outbreak's wider impact on families and communities is becoming clearer. "In Bunia, I visited a safe s...

Press release 24 November 2026
Nearly 6 in 10 women and adolescent girls surveyed in Ebola-hit Ituri report increase in violence and abuse – UNICEF

KINSHASA/BUNIA/NEW YORK, 24 November 2026, – Nearly 6 in 10 women and adolescent girls aged 15 and above surveyed in Ituri in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) reported an increase or emergence of violence and abuse in their lives since the Ebola outbreak began. Drawn from the first ever real-time surveil...

Unitaid [28 Nov 2026]
https://unitaid.org/
News releases
No new digest content identified.

Vaccine Equity Cooperative [nee Initiative] [28 Nov 2026]

https://vaccineequitycooperative.org/news/
News
No new digest content identified. [Last update Jun 30, 2023]

Vaccine Confidence Project [28 Nov 2026]
http://www.vaccineconfidence.org/
News, Research and Reports
No new digest content identified.

Vaccine Education Center – Children's Hospital of Philadelphia [28 Nov 2026]
http://www.chop.edu/centers-programs/vaccine-education-center
News
Vaccine Update Newsletter November 2026

Wellcome Trust [28 Nov 2026]
https://wellcome.org/
News. Opinion, Reports
No new digest announcements identified.

The Wistar Institute [to 28 Nov 2026]
https://www.wistar.org/news/press-releases
Press Releases
No new digest announcements identified.

World Bank [to 28 Nov 2026]
http://www.worldbank.org/en/news/all
News
From Disaster Data to Better Decisions
Countries are collecting more data than ever on disasters and climate risks but turning that information into better decisions requires trusted data, clear institutional responsibilities and systems that can connect information across different sources. This VDKC exchange brought together experiences from Austria, Sweden and other European countries to examine how disaster damage, loss and risk data can better support prevention, preparedness and resilience.
November 26, 2026 | Brief

Addressing Gender-Based Violence: 16 Days of Activism
Ending all forms of gender-based violence (GBV) is a key pillar of the World Bank Group's Gender Strategy. Violence against women and girls limits access to education and employment, and holds back human potential and economic growth.
November 25, 2026 | Brief

WFPHA: World Federation of Public Health Associations [28 Nov 2026]
https://www.wfpha.org/
Blog, Events
No new digest announcements identified.

World Medical Association [WMA] [to 06 Sep 025]
https://www.wma.net/news-press/press-releases/
Press Releases
No new digest announcements identified.

World Organisation for Animal Health [WOAH/OIE] [28 Nov 2026]
https://www.oie.int/
Latest News
No new digest announcements identified.

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ARM [Alliance for Regenerative Medicine] [28 Nov 2026]
https://alliancerm.org/press-releases/
Selected Press Releases
No new digest announcements identified.

BIO [28 Nov 2026]
https://www.bio.org/press-releases
Press Releases
No new digest announcements identified.

DCVMN – Developing Country Vaccine Manufacturers Network [28 Nov 2026]
http://www.dcvmn.org/
News, Events
No new digest announcements identified.

EFPIA – European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations
https://www.efpia.eu/news-events/
News & Events
Statements & press releases 24.11.26
Biotech Act: potential to make clinical trial authorisation timelines competitive with US and China, while hospital readiness and patient recruitment still lag

ICBA – International Council of Biotechnology Associations [28 Nov 2026]
https://internationalbiotech.org/
News
No new digest announcements identified.

IFPMA [28 Nov 2026]
https://ifpma.org/
News & Resources
No new digest announcements identified.

International Alliance of Patients' Organizations – IAPO [28 Nov 2026]
https://www.iapo.org.uk/news
Press and media [Selected]
No new digest announcements identified.

International Generic and Biosimilar Medicines Association [IGBA]
https://www.igbamedicines.org/
News
No new digest announcements identified.

PhRMA [28 Nov 2026]
http://www.phrma.org/
Press Releases
No new digest announcements identified.

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Vaccines/Therapeutics/Medicines – Selected Developer/Manufacturer Announcements
We recognize that this listing is indicative but certainly not exhaustive. We invite nomination of other vaccine developers for potential addition to those monitored below.
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AstraZeneca
Press Releases - *No new digest announcements identified.*

Bavarian Nordic
Latest News
November 27, 2026
Allan Bødskov Andersen Appointed Chief Financial Officer of Bavarian Nordic

BioCubaFarma – Cuba
Últimas Noticias - *Website not responding at inquiry.*

Biological E
News - *No new digest announcements identified.*

BioNTech
Press Releases - *No new digest announcements identified.*

Boehringer
Press Releases - *No new digest announcements identified.*

CanSinoBIO
News - *Website not responding at inquiry.*

CIGB
Latest News - *No new digest announcements identified.*

CinnaGen – Iran
CinnaGen News - *No new digest announcements identified.*

Clover Biopharmaceuticals – China
News - *No new digest announcements identified.*

CSL Sequirus
News Releases - *No new digest announcements identified.*

Dailchi Sankyo
Press Releases - *No new digest announcements identified.*

Gamaleya National Center/Sputnik
Latest News and Events - *No new digest announcements identified [Last: 09 Nov 2020]*
https://sputnikvaccine.com/ - *No new digest announcements identified [Last: 31 Aug 2022]*

GSK
Press releases for media
26 November 2026
Hibsago (bepirovirsen) approved in China as a first-in-class functional cure for chronic hepatitis B (CHB)
Approval based on phase III data demonstrating unprecedented functional cure rates compared to standard of care

EuBiologics, S Korea
News - *No new digest announcements identified.*

HIPRA
Press releases
The World Health Organization grants prequalification to HIPRA's COVID-19 vaccine adapted to the XFG.1.1 variant
24-11-2026

JNJ Innovative Medicine [Janssen]
Press Releases - *No new digest announcements identified.*

Merck
News releases - *No new digest announcements identified.*

Moderna
News and Blog Posts - *No new digest announcements identified.*

Nanogen
News - *No new digest announcements identified.*

Novartis
News - *No new digest announcements identified.*

Novavax
Press Releases - *No new digest announcements identified.*

Pfizer

Recent Press Releases - *No new digest announcements identified.*

R-Pharm
https://rpharm-us.com/index.php
[No news or media page identified]

Samsung Biologics
Latest News - *No new digest announcements identified*

Sanofi Pasteur
Press Releases
Press Release: Sanofi to acquire Insmed in strategic step that strengthens long-term future
November 24, 2026
Sanofi will gain access to two first-in-disease commercialized products and pipeline assets, strengthening its mid-to long-term growth outlook and its position in Respiratory

Serum Institute
News & Announcements
Gavi signs agreement with Serum Institute of India to secure rapid access to Bundibugyo vaccines
:: Advance purchase commitment from Gavi secures access to up to 1.5 million doses of ChAdOx1 BDBV, a Bundibugyo candidate vaccine developed jointly by Serum Institute of India and the Oxford Vaccine Group at the University of Oxford.
:: The agreement is funded through Gavi's First Response Fund, with supply remaining conditional on clinical trial results, as well as the candidate vaccine securing necessary regulatory approvals and policy recommendations.
:: Dr Sania Nishtar, CEO of Gavi: "For the second public health emergency of international concern since its launch, the First Response Fund is functioning as designed – securing early and rapid access to vaccines so that communities can be protected as quickly as possible".
Geneva, 24 November 2026 -

Sinopharm/WIBPBIBP
News - *No new digest announcements identified.*

Sinovac
Press Releases - *No new digest announcements identified.*

SK Biosciences
Press Releases - *No new digest announcements identified.*

Takeda
Newsroom - *No new digest announcements identified.*

Valneva
Press Releases - *No new digest announcements identified.*

WestVac Biopharma
Media - *No new digest announcements identified.*

Zhifei Longcom, China
[Anhui Zhifei Longcom Biologic Pharmacy Co., Ltd.]

Website *[No News/Announcements page identified]*

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Journal Watch

Vaccines and Global Health: The Week in Review continues its weekly scanning of key peer-reviewed journals to identify and cite articles, commentary and editorials, books reviews and other content supporting our focus on vaccine ethics and policy. Journal Watch is not intended to be exhaustive, but indicative of themes and issues the Center is actively tracking. We selectively provide full text of some editorial and comment articles that are specifically relevant to our work. Successful access to some of the links provided may require subscription or other access arrangement unique to the publisher.

If you would like to suggest other journal titles to include in this service, please contact David Curry at: david.r.curry@centerforvaccineethicsandpolicy.org

AJOB Empirical Bioethics
Volume 17 2026 Issue 4
https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/uabr21/current
[New issue; No digest content identified]

American Journal of Human Genetics
Nov 05, 2026 Volume 113 Issue 11p2205-2376
https://www.cell.com/ajhg/current
Editors' Corner
This month in The Journal
Paul W. Hook, Alyson B. Barnes

Cross-phenotype associations can arise through pleiotropy, a process by which a single gene influences multiple traits. Vertical pleiotropy occurs when the genetic effect on one trait directly mediates the effect on another trait, whereas horizontal pleiotropy arises when the genetic effect indirectly mediates multiple traits through distinct biological mechanisms. Existing approaches for detecting both vertical and horizontal pleiotropy were largely developed for common variants and cannot determine whether shared gene-level rare variant burden association arises from concordant allelic effects or from distinct variants acting through different mechanisms.

In this issue, Lu et al. introduce ALLSPICE, a tool to identify heterogeneous effects of rare coding variants within pleiotropic genes that enables the distinction between horizontal and vertical pleiotropy. Application of ALLSPICE to rare variant summary statistics of hundreds of traits in the UK Biobank revealed that rare coding variants within the same gene can influence phenotypes in heterogeneous ways. ALLSPICE is computationally efficient and immediately applicable to existing rare variant association datasets.

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Offline: Humanitarian health—the shameful silence
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Joanne Liu was International President of Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) from 2013 until 2019. In her compelling memoir, Ebola, Bombs, and Migrants: Humanitarian Crises in a Security-Obsessed World (2026, written with André Pratte and first published in French in 2024), she recounts her time working at MSF and draws lessons for global health today. The premise for her argument is that 9/11 ushered in a securitised approach to humanitarian action, which "denied our common humanity". By invoking the red card of security, countries were given permission, even encouraged, "to flout the fundamental rules of war and international humanitarian law". Liu uses the Ebola virus disease outbreaks of 2014, the 2015 bombing of an MSF hospital in Kunduz, Afghanistan, and global migration to prove her case. "Solidarity", Liu argues, "should be the overriding solution to these existential threats." She is devastating in her criticism of global health actors. During Ebola, WHO was too slow, too bureaucratic,

and too reactive. Despite evidence presented by Liu and her colleagues, the agency initially refused to declare a public health emergency of international concern. Liu accuses the UN of "crass complacency". After the bombing of Kunduz by US forces, then President Barack Obama admitted it was "a tragic error", but refused MSF's call for an independent investigation, effectively giving other countries a green light to attack health facilities with impunity. "I found President Obama cold, clearly lacking in empathy", she writes. MSF does not escape criticism. Founded in 1971, MSF has become one of the world's most important humanitarian organisations. But it is riven with "profound ideological disagreements" and is "far from perfect", even "flawed". MSF had made mistakes too, such as leaving those infected with Ebola to die alone. Liu calls "for the creation and development of solidarity mechanisms". How? By restoring principles of human dignity, protection of the vulnerable, and the right to health, and by returning to multilateral global governance. She recognises that her manifesto will be a tough ask. But "it is better to fight for change than to abdicate", she argues. "Failure to recognise the humanity of others is to ignore one's own humanity."

Fouad Fouad is Professor in Social Sciences and Global Health at the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, UK. Last week, he gathered an international group of humanitarian researchers—doctors and scientists, lawyers, and development experts—to review the present state of humanitarian health. Fouad was an author of the 2026 Johns Hopkins Center for Humanitarian Health–Lancet Commission on health, conflict, and forced displacement. Karl Blanchet presented the findings of the Commission, arguing that the humanitarian system is not fit for purpose. Attacks on health workers and hospitals are increasing. There is no correlation between need and funding. And there is little hope that change will come from within. The Commission plans to set up a Humanitarian Alliance to hold humanitarian actors accountable for their failures. Aula Abbara insisted that these issues were fundamentally political, not technical, and that the Commission was a valuable platform for researchers to address these political questions. David Cantor drew attention to the plight of those who are internally displaced. Over 80 million internally displaced people have no convention to protect them, no agency to defend them, and are denied international attention and financial support. Munzer Alkhalil called for a new approach to humanitarian aid. Israa Saleh asked why services for sexual and reproductive health and rights are never a core part of the humanitarian response. And Mohammed Seyam suggested that the current "norm of neglect" was slowly evolving into fixed policy.

Given the increasing importance of humanitarian crises, one might have expected the seven candidates standing for election to become the next Director-General of WHO to have prioritised health emergencies in their appeals for member-state votes. But at last week's first candidates' forum, held in Geneva, none even mentioned humanitarian health in their prepared pitches. Not even those candidates from regions most affected by humanitarian emergencies. The complacency that Liu pinpoints is shamefully alive and well among those seeking to lead WHO. Why is that? It is a question worth inquiry and speculation. Conceit? Fear? Cowardice? No candidate deserves WHO's top job until they take humanitarian health more seriously.

Viewpoint

2026 World Health Summit Academic Alliance Declaration: health and peace in a world in turmoil

World Health Summit Academic Alliance

Health and peace are under severe strain amid multiple, interconnected global crises. Health has long served as a bridge between adversaries; in a fragmenting world, it too has become a casualty of division. Armed conflict, humanitarian crisis, forced displacement, climate emergencies, and eroding multilateral cooperation are converging, leading to increasing violations of international agreements, disruptions of health systems, the destruction of health infrastructure, and widening inequalities—with the heaviest toll falling on the most vulnerable populations in low-income and middle-income countries.

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Public consultation on draft ethical guidance: Mainstreaming ethics in health and climate action

WHO Call for consultation 15 November 2026
Comments on the draft guidance must be submitted by 23:59 on ***Thursday 10 December 2026,*** *Central European Time (GMT/UTC +1).*

…The ethical dimensions of responding to the health threats posed by climate change are currently underexplored. Given the WHO's commitment to universal health coverage, Member States will have to navigate difficult questions including which health threats should take precedence and why, what priority should be given to vulnerable populations, and what trade-offs are acceptable where the interests of the environment conflict with immediate human interests. Without ethical awareness, policy in response to the climate threat to health may fail to identify competing interests, value conflicts and unintended consequences – resulting in unfair or otherwise unethical outcomes.

The draft guidance has been developed as part of a three-year programme of work, supported by the Technical Advisory Group on Embedding Ethics in Health and Climate Change Policy, It draws on the commonalities, insights and practical lessons emerging from the research commissioned as part of this process, alongside emerging ethics scholarship in this multi-disciplinary field, to identify key ethical principles, and to offer guidance on how these can be taken into account in practice in health and climate action.

Objective of the consultation

The goal of this online, open public consultation is to gather feedback from stakeholders on the draft *Mainstreaming ethics in health and climate action – ethical guidance.*

General guidance on providing comments

Download and review the draft guidance. Compose your responses to each question using your preferred software and paste your responses into the online form. Where appropriate, please include any references to relevant literature known to you that support or illustrate your comments

Call for Inputs – Pathogen Access and Benefit-Sharing (PABS) System, equitable access and the right to health in pandemic prevention, preparedness and response [HRC65 Report (Special Rapporteur on Right to Health)]

OHCHR - Special Procedures
Issued by Special Rapporteur on the right to health **Deadline: 14 December 2026**
Purpose

To inform the Special Rapporteur on Right to Health's thematic report to the HRC 65th session on the Pathogen Access and Benefit-Sharing (PABS) System, equitable access and the right to health in pandemic prevention, preparedness and response.

Background

The Special Rapporteur will present a thematic report to the 65th session of Human Rights Council (June 2027) on the Pathogen Access and Benefit-Sharing (PABS) System established under article 12 of the World Health Organization (WHO) Pandemic Agreement, including the PABS Annex, which remains under negotiation, and questions of implementation. The report asks whether, and how, this system can help ensure that when the next pandemic comes, vaccines, treatments and tests reach the people who need them, when they need them and wherever they live.

The Special Rapporteur would like to hear from everyone who will shape, use or depend on the PABS System: Member States, international organizations, researchers, manufacturers, national human rights institutions and civil society, and in particular people and communities who lived through unequal access during COVID-19 and other public health emergencies. You do not need to be an expert in pathogen sharing to respond. Accounts of what happened in your country or community are as valuable as legal or technical analysis.

Objectives

The report will examine how the design and implementation of the PABS System can contribute to the realization of the right of everyone to the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health and related human rights. It will focus in particular on equity and non-discrimination; the availability, accessibility, acceptability and quality of pandemic-related health products; the right to enjoy the benefits of scientific progress; participation and access to information; transparency, monitoring and accountability; international assistance and cooperation; and the protection of persons in vulnerable situations. **It will also examine how human rights standards can inform research and innovation governance from the outset, including benefit-sharing, technology transfer, licensing and production, and how national and regional ABS measures can support, rather than duplicate or undermine, the PABS System**. It will seek to bridge the technical language of access and benefit-sharing and the language of human rights, so that negotiators, health authorities, human rights bodies and affected communities can work from a shared understanding.

Key questions and types of input/comments sought

The questionnaire can be downloaded below in English (original language), French and Spanish (unofficial translations). You may answer all or only some of the questions, according to your experience.

Respondents are encouraged to provide concrete examples, disaggregated data, research, legal analysis and lessons learned from previous health emergencies and existing access and benefit-sharing mechanisms. Submissions may also identify good practices and protection gaps, and propose specific measures that States, WHO, other international organizations, business enterprises and other non-State actors could take, consistent with their respective obligations, mandates and responsibilities, to ensure that the PABS System contributes effectively to equitable access and the realization of the right to health.

1. **Lessons from COVID-19**. What did you see or experience of unequal access to vaccines, therapeutics, diagnostics and other essential health services during COVID-19 or other health emergencies? What caused or worsened these inequalities, and what should be visibly different in the next pandemic for the PABS System to be considered a success? You may wish to consider health-system capacity, financing, workforce shortages, supply chains, intellectual property and licensing, digital or administrative barriers, discrimination and social determinants of health.
2. **PABS and the right to health.** How can the PABS System help ensure that pandemic-related health products are available, physically and economically accessible without discrimination, acceptable and of good quality? How should human rights inform research and innovation from the outset, and how should the System give practical effect to the relationship between the right to health and the right to enjoy the benefits of scientific progress? You may wish to consider research

financing, data and sequence information, intellectual property, licensing, technology transfer, manufacturing and procurement.

3. **Equality, equity and people left behind.** Which countries, populations and communities faced the greatest barriers to vaccines, therapeutics, diagnostics and essential health services during COVID-19 and other health emergencies, and why? How should the PABS System and national allocation and distribution arrangements address inequalities linked to poverty, gender, age, disability, race, ethnicity, migration status, place of residence and other intersecting factors? What measures are needed to ensure that international allocation according to public health risk and need translates into equitable access within countries?
4. **Participation, information and transparency.** How can States, particularly developing countries, and affected communities, civil society, health workers, researchers and scientists participate meaningfully in the governance, monitoring and review of the PABS System? What information should be publicly available, subject to legitimate confidentiality and data-protection safeguards, and what would make decision-making understandable and open to public scrutiny? You may wish to consider information on users, contracts, benefit-sharing commitments, allocation criteria, implementation, traceability and access to PABS data.
5. **Private actors.** What should pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies and sequence database operators do to meet their responsibility to respect human rights under the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? What measures should States take, consistent with their duty to protect against business-related human rights abuse, and how can WHO use its contractual, convening and administrative functions within the PABS System to promote compliance and equitable access?
6. **Monitoring and accountability.** How will we know whether the PABS System is producing equitable, rights-consistent outcomes? Which indicators should be monitored and, where relevant, disaggregated; what information should be published, including on users, contracts, monetary and non-monetary benefits, allocation and delivery; and what independent monitoring, accountability and remedy mechanisms should apply when commitments are not met or inequitable outcomes persist?
7. **Cooperation and solidarity.** How should States' obligations of international assistance and cooperation inform the design and implementation of the PABS System? How can pathogen access and benefit-sharing operate on an equal footing, including through predictable financing, research cooperation, technology transfer, non-exclusive licensing, geographically diversified production and timely allocation based on public health risk and need? What safeguards are needed so that these commitments are in place before a crisis, rather than depending on goodwill once it starts, and how far would inequitable benefit-sharing undermine the effectiveness of the Pandemic Agreement as a whole?
8. **Access and benefit-sharing instruments**. What elements should the PABS Annex and relevant national or regional ABS laws and policies contain to give effect to the Pandemic Agreement while ensuring consistency, legal certainty and human rights protection? How should national and regional measures be aligned with the PABS System so that they support rapid pathogen sharing and equitable benefit-sharing without creating inconsistent or duplicative requirements within its scope? Beyond the scope of the PABS System, how could national frameworks build lasting, rights-based benefit-sharing mechanisms for public health? Please share examples of existing frameworks and what they have achieved, including evidence of their human rights impacts or outcomes.

Next Steps

Input/comments may be sent by email. They must be received by 14 December 2026 .

We kindly request that submissions be concise and limited to a maximum of five pages (or 2,500 words). Respondents may address all or only some of the questions above, depending on their areas of expertise and experience. Supporting documents may be attached. We sincerely appreciate your valuable contributions to this report and your continued cooperation with the mandate. Where relevant information has already been submitted to other special procedures or human rights mechanisms,

respondents are encouraged to refer to those submissions to avoid duplication and facilitate coordination.

For any questions or further information, please contact the mandate of the Special Rapporteur at hrc-sr-health@un.org.

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...The Declaration of Taipei tries to achieve a balance between the rights of individuals giving their tissue or data for research and other purposes based on confidentiality and privacy rules while at the same time recognising that health data has become a very powerful tool for increasing knowledge.

In analysing the scenarios that already exist for the use (and misuse) of health data and biobanks, we came to the conclusion that the major risk scenarios may not result from science, but from the commercial, administrative or political use of such data. Limiting our guidelines to research only would have left us blind to the imminent risk of abuse from outside the field of medicine: commercialization, cost-cutting and potential political abuse.

Therefore, in contrast to the Declaration of Helsinki, this policy aims to address any use of health databases and biobanks excluding individual treatment and is not restricted to research. As physicians are the primary custodians of confidential health information, they feel an obligation towards their patients and other persons who entrust them with their data and specimens...

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