



MEDIA MONITORING

Health

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➤ **'We can eradicate polio from the world'**

The viral polio disease has over the years crippled hundreds of thousands of children in Africa and other parts of the world. But on August 25, some four years after Africa's last

case was recorded in northern Nigeria, the continent was declared free of wild polio. Still, vaccine-derived strains of the virus remain in more than a dozen African countries.

Source: aljazeera.com ([Article link](#))

➤ **HIV epidemic: Successful use of self-tests in rural Africa**

Despite significant progress in prevention and therapy, millions of people still get infected with HIV every year. The main burden of HIV/AIDS falls on Africa. To contain the epidemic, innovative methods are needed to enable early

diagnosis of all those affected. A Basel research group has now been able to significantly improve the success of "door-to-door" testing campaigns thanks to HIV self-tests.

Source : eurekaalert.org ([Article link](#))

➤ **Will Africa's best shot at a Covid-19 vaccine be enough?**

In an era of "vaccine nationalism," the world's only plan so far to secure poor countries their share of Covid-19 vaccines is still no guarantee, experts warn. In April, the vaccine alliance Gavi and others launched the Covax initiative aimed

at pooling countries' purchasing power to secure a minimum of affordable vaccines for participating countries. Donor funding will ideally allow the poorest nations to receive jabs for a heavily subsidised price.

Source : mg.co.za ([Article link](#))

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➤ **Keeping displaced persons safe from COVID-19 in South Sudan**

As the world's youngest country readied measures to prevent widespread COVID-19 infections, its years of conflict and natural disasters suddenly presented an unparalleled challenge: protecting thousands of displaced persons from COVID-19 within the sites set up

over the past decade as refuge. Of the 1.7 million displaced persons in the country, nearly 168 000 currently live in one of the 116 camps or settlements, where conditions meant physical distancing is virtually impossible.

Source: afro.who.int ([Article link](#))

➤ **High blood pressure less common in people with HIV in Africa**

High blood pressure is less common among people with HIV in sub-Saharan Africa compared to the rest of the population, a systematic review presented at HIV Glasgow 2020 shows. Persistent

high blood pressure (hypertension) is a risk factor for heart disease and stroke, especially in older people. Some studies have found a higher prevalence of hypertension.

Source: aidsmap.com ([Article link](#))



➤ **The world could see a Covid-19 vaccine in early 2021 – here's who will get it and how**

Even if a jab is shown to work, there won't be enough doses for everyone. Countries such as South Africa would need to make tough decisions about who it would give the vaccine to – and more importantly how to create a system to get it to

them. With hundreds of potential Covid-19 vaccines in development and a handful on the horizon, many companies are optimistic about having a jab ready by the beginning of 2021.

Source: dailymaverick.co.za ([Article link](#))

➤ **World Bank Approves \$12 Billion for COVID-19 Vaccines**

The World Bank's Board of Executive Directors today approved an envelope of \$12 billion for developing countries to finance the purchase and distribution of COVID-19 vaccines, tests, and treatments for their citizens. The financing, which

aims to support vaccination of up to a billion people, is part of an overall World Bank Group (WBG) package of up to \$160 billion through June 2021 to help developing countries fight the COVID-19 pandemic.

Source: worldbank.org ([Article link](#))

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➤ **Africa: 'HIV/AIDS deaths may have soared due to virus'**

Some 430,000 HIV/AIDS patients in sub-Saharan Africa may have died over the past six months owing to interruptions in treatment due to COVID-19 lockdowns, according to a report on Wednesday. Citing statistics from UNAIDS,

Nigeria's National Agency for the Control of AIDS (NACA) said the rise in deaths of HIV/AIDS patients was due to a decline in antiretroviral therapy during the virus lockdown, Nigeria's This Day newspaper reported.

Source: aa.com.tr ([Article link](#))

➤ **South Africans encouraged to know their HIV status**

The private HIV clinic at Netcare Garden City Hospital in Johannesburg introduced an initiative that encourages South Africans to learn their HIV status. The clinic is offering free HIV testing, including pre-test and post-test counselling, to the people of Johannesburg as part of a community

outreach programme. According to the clinic, the counselling is a critical part of the testing as it prepares you for what to expect and provides reassurance and guidance should you test positive.

Source: iol.co.za ([Article link](#))

➤ **Africa: Coronavirus Vaccine - What We Know So Far - a Comprehensive Guide By Academic Experts**

Since the early days of the pandemic, attention has focused on producing a vaccine for COVID-19. With one, it's hoped it will be able to suppress the virus without relying purely on economically challenging control measures. Without one, the

world will probably have to live with COVID-19 as an endemic disease. It's unlikely the coronavirus will naturally burn itself out. With so much at stake, it's not surprising that COVID-19 vaccines have become both a public and political obsession.

Source: allafrica.com ([Article link](#))

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➤ **Polio expertise steers the COVID-19 response in South Sudan**

When fever and body weakness gripped John Achuil, he feared it might be COVID-19. The symptoms were somehow familiar to ignore. The 28-year-old called a hotline number for help. The

rapid response team sent by the Public Health Emergency Operations Center in Rumbek in South Sudan's Lakes State included an epidemiologist with polio expertise.

Source: afro.who.int ([Article link](#))

➤ **COVID-19's impact on HIV treatment less severe than feared**

While recent data collection has shown that the COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on HIV testing services, the impact on HIV treatment is less than originally feared. As of August 2020, the UNAIDS, World Health

Organization and United Nations Children's Fund data collection exercise to identify national, regional and global disruptions of routine HIV services caused by COVID-19 had collected treatment data from 85 countries,

Source: unaids.org ([Article link](#))

➤ **50 African diplomats visit Chinese coronavirus vaccine maker**

Ambassadors and diplomats from 50 African countries to China visited the country's largest vaccine maker on Thursday, in a hope to better fight with the COVID-19 pandemic. In the vaccine

factory of Sinopharm, they were briefed about the Phase III clinical trials of the company's COVID-19 vaccine, which is being carried out in 10 countries.

Source: news.cgtn.com ([Article link](#))

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➤ **Africa: Coronavirus cases top 1.62M, deaths over 39,500**

Africa's coronavirus cases to date now total over 1.62 million, according to Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) figures released Saturday. At least 39,584 people have died across the continent,

according to the Africa CDC, based in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. However, the figures also showed that nearly 1.34 million people have recovered from the deadly virus.

Source: aa.com.tr ([Article link](#))

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➤ **DR Congo's latest Ebola outbreak 'under control'**

The latest Ebola epidemic in the Democratic Republic of Congo is now under control, the man leading the fight against the disease said on Saturday. Fifty-three people have lost their lives

since June in what has been the 11th outbreak of Ebola in the vast central African country since 1976. "We are on the 16th day without new cases,".

Source : newsaf.cgtn.com ([Article link](#))



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