

July 2026 Global Health Focus: Hepatitis, Population, NTDs, and Africa's Health

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1. Which international day, observed annually on July 11th, focuses on raising awareness about population issues, including family planning, gender equality, and poverty, with a particular emphasis on its impact on development and resource management in regions like Sub-Saharan Africa?

A) World Health Day

B) World Population Day

C) International Day of Peace

D) World Environment Day

2. World Hepatitis Day is observed on July 28th each year to increase awareness and understanding of viral hepatitis. What is a key objective for this day, especially in the context of Sub-Saharan Africa's health goals?

A) To promote exclusively Western medicine treatments

B) To increase hepatitis B vaccine coverage and integrate it into national immunization programs

C) To focus solely on urban populations

D) To reduce the number of healthcare professionals in the region

3. In July 2026, the global health community will observe World Population Day. Which of the following initiatives, emphasized in Sub-Saharan Africa, aims to achieve sustainable development by addressing population growth through education and gender equality?

A) The African Union's Agenda 2063

B) The World Trade Organization's trade policies

C) The International Monetary Fund's fiscal reforms

D) The Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization's vaccination drives

4. Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) are a significant concern in Sub-Saharan Africa. World NTD Day is observed on January 30th, but the ongoing focus in 2026 will address these diseases. What is a primary characteristic of NTDs and their impact on vulnerable populations in Africa?

A) They primarily affect wealthy, urban populations

B) They are easily preventable with advanced technology alone

C) They are linked to inequalities in access to clean water, sanitation, and basic health services

D) They are rapidly declining worldwide due to widespread immunity

5. The Seventy-sixth session of the WHO Regional Committee for Africa is scheduled for August 2026 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. While this is in late August, it follows a month of significant health discussions. What is a primary purpose of this annual committee meeting?

- A) To determine the continent's new fashion trends
- B) To endorse regional health policies, strategies, and plans**
- C) To organize continental sporting events
- D) To approve space exploration initiatives

6. World Hepatitis Day, observed on July 28th, aims to enhance global efforts against viral hepatitis. Which Nobel Prize-winning scientist's birthday is commemorated on this day, who discovered the Hepatitis B virus (HBV)?

- A) Dr. Jonas Salk
- B) Dr. Baruch Blumberg**
- C) Dr. Alexander Fleming
- D) Dr. Marie Curie

7. World Population Day on July 11th highlights the relationship between population growth and sustainable development. In Sub-Saharan Africa, initiatives under which framework emphasize education and gender equality to influence population dynamics?

- A) The New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD)
- B) The African Union's Agenda 2063**
- C) The Southern African Development Community (SADC) Protocol
- D) The Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Vision

8. Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) disproportionately affect the poorest and most marginalized communities in Africa. Which of the following is a common characteristic of NTDs regarding their impact on affected populations?

- A) They lead to increased economic productivity and social mobility
- B) They are primarily caused by lifestyle choices and poor diet
- C) They perpetuate cycles of poverty, disability, and stigma**
- D) They are easily treated with over-the-counter medications

9. World Hepatitis Day on July 28th seeks to accelerate efforts towards eliminating viral hepatitis. A critical gap identified in achieving global elimination goals by 2030 is related to:

- A) High coverage of testing and treatment
- B) Low coverage of testing and treatment**
- C) Excessive funding for research
- D) Widespread availability of diagnostic tools

10. The African Union's Agenda 2063, which emphasizes inclusive growth and sustainable development, sets goals for healthy and well-nourished citizens. Which institution within the AU is the lead agency for strengthening public health capacities and responding to disease outbreaks?

- A) The African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM)
- B) The African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights
- C) The Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC)**
- D) The Pan African Parliament

11. World Population Day, celebrated on July 11th, addresses the complex interplay between population trends and sustainable development. For low-income areas, a rapidly growing population can exacerbate challenges such as:

- A) Reduced access to education and healthcare**
- B) Increased availability of natural resources
- C) Greater economic equality
- D) Decreased environmental strain

12. The WHO Regional Committee for Africa convenes annually to discuss regional health priorities. The Seventy-sixth session in August 2026 will be held in which capital city?

- A) Nairobi, Kenya
- B) Accra, Ghana
- C) Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**
- D) Pretoria, South Africa