

News Update

Note from the CEO

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the latest edition of ABCHealth's News Update especially as we wind down the first half of 2025 which, despite turmoil in the global economy, is turning out to be quite an interesting time for us in Africa.

The freeze on aid following the exit of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) has forced governments across Africa to pivot from depending on foreign aid to exploring capacities existing within their shores and while many remain skeptical of governments' ability to weather the storm, stakeholders are optimistic, viewing the situation as an opportunity to reframe the conversation around health financing across the continent on the one hand and improving health systems on the other.

Africa's healthcare systems have historically faced numerous challenges, including limited infrastructure, a shortage of healthcare professionals, and difficulty accessing remote populations. However, the rapid growth of digital technology is transforming the continent's healthcare landscape. Mobile health apps, telemedicine, electronic medical records, and artificial intelligence (AI) are not only bridging gaps but also driving unprecedented healthcare innovation across Africa and critical stakeholders, including governments, regulators, healthcare providers and users are paying attention.

Importantly, investors are showing growing appetite in Africa's e-health market which is valued at USD11b as healthtech startups across the continent continue to thrive, attracting \$550 million in funding over the past three years, even as overall tech investments in Africa dropped by 39%. According to TechInAfrica, this growth is fueled by online pharmacies, telemedicine, and AI-driven diagnostics, with women-led startups securing 31% of funding last year.

Without doubt, one of the most impactful innovations across the continent is the widespread use of mobile health (mHealth)

technologies - with mobile phone penetration exceeding 80% in many African countries, health organizations are leveraging SMS, USSD, and mobile apps to disseminate vital health information, conduct surveys, and monitor disease outbreaks.



Mories Atoki (Dr.)
Chief Executive Officer

Platforms such as Vezeeta in Egypt and Rocket Health in Uganda enable remote consultations, diagnostics, and treatment, reducing the need for patients to travel long distances. In Ghana, mPedigree uses mobile technology to authenticate medicines, reducing the circulation of counterfeit drugs; apps like mTrac in Uganda allow health workers to report disease cases and stock levels via SMS, enhancing surveillance and supply chain management while DrugStoc in Nigeria enable pharmaceutical manufacturers to deliver anti-counterfeit medication to the last mile.

Digital technology is no longer a futuristic concept in African healthcare—it is a present-day force of transformation and at ABCHealth, we recognize this truth. Which is why we have collaborated with Informa Markets to host the ABCHealth HealthTech Summit, a three-day gathering of health stakeholders in Africa all of whom will be attending a series of conferences and workshops under the theme; 'Engaging the Digital Health Ecosystem: Enabling Interoperability, Scalability & Sustainability across Health Systems'.

This Summit is holding on the margins of the World Health Expo – Lagos 2025 at the Landmark Event Center in Lagos, Nigeria from June 2 to June 4, 2025 and will feature the ABCHealth Xcelerator Pitch Program designed to support healthtech startups in West Africa. Please read through the Summit Brochure even as we look forward to hosting you at this historic event.

Thank you.



ABCHealth and Informa Markets Hosts High-Level Ministerial Session at WHX in June 2025

Africa stands on the cusp of an industrial renaissance. With a young population, abundant natural resources, and emerging regional integration frameworks, the continent holds immense potential to become a global hub for manufacturing and value addition. However, unlocking this potential requires visionary leadership, bold policy reform, strategic investment, and cross-sector collaboration.

The African Business Coalition for Health, in partnership with Informa Markets, is convening a High-Level Ministerial Roundtable at the World Health Expo – Lagos 2025 titled; 'From Vision to Value – Unlocking West Africa's Manufacturing Potential' and expected in attendance are Health Ministers and Delegates from several African countries including Nigeria, Ghana, Egypt,

Gambia, Guinea Bissau and Senegal. ABCHealth's Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Mories Atoki, will be moderating the session with Mr. Tom Coleman, Director, Informa Markets the host.

This strategic gathering will focus on translating political commitment and industrial vision into tangible outcomes –stimulating inclusive growth, driving job creation, boosting regional trade, and positioning Africa as a competitive manufacturing destination in the global economy.

The exclusive session will hold as an in-person event at the Landmark Centre in Victoria Island, Lagos, Nigeria on Tuesday June 3, 2025 at the Main Conference Centre.

Join the Coalition and Fix Africa's Health

The African Business Coalition for Health (ABCHealth) is a not-for-profit established to bring together businesses, philanthropists and development institutions that will collectively seek greater private sector contributions to improve health outcomes and save lives in Africa. You too can take action - [join](#) the Coalition today and let us work together to fix Africa's health.

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USAID Freeze: A Wake-Up Call for Africa

On January 20, President Donald Trump sanctioned a 90-day halt on foreign aid, a decision that has had a profound impact and generated widespread alarm worldwide, none more so than in Africa where many countries fund their health budgets through donor funds.



Africa's Plan to Tackle Endemic Diseases Head-On

Africa CDC unveiled a bold new strategy to combat endemic diseases across the continent, marking a pivotal step in the fight against HIV/AIDs, malaria, tuberculosis, hepatitis, and neglected tropical diseases (NTDs) in bid to reshape Africa's healthcare.



Africa's Moment: Seizing the Opportunity for Transformation

To claim the future belongs to Africa is a reality backed by every socioeconomic indicator. But to turn this potential into progress, Africa must strategically position itself to seize the moment and the key to achieving this lies in looking inward.



The Struggle to Halt Brain Drain in Africa's Health Sector

By 2030, the WHO Africa Region may find itself with a shortage of 6.1 million healthcare workers, a trend that is likely to continue as health workers seek greener pastures in a bid to escape the poor working conditions they face in Africa.

Health Read

Nigeria Hosts 5th Global High-Level Ministerial Conference on AMR

Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) is one of the most urgent public health challenges facing the world today. In Africa, where infectious diseases such as malaria, tuberculosis, and bacterial infections remain prevalent, the rise of AMR poses a serious threat to healthcare systems, economic development, and the wellbeing of millions. The continent's limited diagnostic capacity, widespread misuse of antibiotics, and insufficient regulation are accelerating the spread of drug-resistant infections.

AMR Basics

Antimicrobial resistance occurs when bacteria, viruses, fungi, and parasites evolve and become resistant to the drugs designed to kill them. As a result, standard treatments become ineffective, infections persist, and the risk of spread increases.

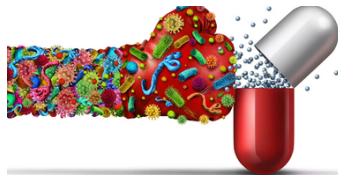
In Africa, AMR has been linked to high morbidity and mortality rates, particularly in newborns, immunocompromised patients, and people living with HIV/AIDS. The World Health Organization (WHO) has identified AMR as a critical threat that could reverse decades of medical progress if not addressed promptly.

Causes of AMR in Africa

Several interconnected factors contribute to the rise of antimicrobial resistance across the continent including:

- Overuse and misuse of antibiotics

AMR costs Africa as much as USD6b annually representing a significant financial burden.



- Weak healthcare systems
- Unchecked agricultural use of antibiotics
- Lack of surveillance and diagnostics

Impact on Health and Economy

AMR has severe impact on African health systems – common infections are becoming harder to treat further challenging an overburdened public health system.

Economically, AMR threatens productivity and increases healthcare costs due to prolonged hospital stays, the need for more expensive drugs, and higher mortality rates. According to the World Bank, by 2050, AMR could cost the global economy up to \$100 trillion, with Africa bearing a disproportionate share of the burden.

Way Forward

According to the Mapping Antimicrobial Resistance

(AMR) and Antimicrobial Use (AMU) Partnership (MAAP), Africa has the highest mortality rate from AMR infections in the world with 27.3 deaths per 100,000. These numbers are high and governments across the continent are taking steps to combat the threat.

In April 2026, Nigeria will host the 5th Global High-Level Ministerial Conference on AMR. This conference will convene Ministers of Health including critical stakeholders and it will build on the outcome of discussions at the 4th Global High-Level Ministerial Conference on AMR which held in Saudi Arabia focused on achieving AMR goals by 2030.

Ahead of this conference, ABCHealth, through its Chief Executive Officer - Dr. Mories Atoki - will be participating in the conversations. Dr. Atoki, in her capacity as Chairperson, Resource Mobilization and Stakeholder Engagement Sub-Committee, is heading the committee which will

1. Lead resource mobilization efforts and donor engagement
2. secure sponsorships to support the conference
3. ensure inclusive participation from civil society organisations, private sector actors and regional networks

Africa can turn the tide on AMR and build a more responsive health system for the future but it requires partnerships and ABCHealth is at the forefront.

Recent Events and Activities across the Coalition

The Coalition has been deeply involved in global and regional health aligned forums, leveraging these to ensure partners and members have access and visibility. The engagements during the period have been fulfilling with many more projected



ABCHealth Mental Health and Workplace Wellness Webinar - Jan 21

ABCHealth hosted a webinar themed; "Bridging International Mind-Gap for the Future of Work: An African Perspective" with focus on fostering inclusive workplaces to foster harmonious collaboration.



Malaria Day Webinar - April 22

ABCHealth's CAMA Office hosted a Malaria Day Workshop themed; 'Harnessing Technology for Malaria Control: Sustainable Innovations for the Future'. The session convened health experts, researchers, entrepreneurs and other stakeholders in Africa's health space to discuss eradicating the continent's 'Ancient Disease'.



Lagos Slush'd - May 16

ABCHealth CEO, Mories Atoki (Dr.) moderated the all-female healthtech founders panel titled; 'Redefining Digital Health Investments in Africa: Harnessing the Power of Female Founders in Driving Quality and Affordable Healthcare Solutions' with focus on critical roles women play in shaping Africa's healthcare space.



ABCHealth CEO, Mories Atoki (Dr.) at the Medlab Middle East in the UAE in February 2025 where ABCHealth hosted the session titled; "Doing Business in Africa: Transforming Diagnostic Business Models with AI and Other Technologies to Access New Markets" which aimed to explore the landscape of diagnostics in Africa.



H.E. Taye Atske Selassie, President of Ethiopia with Mories Atoki (Dr.), ABCHealth CEO at the 8th Africa Business Forum which held on the sidelines of the 38th African Union Summit in Ethiopia in Feb 2025



ABCHealth stand at the 8th Africa Business Forum which held on the sidelines of the 38th African Union Summit in Ethiopia in February 2025



L-R: Dr. Mories Atoki, CEO ABCHealth; Mr. Peter Bunor, Co-founder and Growth Lead at Field Intelligence with Mr. Kenneth Okoli, CEO Synlab at GITEX Africa in Morocco in April 2025

Key Upcoming Events

ABCHealth mobilizes private sector interests and capabilities to collectively address the healthcare challenges of the African continent; working to unlock synergies to help companies and their leadership contribute impactfully to meeting national and regional health goals in the context of SDG Agenda 2030 and Africa Agenda 2063. ABCHealth does this through various mechanisms including high-level gatherings at national, regional, continental and global level where Coalition members exhibit thought leadership and showcase their contributions to the mandate of improving health outcomes across the continent.

ABCHealth Healthtech SUMMIT | **WHX LAGOS** formerly Medic West Africa

Theme: Engaging the Digital Health Ecosystem: Enabling Interoperability, Scalability & Sustainability across Health Systems

2-4 June 2025 | **9am WAT (Daily)**

Landmark Event Centre, Victoria Island, Lagos

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LANDMARK EVENT CENTRE, VICTORIA ISLAND, LAGOS, NIGERIA

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CAMA Malaria & Tech Workshop – Jun 2



This workshop titled: 'Mobilizing Corporate Resources and Private Wealth for Sustainable Malaria Solutions, Leveraging Technology' will take place at the ABCHealth Healthtech Summit and will convene policymakers, pharma and development organizations to share strategies and build partnerships aimed at reducing Africa's malaria burden. [Register to attend.](#)

Digital Health & AI Conference – Jun 3



The theme for the conference is 'Engaging the Digital Health Ecosystem; Enabling Interoperability, Scalability and Sustainability across Health Systems' and will feature two Keynotes and four Panel sessions amongst other highlights, spotlighting critical themes such as interoperability, digital infrastructure, AI in healthcare delivery, and financing innovation. [Register to attend.](#)

Launch of ABCHealth Virtual Healthtech Hub – Jun 3



ABCHealth will unveil a Health Tech Virtual Hub in a session titled: 'Catalyzing a New Era of Health Innovation in Africa: Empowering Local Talent and Advancing Digital Technologies'. The Hub will connect stakeholders across the health value chain and facilitate knowledge exchange in a safe space. [Register to attend.](#)

ABCHealth Xcelerator Pitch Program – Jun 4



In a showcase of Africa's brightest minds, a select group of digital health innovators will present their innovative ideas, products and solutions to a distinguished panel of Judges and a guild of Investors. The Xcelerator Pitch will spotlight high-potential solutions, accelerate their scale, and unlock strategic partnerships to harness Africa's growth potential for Health tech Start-Ups. [Register to attend.](#)

Other Events

Africa Health ExConference – Jun 24-27 / Cairo, Egypt



The 4th edition of the ExCon will be hosted at the Egypt International Exhibition Centre (IEC), bringing together over 30,000 healthcare and trade professionals from more than 100 countries.

Africa Social Impact Summit – Jul 10-11 / Lagos, Nigeria



ABCHealth is hosting a Panel Session themed: 'Reframing Priorities and Optimizing Opportunities in Africa's Healthcare Sector: Harnessing AI and Technological Advancements, and Roundtable themed: 'Consolidating Bold Impact Actions towards Achieving Self Sufficiency in Africa's Healthcare: Aligning Priorities with Technological Innovations'.

ABCHealth Roundtable – Africa Primary Healthcare Forum – Jul 14 / Abuja, Nigeria



ABCHealth is hosting a Roundtable Session at the Africa Primary Health Care Forum, co-hosted by the West African Institute of Public Health (WAIPH) with focus on the intersection of financing reform, innovation, and partnership as levers for strengthening PHC and accelerating progress toward UHC.

World Health Expo (WHX) Nairobi, Kenya – Sep 05

ABCHealth – Big Ideas, Johannesburg, South Africa – Oct 21

World Health Expo (WHX) Cape Town, South Africa – Oct 23

CAMA Webinar – Nov 25

2026 Events

5th Global High-Level Ministerial Conference on Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)

In her capacity as Chairperson, Resource Mobilization and Stakeholder Engagement Sub-Committee, Dr. Mories Atoki will be at the high-level meeting hosted by Nigeria convening Member States, partners and stakeholders to advance strategic dialogue and commitments in the fight against Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) in Africa