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# African countries urged to increase immunisation financing

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**ADDIS ABABA:** The World Health Organisation has urged Africa to increase domestic financing of immunisation

to achieve universal coverage.

The call was made by the World Health Organisation regional director for Africa, Dr Matshidiso Moeti, while launching a two-day Ministerial Conference on immunisation in

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

"We need African governments to renew their commitment and reaffirm that universal immunisation coverage is a cornerstone of health and development," Dr Moeti said,

adding leaders should address persistent barriers to vaccine delivery.

A recently released immunisation report indicates that only 15 countries in Africa fund more than 50 per cent of their immunisation expenses.