



# National Public Health Institute Of Liberia

Preventing and Controlling Public Health Threats

## PRESS RELEASE

### NPHIL Named Regional Center of Excellence by Africa-CDC

**ADDIS ABABA, 09-Feb-2025** – The National Public Health Institute of Liberia (NPHIL) has been selected by the Africa Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) as a Regional Centre of Excellence for National Public Health Institute (NPHI) development. This recognition places Liberia at the forefront of efforts to strengthen public health systems across the continent and contributing to establishing public health institutes where needed.

“This recognition is a testament to the dedication of our public health professionals at the NPHIL. As a Center of Excellence, we will continue leading efforts in disease surveillance, emergency response, and capacity building for the African continent,” Dr. Nyan said.

In a letter dated January 31, 2025, addressed to Dr. Dougbeh Chris Nyan, Director-General of NPHIL, Africa CDC Director-General Dr. Jean Kaseya formally extended the invitation for Liberia’s public health institute to serve in this prestigious capacity. The selection follows a rigorous evaluation of NPHIs across Africa and acknowledges NPHIL’s leadership, technical expertise, and commitment to enhancing disease control and health security.

The designation aligns with the African Union’s Agenda 2063 and the mandate of Africa CDC to harmonize public health policies and strengthen disease control measures among member states. As a Centre of Excellence, NPHIL will play a pivotal role in regional public health development, supporting other nations in disease surveillance, outbreak response, research, and workforce training.

Under its new status, NPHIL will serve as a hub for technical assistance, mentorship, and knowledge-sharing while working closely with Africa CDC to implement capacity-building initiatives. The role will also involve harmonizing public health policies and strengthening regional collaboration in combating emerging health threats.

In a letter from Dr. Nyan to Africa CDC Director General H.E. Dr. Jean Kaseya, NPHIL has formally confirmed its acceptance of the designation and its associated responsibilities in advancing public health in Africa and contributing to global health security.

“The appointment signifies a major milestone for Liberia’s public health sector and reinforces the country’s position as a leader in advancing health security in Africa and the world,” Dr. Nyan said.

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