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A WORD FROM THE EDITOR



Welcome to the first edition of the Bloom Public Health Newsletter! It is an honor to share a truly transformative first half of 2026. From launching our Geneva office to revitalizing community diagnostic labs via the laboratory Optimization Project in Nigeria, pioneering health credit models in Rwanda, and securing landmark regulatory agreements in Ethiopia, our team is turning policy into life-saving realities. Our impact continues to grow through major international consortiums, notably as a technical partner in the West African Health Organization's (WAHO) Lassa Fever Vaccine Coalition Project, funded by Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI), to bolster West African vaccine security. I am also proud of the outcomes of our recent Brown Bag meetings, which have built the capacity of our young public health professionals to lead the continent's future.

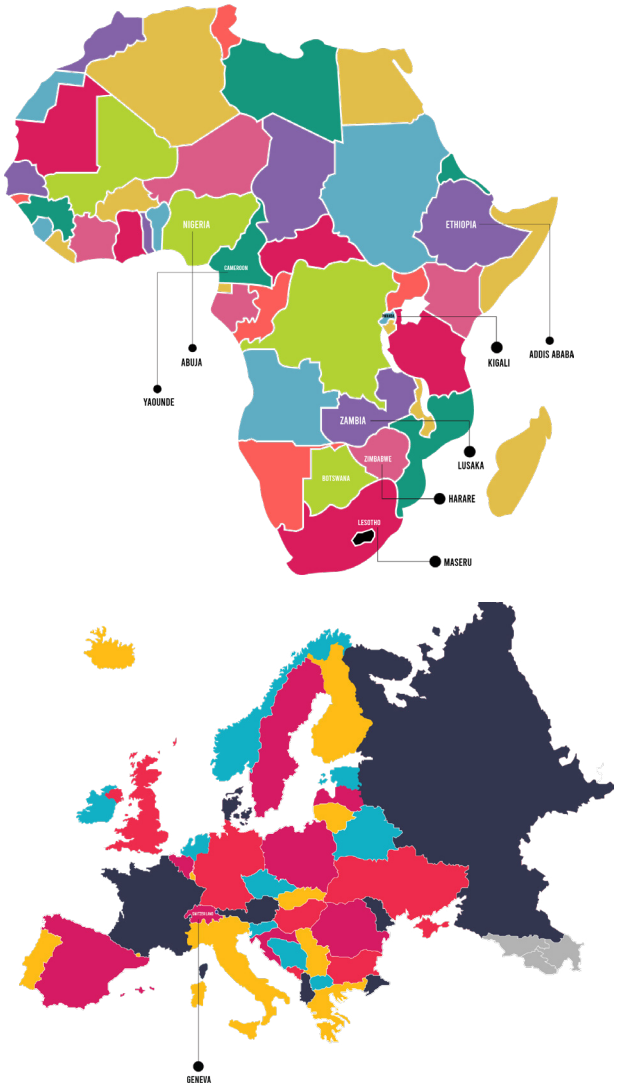
By bridging advanced technology, internal capacity building, and cross-border collaborations, we are accelerating progress toward a healthier, more self-reliant continent. Thank you for walking this path with us. We invite you to explore our progress and celebrate these milestones.
- Nneka Egbuna, Regional Communication Manager.

OUR FOCUS

- **Pharmaceutical Quality Systems:** Because safe medicine isn't a luxury, it's a fundamental right. We're helping local manufacturers hit global WHO standards.
- **Laboratory Strengthening & Diagnostics:** Upgrading labs so diagnoses are fast, accurate, and reliable every single time.
- **Public Health and Policy:** Turning evidence into policies that actually work on the ground.
- **Public Health Supply Chain:** Getting vital health products where they need to go, right on time.

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OUR COUNTRY OFFICES



WHAT WE DID (JANUARY – JUNE 2026)

PHARMACEUTICAL QUALITY SYSTEMS

Ethiopia

Securing Regulatory Partnership in Ethiopia
On May 21, our Ethiopia Office had a big week strengthening ties with some of the country's most important health institutions. CEO Prof. Chimezie Anyakora traveled to Ethiopia to attend a one-day event hosted by the International Vaccine Institute (IVI) and used the trip to connect with leaders at the Ethiopian Food and Drug Authority (EFDA), the Armauer Hansen Research Institute (AHRI), and the Ministry of Health (MoH). The standout moment? A new Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with EFDA. This partnership will help strengthen how medicines and food are regulated in Ethiopia from building stronger laboratories and training regulatory professionals, to improving quality management systems and raising public awareness on safe medicine use. Read more

LABORATORY STRENGTHENING & DIAGNOSTICS

Nigeria

In many Anambra communities, a broken analyzer or an empty shelf of reagents once stood between patients and a simple, life-saving diagnosis. That's the gap the Anambra State Laboratory Optimization Project (ASLOP), a partnership between Bloom Public Health, the Anambra State Ministry of Health, Worldwide Commercial Ventures Limited and Erba Mannheim set out to close, building a hub-and spoke diagnostic network that links five regional hubs (Agulu, Ukpor, Okpoko, and Oraifite General Hospitals, plus Ugochukwu Hospital and Maternity) to primary and secondary facilities across the state, bringing timely, affordable, quality-assured testing closer to home.

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Okpoko General Hospital, which recorded zero tests during the pilot simply because it hadn't yet been commissioned, has since become the network's highest performing hospital helping drive over tests recorded across ASLOP facilities between January and June alone.



PUBLIC HEALTH AND POLICY

Ethiopia

During the first half of 2026, Bloom Public Health's Ethiopia Office strengthened strategic relationships with key national and international health institutions. The CEO Prof. Chimezie Anyakora attended a one-day event hosted by the International Vaccine Institute (IVI) and engaged with leadership from the Ethiopian Food and Drug Authority (EFDA), Armauer Hansen Research Institute (AHRI), and Ministry of Health (MoH). These engagements strengthened our institutional relationships in Ethiopia and established formal frameworks for future collaboration in regulatory strengthening, laboratory systems, research, bioequivalence, local manufacturing. Read more.

On May 20, we also signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Armauer Hansen Research Institute (AHRI), focused on public health research, laboratory systems strengthening, and healthcare innovation. The collaboration supports bioequivalence studies and local manufacturing of quality-assured medical products in Ethiopia. Read more.

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Nigeria

Enhancing PrEP Access for at-Risk Young People through Pharmacy Delivered Oral PrEP in Nigeria

What if your neighborhood pharmacy could help prevent HIV? Bloom Public Health tested exactly that idea in pharmacies in Abuja, from October 2024 to April 2026, in partnership

with the University of Washington/Fred Hutch Center for AIDS Research, USA. he pilot project was a study about delivering oral pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) through community pharmacies. 200 young people enrolled, 197 started PrEP, and 90 returned for follow-up. In April, we shared these findings with the National Agency for the Control of AIDS in Nigeria (NACA), the World Health Organization (WHO), the Federal Ministry of Health and various implementing partners at a dissemination event, sparking real conversations on scaling the model. The takeaway? With the right training and support, pharmacies can become powerful new frontlines for HIV prevention, bringing care closer to the young people who need it most.





LASSA FEVER COALITION UPDATE

Bloom Public Health is one of the implementing partners contributing to the Lassa Fever Vaccine Coalition project. Together with WAHO, CEPI, and fellow Coalition Secretariat Partners, Bloom continued to support efforts aimed at ensuring that West African countries are better prepared for the future introduction and deployment of Lassa fever vaccines. The Coalition's goal is to strengthen regional coordination, preparedness, and access to a future vaccine across the region.

During this period, we supported the launch of the regional Lassa Fever Vaccine End-to-End Access Plan, facilitated the final demand forecasting workshop and shared initial country-level findings with country stakeholders, and supported WAHO in the national capacity-building workshops in Sierra Leone and Guinea. We also engaged national stakeholders across Coalition countries to gather input for the Regional Governance and Coordination Framework for Investigational Vaccine Deployment During Outbreaks, helping to ensure that regional plans reflect country priorities and realities. In addition, we strengthened project monitoring by refining key indicators and related tools to better track progress and impact.





We supported the Q1 and Q2 ECOWAS Research and Development Lassa Fever Webinar Series, facilitating knowledge sharing, stakeholder engagement, and regional collaboration to advance Lassa fever research preparedness in West Africa.

Why does this matter? These efforts are helping to build the partnerships, evidence, and systems needed to support timely and equitable access to future Lassa fever vaccines. From improving regional coordination to strengthening data-driven planning, each milestone brings the region one step closer to being ready when a vaccine becomes available.

Looking ahead, Bloom will continue contributing to regional coordination, preparedness, evidence generation and efforts that support future Lassa vaccine deployment across West Africa.

Rwanda



Expanding Healthcare Access and Education in Rwanda.

Bloom Public Health hit a major milestone this year by signing two strategic Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) in Rwanda, significantly expanding its impact across African healthcare financing and medical education.

Partnering with ComzAfrica Rwanda Ltd, we are providing vital advisory support, capital raising, and governance to back a disruptive health insurance credit model. By pairing ComzAfrica's robust credit infrastructure with Bloom's public health leadership, this alliance creates a scalable solution to make healthcare more affordable and accessible for everyday citizens. To bridge the continent's skills gap, we teamed up with the African Knowledge Institute for Innovation and Scientific Advancement (AKIISA). The Africa Vaccine Academy team has already begun integrating its specialized courses into AKIISA's digital curriculum. The collaboration accelerates the delivery of world-class scientific training to the next generation of African healthcare professionals. Read More.

A Major Leap for Malaria Elimination!

On February 20, Bloom Public Health visited CHARIS-UAS to forge a powerful new alliance in the fight against malaria. This strategic collaboration marks a significant shift toward technology-driven public health, exploring how unmanned aerial systems can revolutionize disease surveillance and precision mapping across Africa. The delegation witnessed a groundbreaking live demonstration of drones deploying larvicides directly into hard-to-reach mosquito breeding sites. This partnership is poised to transform larval source management, accelerate malaria elimination, and deliver measurable, life-saving impact to Africa's most underserved communities. Read more.

Switzerland

A new chapter begins! Bloom Public Health officially launches its Geneva presence.

Bloom Public Health officially launched its Geneva presence on March 5, 2026, at the Global Health Campus, hosted by the Stop Tuberculosis (TB) Partnership and attended by leading global health players like the Medicines Patent Pool (MPP), the Foundation for Innovative New Diagnostics (FIND), the World Health Organization (WHO), and diplomatic representatives from DR Congo and Zambia. The launch let us showcase our vision for African-led health solutions, sparking follow-up talks with partners including Roll Back Malaria Partnership (RBM), International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers & Associations (IFPMA), Concept Foundation undaand Medicines for Malaria Venture (MMV) on collaboration around tuberculosis, malaria, local manufacturing, and expanding access to health products across Africa. Read more.





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WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY, GENEVA: BLOOM PUBLIC HEALTH URGES BOLD SHIFT IN AFRICA'S HEALTHCARE STRATEGY.

Bloom Public Health's Geneva office joined health leaders from around the world at the 79th World Health Assembly, held from 18 to 23 May 2026 at the Palais des Nations. It is the World Health Organization's biggest yearly meeting, where countries come together to shape global health policy.

Ministers, United Nations agencies, civil society groups, donors, and innovators met to tackle urgent issues. These included pandemic preparedness, climate and health, Universal Health Coverage, antimicrobial resistance, digital health and artificial intelligence, vaccine equity, and stronger health systems in low- and middle-income countries.

At the meeting, Prof. Chimezie Anyakora said Africa can no longer afford to depend heavily on foreign aid and imported healthcare solutions. According to him, one of the major lessons from the Assembly was the urgent need for Africa to take ownership of its healthcare future. "For too long, we have allowed the health of our population to be outsourced. With the new reality, things are changing fast and Africans are beginning to take charge of their health," he said.

Bloom and Health Impact Group Sign a Partnership

Bloom Public Health signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Health Impact Group (HIG) in May. The partnership strengthens Bloom's links with other international public health institutions and opens the door to more collaborative work. Read more.

PUBLIC HEALTH SUPPLY CHAIN

Rwanda



Strengthening Vaccine Manufacturing in East Africa.

Bloom Public Health participated in the first Regional Capability and Capacity Network (RCCN) East Africa Workshop, held in Kigali, Rwanda, on February 28 at the Ubumwe Grand Hotel. The meeting brought together senior people from government, universities, regulators, industry and development partners in Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, Kenya and Ethiopia. Their aim was to build regional capability for lasting vaccine and pharmaceutical manufacturing in East Africa, in line with priorities set by the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) and the African Union. Read more

Strengthening Africa's Vaccine Ecosystem with the International Vaccine Institute

On February 19, Bloom Public Health met with Dr. Nicaise Ndembi, Deputy Director General and Regional Director for Africa at the International Vaccine Institute (IVI). The talk focused on how to strengthen Africa's vaccine ecosystem. This pivotal meeting reaffirmed our shared commitment to advancing continent-wide health security through collaboration, innovation, and locally driven solutions. By uniting IVI's global leadership in vaccine research and development with Bloom Public Health's expertise in pharmaceutical systems strengthening, regulatory support, and supply chain optimization, we are paving a clear pathway toward vaccine self-reliance. Read more.

INVESTING IN PEOPLE

How Bloom's Brown Bag Sessions Are Reshaping Talent.

At Bloom Public Health, we've always believed the strength of an organization lies in the depth of its people — and in 2026, we put that belief into practice. Starting in June, our team launched its Brown Bag Learning and Development Sessions, turning ordinary lunch hours into powerful moments of growth and connection. What began as a simple idea — bring your lunch, bring your curiosity — quickly became something more: a space where young professionals stepped into the spotlight, sharpening their voices on everything from Bloom's brand identity to our role in the CEPI-funded Lassa Fever Vaccine Coalition Project, and diving into real progress on the ground through the Anambra State Laboratory Optimization Project (ASLOP), which has already equipped seven health facilities and trained 15 laboratory scientists.







SHOUT OUT TO OUR NYSC MEMBERS AND INTERNS

One of my biggest moments at Bloom so far was the celebration of August-borns. It was interesting and nice to be seen and celebrated within the organization. Another memorable moment was my first defense presentation. It was a new experience that pushed me out of my comfort zone. I was a little nervous at first, but completing it felt really rewarding. Overall, my time at Bloom has been a great learning opportunity. I've enjoyed working with different people, taking on new tasks, and growing in confidence. I'm grateful for the experience and the opportunities Bloom has given me.
— Douglas Angel (Intern)

One of my biggest highlights at Bloom has been discovering that my ideas and contributions can go beyond simply completing a task. There was a moment when I realized the work we do is not just about following instructions, but also about thinking creatively and bringing forward ideas that could make a meaningful difference. That realization has been encouraging. It has made me more excited about learning, more open to exploring ideas, and more aware of the possibilities that come with being in a space that encourages growth and initiative. Bloom has also been a genuinely welcoming, calm, and comfortable environment. I appreciate the chance to learn from the people around me, challenge myself, and continue discovering my potential. The real highlight has been finding a space where I feel comfortable and encouraged to grow, contribute, and believe that my ideas are worth exploring.
Saudatu Mahmud Umar (Intern)

One of my biggest moments at Bloom so far was celebrating the August birthdays with everyone. It was such a wholesome experience seeing everyone come together. I really enjoyed the atmosphere — from the cake and food to everyone just having a good time. It made me feel more welcome as an intern. It might seem like a simple moment, but it stood out and made my experience at Bloom more memorable.
Solomon Sonia Ijeoma (Intern)



My biggest moment at Bloom so far has been working with the CEPI team on the Lassa fever vaccine E2E Access Roadmap as part of the 100 Days Mission. It's been a rewarding experience. I've learned so much while contributing to work that has a real public health impact.
Pharm. Rose Okpeku (Intern)

My biggest moment at Bloom has been how much I've grown through the different projects and opportunities I've been exposed to, especially working with the CEPI team and getting hands-on experience in public health research, project support, data coordination, and digital data collection. Beyond the work, I really love the sense of unity at Bloom. Everyone is incredibly smart in their own way, has something valuable to contribute, and there's always something new to learn from one another. It's been a meaningful experience.
Onyema Brenda (Corper)

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS AND EARLY-CAREER STARS

The brown bag sessions were genuinely good and very useful. They gave us a chance to hear managers talk about the projects they were working on and the impact those projects were making. They showed us how to communicate more clearly in a work environment and how to address people professionally. Listening to managers present their work, explaining challenges, and speaking to the team was a helpful example of workplace communication.

It was a chance to learn how decisions were being made, what challenges were coming up, and how different teams were contributing to results. What stood out most was how practical and knowledgeable the sessions were. You could hear directly from the people leading the work, ask questions, and walk away with a clearer picture of what was happening across the office. That kind of sharing builds understanding, strengthens collaboration, and helps everyone see how their own work fits into the bigger picture. I hope these sessions continue. They were informative and valuable.
-Sobechukwu Alaebo- Program Associate

What I love about Bloom Public Health is how it connects science, stories, and people. One of my highlights this year has been witnessing the progress of the PrEP study and seeing how clear, compassionate communication can help break stigma and improve access to health information. Being part of Bloom reinforces my belief that, even as the world evolves, people should always remain at the heart of public health.
Ujunwa Princess Onyekaba - Communications Associate

At Bloom Public Health, our Brown Bag Internal sessions have become a valuable space for learning and connection. Each team takes turns sharing what they do, how they contribute to our mission, and what it's like to work under the Bloom umbrella. These sessions help us better understand one another's roles and strengthen collaboration across departments.
Khadijah Tiamiyu- Program Associate

Working on the Brown Bag Sessions has been a really rewarding experience. One of the things I appreciate most is seeing how the sessions have helped staff gain a better understanding of what Bloom Public Health is involved in, while also creating a platform for people to learn from and share knowledge with one another.
As a co-facilitator and co-convener, it has been encouraging to see staff actively participate, share their experiences, and contribute ideas. The sessions have also created opportunities to support research, build awareness around important topics, and encourage continuous learning across the organisation. Beyond the knowledge sharing, I believe the Brown Bag Sessions have also contributed to better team bonding and collaboration. People get to interact beyond their usual roles and departments, understand each other's work better, and build stronger connections.

Seeing these outcomes makes the Brown Bag Sessions feel more than just learning sessions. They are gradually becoming a space for knowledge sharing, research awareness, collaboration, and team connection, and I'm glad to be part of that journey as a co-facilitator.
Victory Uchunwa - Operations Associate

PARTNERSHIPS

Eight partnerships, one shared mission: building healthier, stronger health systems for Africa. In the first half of 2026, Bloom Public Health kept busy building bridges across Africa's health ecosystem — teaming up with eight different partners, each tackling a piece of the bigger puzzle. We collaborated with ComzAfrica to make healthcare more affordable through flexible "pay later" financing, and with Access Health to help shape Kano State's next development plan and explore how AI can speed up health innovation. On the disease-fighting front, we partnered with the Health Impact Group, WCA Health, and Sydani to strengthen how outbreaks are tracked and how laboratories operate, while Project HOPE saw us reinforcing Nigeria's medical supply chains. We also collaborated with Body Without Spot (BWS) in the fight against cervical cancer and worked with Tiga Healthcare Technologies to explore new digital tools for tracking medicines across West Africa. Eight partnerships, one shared mission: building healthier, stronger health systems for Africa.

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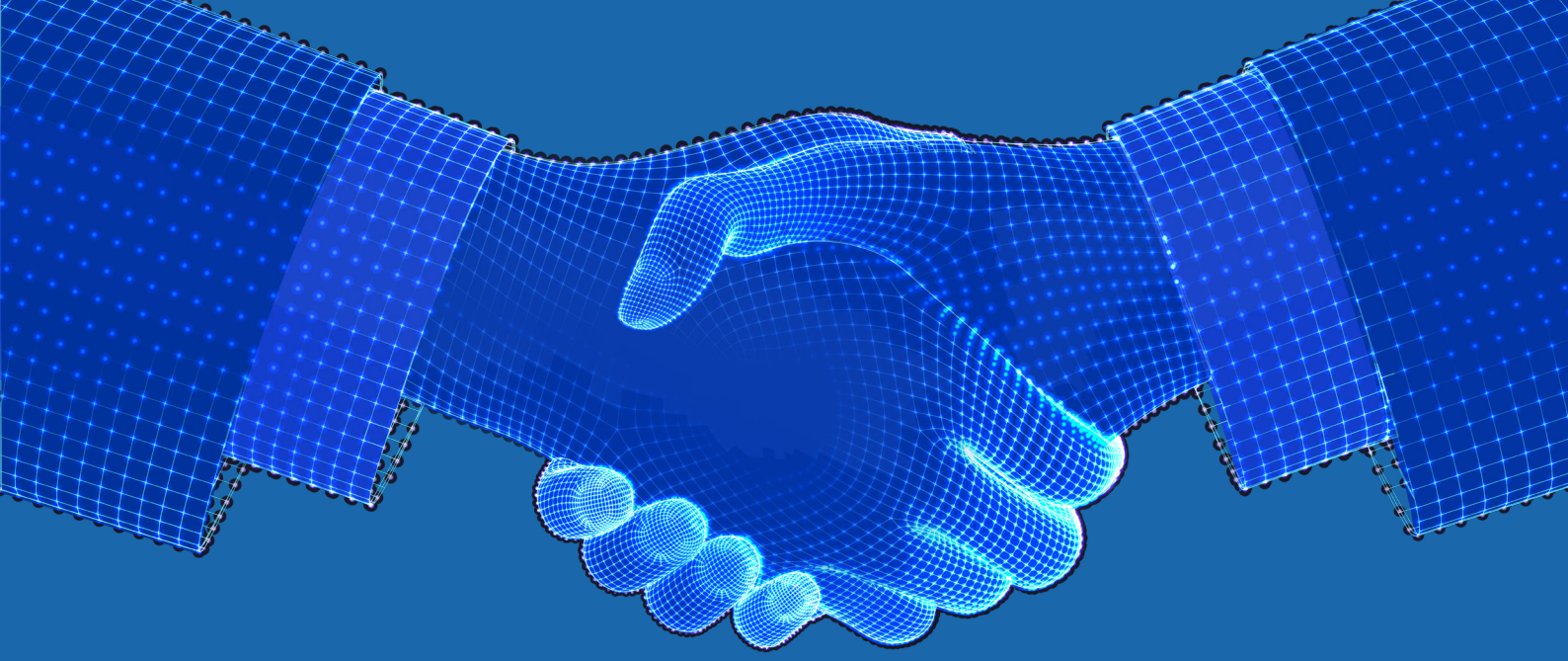
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