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LEADERSHIP IN THE AIDS RESPONSE

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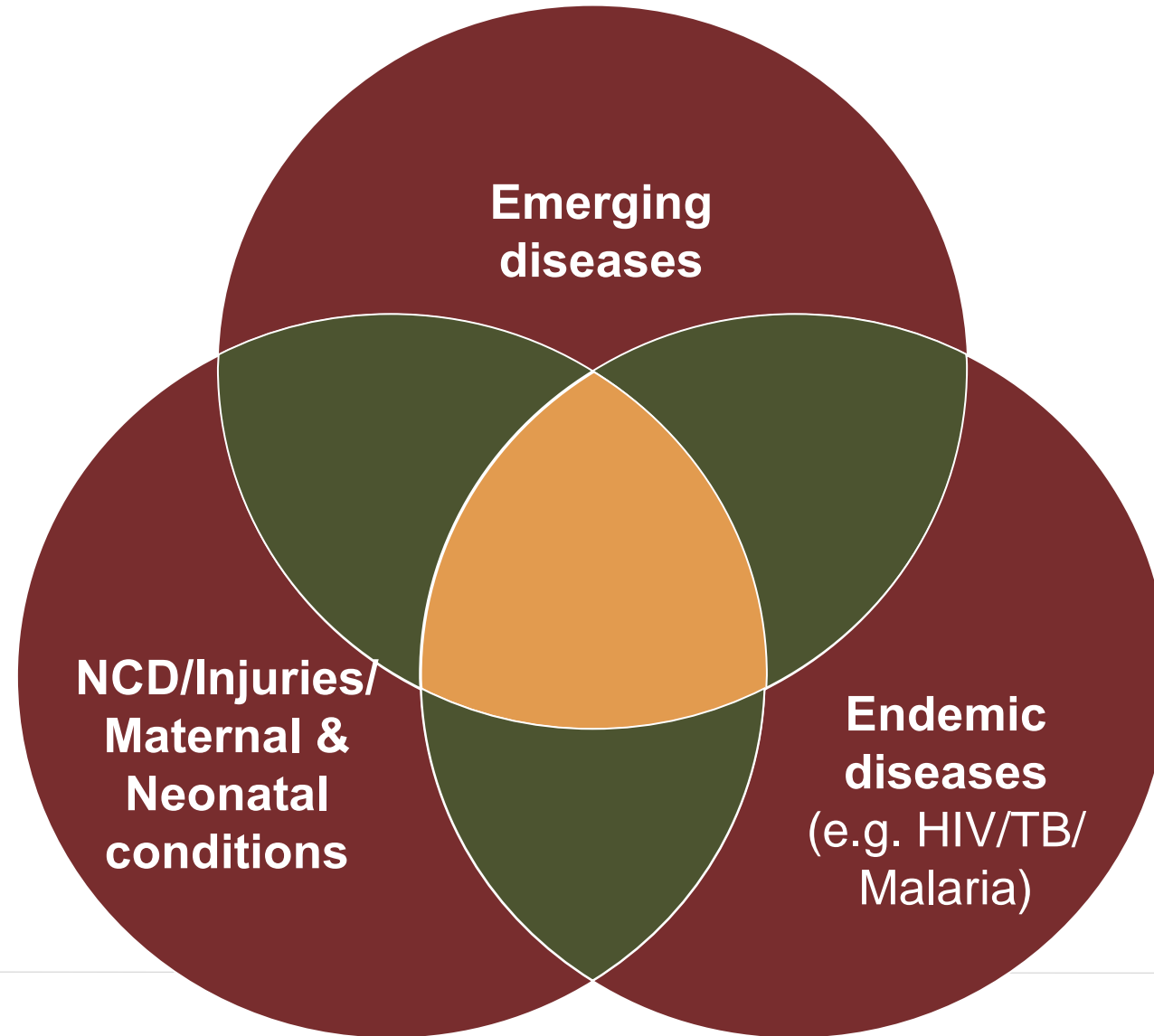
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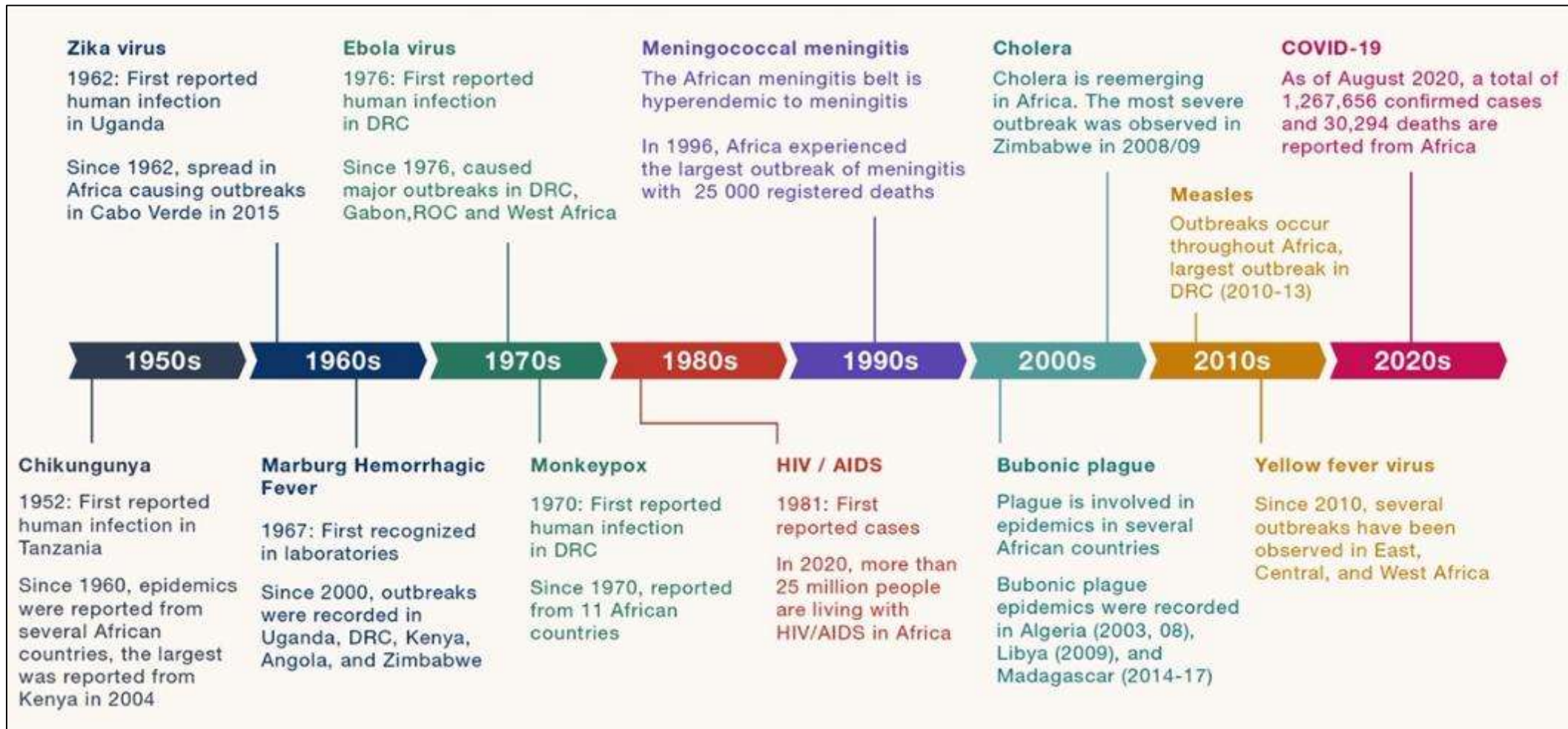
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Syndemics are exacerbating the disease burden across Africa

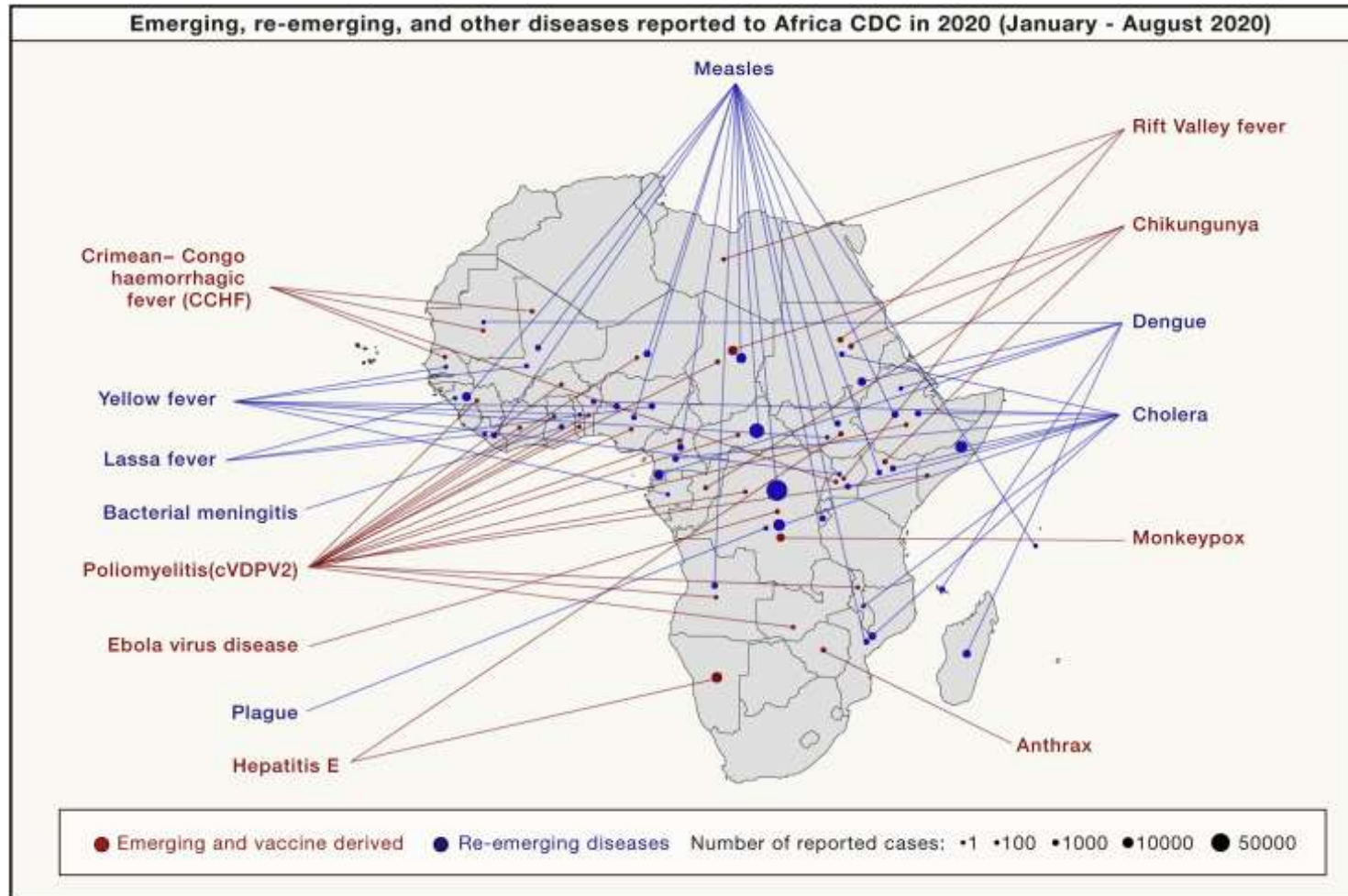


Major emerging and re-emerging diseases in Africa | 1950 - 2020



Nkengasong and Tessema, 2020, Cell (2020)

Emerging, re-emerging, and other diseases reported to Africa CDC in 2020 (January - August 2020)



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While HIV advanced the building of health systems across Africa, emerging diseases are currently disrupting these systems

HIV / AIDS represented the **most recent global deadly pandemic** before COVID-19



HIV / AIDS programmes supported health systems strengthening...



Priority given to **public health** by governments



Strengthened **laboratories & diagnostics**



Strengthened **infrastructure & primary healthcare facilities**



Built **healthcare workforce capabilities**

... however, these systems are being **disrupted by COVID-19**

41%

decrease in HIV testing in 2020*

37%

decrease in HIV referrals in 2020*

Global Fund is now **refocusing its efforts to fight pandemics**



Annual investment by Global Fund to defeat **HIV, TB and malaria**

\$4 billion

Investment in 2020 and 2021* by Global Fund to support **COVID-19**

\$4.5 billion

Global Fund's response to the COVID-19 pandemic is focused on saving lives and is mitigating the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the HIV, TB and malaria , protecting health workers and reinforcing health systems.

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UNAIDS call to have a **peoples' vaccine against COVID-19**

FINANCIAL TIMES

Letter: To be a peoples' vaccine, Big Pharma must share IP

From Winnie Byanyima, Executive Director of Joint UN Programme on HIV/Aids, UN Under Secretary-General, Geneva, Switzerland

NOVEMBER 26 2020

UNAIDS, along with the African Union, supports a **temporary waiver from the TRIPS Agreement in relation to COVID-19**

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UNAIDS **fully supports this proposal**, which reflects the **urgency and global health emergency** that COVID-19 represents...

...Its adoption will enable countries to work together to **establish national and multilateral strategies** to **promote innovation** of, and **access** to, **medicines, diagnostics, vaccines and other health technologies.**

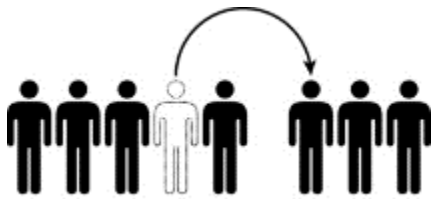
***Winnie Byanyima,
Executive Director of UNAIDS***

Partnership with UNAIDS on **community engagement and risk communication, and healthcare workforce development**



Support vaccination community engagement and risk communication

Given UNAIDS' experience, they are suited for vaccine advocacy, campaigning and community mobilisation targeting the most vulnerable



Secondment opportunities and engagement with Africa CDC

Sharing and transfer of knowledge and skills through secondments

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There is an **urgent need to re-imagine Africa's health security**

Africa has limited...



Health facilities

< 50% of Member States have access to modern health facilities



Health budget

< 10% of GDP is spent on healthcare for most African countries



Health workers

2 health workers / **1K** people
(vs 25 health workers / 1K in the Americas)



Commentary

Africa Needs a New Public Health Order to Tackle Infectious Disease Threats

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A New Public Health Order for **Africa's Health Security**



Strengthened public health institutions



Strengthened public health workforce



**Expanded manufacturing of vaccines, diagnostics,
and therapeutics**



Respectful action-oriented partnerships

Building back better, bolder and bigger!

Africa CDC's priorities are **aligned to the new Global AIDS Strategy**

Global AIDS strategy priorities

1: Maximize equitable and equal access to HIV services and solutions

2: Break down barriers to achieving HIV outcomes

3: Fully resource and sustain HIV responses and integrate them into systems for health, social protection and humanitarian settings

Africa CDC's priorities are aligned to new Global AIDS Strategy

- Africa CDC's focus on achieving universal healthcare coverage in Africa through **strengthening NPHIs** and **healthcare workforce development**
- Africa CDC's **community-led approach to pandemic preparedness and response** to achieve public health outcomes e.g., training and deploying COVID-19 community health workers
- Africa CDC's **New Public Health Order** calls for **building and investing in our own health systems** to build resiliency needed for current and future disease threats



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