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Highlights



EDCTP2 demonstrates impact on health, policy and research capacity

The EDCTP Association has published its Annual Report 2025, presenting a decade of progress in EDCTP2 advancing medical interventions, strengthening research capacity and building equitable partnerships across sub-Saharan Africa.

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EDCTP2 project news



CAPTURE-1 study advances development of a novel single-dose malaria treatment

The EDCTP2-funded PAMAFrica project has reported encouraging results for a novel antimalarial combination therapy that could contribute to addressing one of the greatest challenges in malaria control: the emergence and spread of resistance to current treatments.

The findings, published in *The Lancet Infectious Diseases* on 16 July 2026, describe the results of the Phase 2a CAPTURE-1 study, which evaluated a single oral dose of cabamiquine combined with pyronaridine for the treatment of uncomplicated *Plasmodium falciparum* malaria in adults and adolescents.

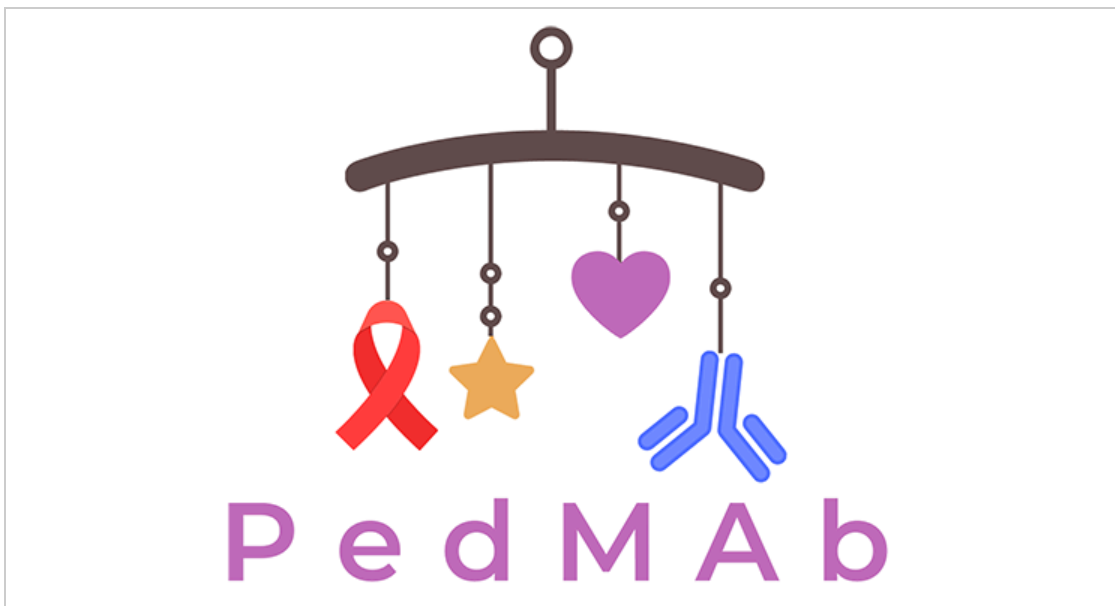
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EMPIRICAL study offers new evidence for treating severe pneumonia in infants living with HIV

Results from the EMPIRICAL trial, published in *The Lancet* on 17 July 2026, provide important new evidence to inform the management of severe pneumonia in infants living with HIV in sub-Saharan Africa. The multicentre, randomised clinical trial was conducted across 19 hospitals in six African countries through a collaboration of African and European research institutions.

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PedMAB advances long-acting antibody strategies for infant HIV prevention

PedMAB shows how long-acting bNAbs could help block postnatal HIV transmission, with the first infant study demonstrating early safety and useful dosing data. The project also

built practical sampling and lab methods, setting up the next trial of ePGT121v1LS in adults before pediatric testing.

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CAPRISA 012c clinical trial results presented at IAS in Rio de Janeiro

Results from the CAPRISA 012c phase II trial, presented at IAS in Rio de Janeiro on 29 July 2026, found that long-acting broadly neutralising antibodies did not reduce HIV infections in young women in southern Africa overall. While there was no significant difference versus placebo, the results suggest the antibodies may still offer protection against viruses that are sensitive to them.

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Global Health EDCTP3 projects

In this section, you will find news, events and other relevant activities related to Global Health EDCTP3 projects, including those for which the EDCTP Association serves as the Coordinator.



ICI3D Programme secures Global Health EDCTP3 grant to strengthen infectious disease modelling capacity in sub-Saharan Africa

The International Clinics on Infectious Disease Dynamics and Data (ICI3D) programme has been awarded €1.3 million in funding from Global Health EDCTP3 to strengthen regional capacity for infectious disease modelling and promote its use in policymaking, effective 1 May 2026.

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ICI3D: first MMED clinic delivered in Cape Town

ICI3D's 2026 Meaningful Modelling of Epidemiological Data (MMED) clinic was held from 15 to 26 June at AIMS South Africa in Muizenberg, Cape Town — the first clinic delivered under the project's Global Health EDCTP3 grant. The two-week training brought together

45 participants from 18 countries and focused on helping quantitative researchers make sound inferences from imperfect epidemiological data.

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Developing Africa's next generation of epidemic modellers through TIMERA

The Training Initiative for Modelling Epidemic Response in Africa (TIMERA) has been awarded a €1.3 million grant under the Global Health EDCTP3 programme to strengthen mathematical and statistical modelling capacity across sub-Saharan Africa. The project aims to enhance public health event detection, scenario planning, and outbreak response through advanced epidemiological modelling and data-driven decision-making.

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Training and funding opportunities

ADVAC: Advanced Course of Vaccinology

The ADVAC 2027 course is open for applications. The 27th edition of the Advanced Vaccinology Course will take place in Annecy, France from 10-27 May 2027. The deadline for applications is 15 November 2026.

ANRS: Calls for projects 2026 for the PEPR MIE

The PEPR MIE's 2026 call for proposals aims to support projects with strong translational potential and concrete prospects for operational application in the face of emerging infectious threats. This focus applies to the development of both medical and non-medical countermeasures.

CEPI: Innovations to Prepare for Future Epidemics and Pandemics

This call for proposals aims to support CEPI's mission by advancing a broad range of vaccine innovations for pathogens with epidemic or pandemic potential, including novel pathogens capable of infecting and causing disease in humans (i.e., Disease X).

EDCTP Prizes 2027

The EDCTP Prizes recognise outstanding individuals and research teams from Africa and Europe for their achievements in global health research and innovation.

Mark your calendar

EDCTP Forum 2027 | 5-9 April 2027

The 13th edition of the EDCTP Forum will take place from 5-9 April 2027 in Madrid, Spain. The EDCTP Forum 2027, under the theme 'Innovating together for resilient global health', will offer researchers, policymakers, funders and implementers the opportunity to showcase their work at a flagship global health event.

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Africa Patient Safety Summary | 16-17 September

Organised by Medicines for Africa in partnership with the African Medicines Agency, the inaugural Africa Patient Safety Summit 2026 (PSS2026) will be held from 16–17 September 2026 in Kigali, Rwanda. PSS2026 is a continental platform that will bring together policymakers, regulators, healthcare professionals, patient organisations, industry leaders and development partners to advance patient safety across Africa.

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5th International Conference on Public Health in Africa (CPHIA) | 1-5 November 2026

The 5th International Conference on Public Health in Africa (CPHIA 2026) will be held from 1–5 November 2026 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Co-hosted by the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) and the Government of Ethiopia, this conference will bring together political leaders, policymakers, researchers, innovators, civil society, and youth. Participants will work to define Africa's pathway to stronger, more resilient health systems and to reducing dependence on foreign aid.

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African Bioethics in Practice: Governance and Responsibility | 24-25 November 2026

The Africa Bioethics Conference 2026 (ABC2026) will be held in Nairobi, Kenya, on 24–25 November 2026 under the theme "African Bioethics in Practice: Governance and Responsibility." It will address research ethics and governance; health systems and clinical ethics; emerging technologies (AI, genomics, digital health); climate, environment and health ethics; and knowledge production and epistemic justice. Abstracts for oral presentations, workshops, posters and story-circle sessions are invited from all stakeholders, with a submission deadline of 31 July 2026.

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