Why does the world need Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC)?

The world has witnessed how fast a local epidemic can become a dangerous international threat. Emerging and re-emerging threats across Africa and the world require rapid, coordinated action to contain them. As part of strengthening global health security, African Union Member States recognized the need for an Africa-owned institution that prevents, detects, and responds to public health threats.

Africa CDC Headquarters, Emergency Operations Centre:
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Launched on January 31, 2017, Africa CDC works to build capacity across the content:
- Surveillance and Disease Intelligence
- Laboratory Systems and Networks
- Information Systems
- Emergency Preparedness and Response
- Public Health Research and Institutions

Africa CDC has centers in each of the five regions of Africa. These centres work directly with Member States to implement Africa CDC’s Strategy through:
- Management and operation
- Public health surveillance
- Virtual communities of practice

How U.S. CDC Supports Africa CDC’s Response Capacity
- Medical Epidemiology
- Training and Technical Support

Africa CDC Responses Supported by U.S. CDC
- Lassa fever, meningitis, and monkeypox in Nigeria
- Plague in Madagascar
- Cholera in Ethiopia
- Ebola in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

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