

# Biovac in the context of COVID-19

### **Outline of Presentation**



1. Vaccine Market

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- 3.COVID-19 Vaccines manufacturing possibility



## 1. Vaccine Market

A new study, published February 2016 in the journal *Health Affairs*, puts a precise figure on the value of vaccinating children.

## IMMUNISATION A HEALTHY RETURN ON INVESTMENT

Saving in healthcare costs, lost wages and productivity **\$16** due to illness **RETURN ON** INVESTMENT FOR EVERY \$1 INVESTED IN: Indicative figures based on the rounded average values cited in the following sources: IMMUNISATION1 PUBLIC GOVERNMENT Rotum no investment from chik/Bosef immunitations in lose- and exidife-income countries, 2011-20. Health Affairs. 35(2):199-207. Ozovas S, Clark S, Portsoy A, Gerasal S, Bronzel L, Walker D. 2016. **INFRASTRUCTURE**<sup>3</sup> BONDS (10-YEAR) 5 The rate of action to the HighScape Perry Preschool Programs Department of Economics, University of Chicago, April 2009 PRE-SCHOOL COMMUNITY CARDIOVASCULAR The Economic Benefits of Public Infrastructure Spending in Canada, The Centre for Spatial Economics, September 2015 **HEALTH WORKERS 4 EDUCATION<sup>2</sup>** DISEASE RESEARCH 6 Stengthening prinary health care through community health workers... Descalegn H, Chambers R, Clinton C, Pharmaghi L Sirled L Exam T et al. 2015. 5. Example bond issued with a fixed coupon rate of 5% over a 18-year period.



 Betums on NBBBIC funded Research and Development. Australian Society for Medical Research, 17 October 2011

> 1.5 million children die annually from vaccine-preventable diseases.

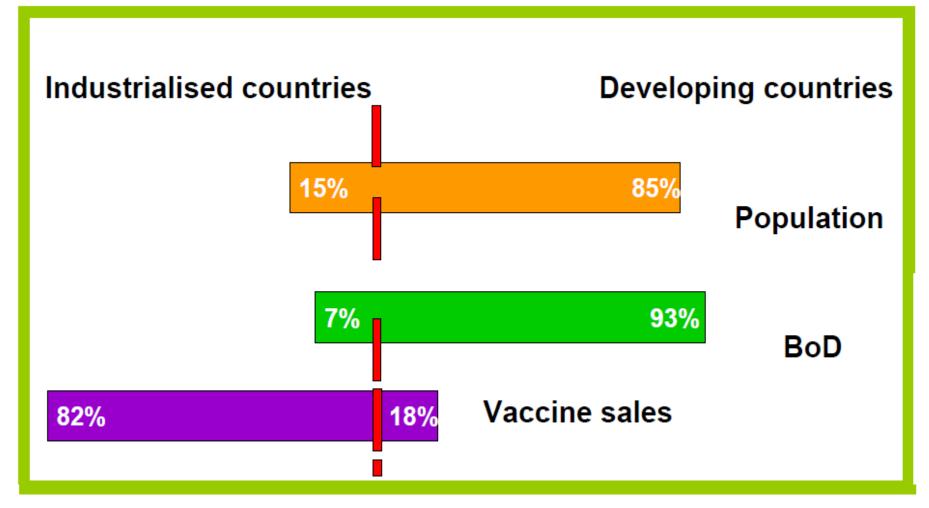
Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance is dedicated to addressing this issue.

Immunisation not only saves lives, it contributes to the social and economic wellbeing of communities.

More than US\$ 586 billion in economic benefits for 94 of the world's poorest countries (2011-2020).







## **Human Vaccine Manufacturers**



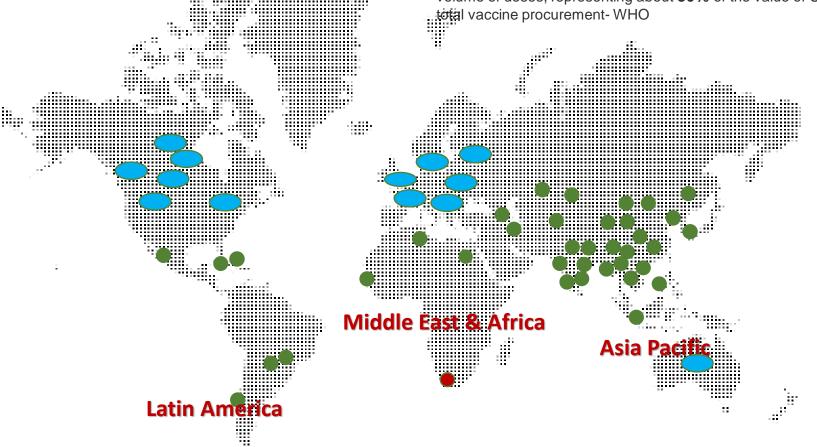
#### Multinational

About 80% of global vaccine sales come

from five large multi-national corporations (MNC) that were the product of various mergers and acquisitions of pharmaceutical companies over the past decades WHO.

#### Developing world manufacturers

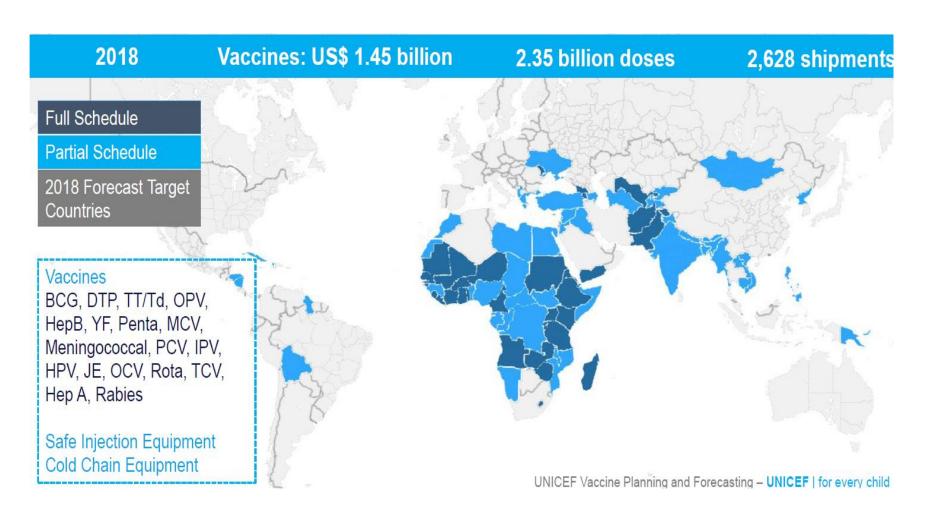
They now supply about half of UNICEF's vaccine procurement in volume of doses, representing about **30%** of the value of UNICEF's total vaccine procurement-WHO





## Africa has limited vaccine purchasing capacity: Donor dependent





## Technology Transfers take 5-7 years

BIOVAC science of protecting life

(under normal circumstances)

"before conducting transfer of technology it is important to look beyond 5–10 years to see what the long-term value of the product is. This is especially true for vaccines, where even with transfer of a mature technology it may take up to 5–7 years for the locally produced product to be tested and licensed, by which time the market may have changed."

Source: WHO – Increasing access to vaccine through technology transfer, 2011



## 2. About Biovac

## History: ....prior 2000



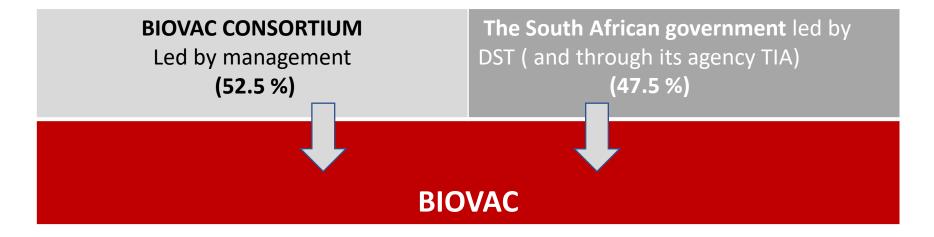
- South Africa once used to have vaccine manufacturing capability as below
- All entities were state owned

Name	Established	Production	Ceased
National Institute of Virology (NIV)	1950's	Oral polio Yellow fever	1995
SAIMR	1935	antivenoms typhoid	2000
State Vaccine Institute ( SVI)	1965	Rabies, human growth hormone, small pox	2001

- All the capability was lost and the last vaccine that was produced was percutaneous BCG in 2001
- During the late 90's a decision was made to revive vaccine manufacture but that the state should not have a majority stake. That it should be built with Public Private Partnership (PPP) principles

## Public Private Partnership\* (2003- June 2020)





#### Mandates given to Biovac by government:

- 1. Establish vaccine manufacturing capacity
- 2. Supply uninterrupted EPI Vaccines\*

\*Formal PPP ends in June 2020. Biovac now needs to participate in tender procurement



Establish domestic vaccine production capacity

Ensure economic viability

Develop and retain local vaccine production skills

To be a Centre of Excellence
rooted in Africa for the
development and manufacture
of affordable quality vaccines
for Africa and the developing
world's needs

Establish strong R&D capability

Create a competitive platform for export

**Enable BBBEE** 

## **Infrastructure**









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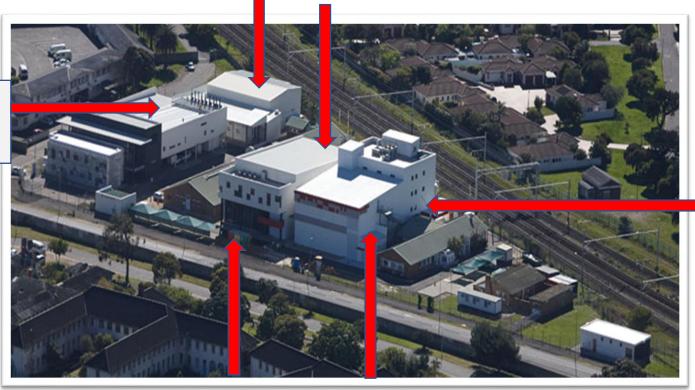
#### **Building I**

Cold room storage
Manual and Automated
Inspection

#### **Building C**

Aseptic vial manufacturing facility

Building A QC Labs



Building C1, Labelling & Packaging

#### **Building C**

API (fermentation & purification) manufacturing facility

#### **Building C1**

Aseptic pre-filled syringe manufacturing facility

## **Vaccine Manufacturing Infrastructure**









## **Reverse Integration Strategy**





4th transition bacterial vaccines

3rd transition

**2nd transition** 

1<sup>st</sup> transition

Internal vaccine development: GBS

Technology transfer with Pfizer

Technology transfer with Sanofi

Packaging of 5 vaccines under cold chain conditions











## **Human Capital Overview:**







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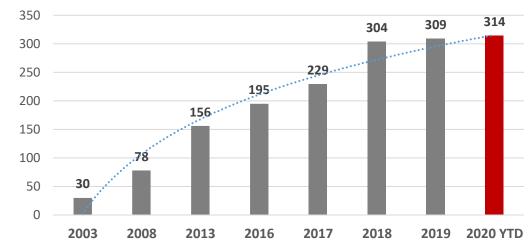
#### Turnover

'19: 4.04% '20: 2.5%

#### • Shareholders

- Management Control
- Employment Equity
- Enterprise/ Supplier Development
- Community Development

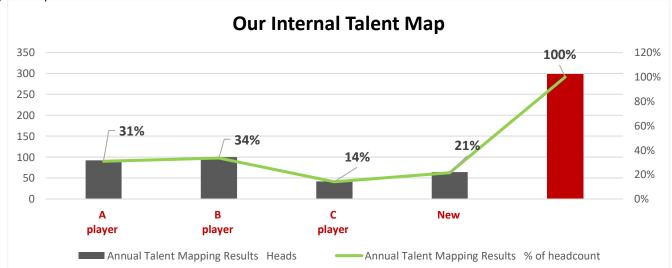
#### Headcount Growth 2003 - 2020



#### **BEE LEVEL 1**

## Our Team Diversity Portfolio

Females Black Employees Emp with Disabilities 58% 90% 2%



### **Attracting & Developing Skills within our Industry**

Honours

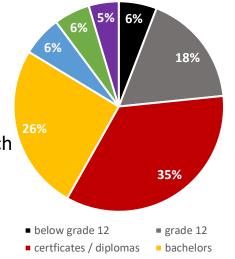
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#### **Sourcing Core Scientific Skills:**

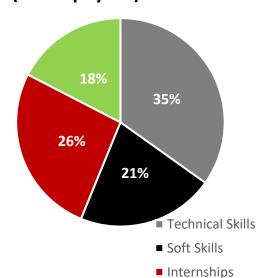
- Internal staff referrals  $\bigcirc$
- Agency Sci staff
- **UCT Job boards**
- **UCT** student referrals
- LinkedIn
- Interns mainly from CPUT/ Stellenbosch

#### **Current Education Credentials:**



Masters

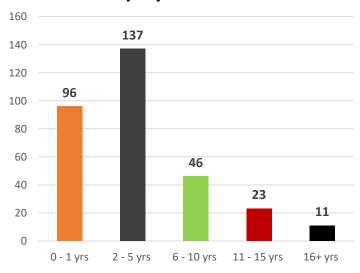
#### **Skills Development Spend** (4% of payroll):



Learnerships

Year	Interns recruited	Total Interns absorbed post Internship	
2019	11	27%	
2018	13	77%	
2017	17	71%	
2016	15	87%	
2015	12	67%	

#### **Employee Tenure**



### Trade Balance Impact Assessment





**Biovac Packaging & Distribution** 

**Biovac Formulation & Filling** 

Trade Balance = Exports - Imports

Trade Balance = Exports R48 million – R1.47 billion

Trade Balance = -R1.42 billion

Assumption: Biovac cost and import reduction due to local packaging

Trade Balance = Exports R48 million – R1.16 billion

Trade Balance = -R1.12 billion

Assumption: Biovac cost and import reduction due to local filling & formulation

-R1.42 billion < -R1.12 billion

-R1.77 billion

R650 million benefit to the South African Economy,annually

-R1.12 billion

Note: \*Biovac estimates Source: Frost & Sullivan



## 3. COVID-19 VACCINE IN SOUTH AFRICA- FOR AFRICA

## Africa was not prepared for a flu pandemic -Not Prepared for COVID-19 vaccines



## Influenza Vaccine Production Capacity By Country -- 2006 and 2010



## Of the global COVID vaccine candidates, what can Biovac possibly manufacture?



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Platform/type of vaccine	Developer	Ability	Ability of Biovac to manufacture in		
		current facilities			
RNA-based vaccines	Moderna/NIAID				
virus gene(s) mainly S gene derived	Pfizer/ BioNtech				
	Sanofi/Translate Bio				
DNA vaccines					
S gene derived	Innovio				
Inactivated whole virion vaccines	Sinovac				
Replicating Viral Vector	IAVI/Batavia				
Recomb live VSV or measles viruses	Institute Pasteur)				
Non-Replicating Viral Vector			Requires		
Adenovirus-with S gene	Oxford University		biosafety		
	Janssen				
MVA expressing VLPs	Geovax				
Protein subunit					
S protein derivatives made in tissue/cell culture	Sanofi/GSK;				
	Univ. Queensland/ Dynavax/ GSK/CEPI;				
	Clover Biopharmaceuticals				
	(China)/GSK/Dynavax				
S protein derivatives made in plants/ S protein-	Medicago;				
based VLPs	BAT/KBP;				
S protein derivatives made in yeast cell culture	TechInvention				

### **Short Term vs Long term ability to manufacture**



Biovac capacity	Current / Short Term view (0 – 18 months)	Future / Long Term view (4 – 7 years)	
Drug Product (Formulation, Fill, Finish)	Number of doses that can be filled: Capacity per annum: 10 million vials and 12 million prefilled syringes  Readiness: Facility available immediately Technology transfer activities can start in 3 months Product readiness: 12 – 18 months dependent on technology	Investment in larger, flexible, containment facility required for pandemic readiness & possibly future HIV vaccines  Number of doses that can be filled: 50 - 100 million doses  Facility readiness timelines: 3 - 5 years  An expanded facility could create an addition 500 (science-related) jobs	
Regulatory approval	Commercial manufacturing can be expedited through ongoing collaboration with SAHPRA throughout the roll out.		

## **Summary**



#### Packaging, Labelling and Distribution:

Biovac is well positioned to handle any of the vaccine products in development assuming vial or pre-filled syringe (pfs) presentations and normal cold chain requirements.

#### Formulation and Filling:

Biovac's current formulation and filling facilities are limited to liquid presentations in vials or pfs. Live virus vaccines cannot be processed in the current form/fill facilities as they do not meet the required biosafety standards for live virus vaccines

#### • API Manufacture:

Existing API facilities at Biovac could be modified to manufacture most of the vaccine candidates in the current pipeline at small scale and with varying degrees of effort and expense (and time), except those produced through plant-based technologies.

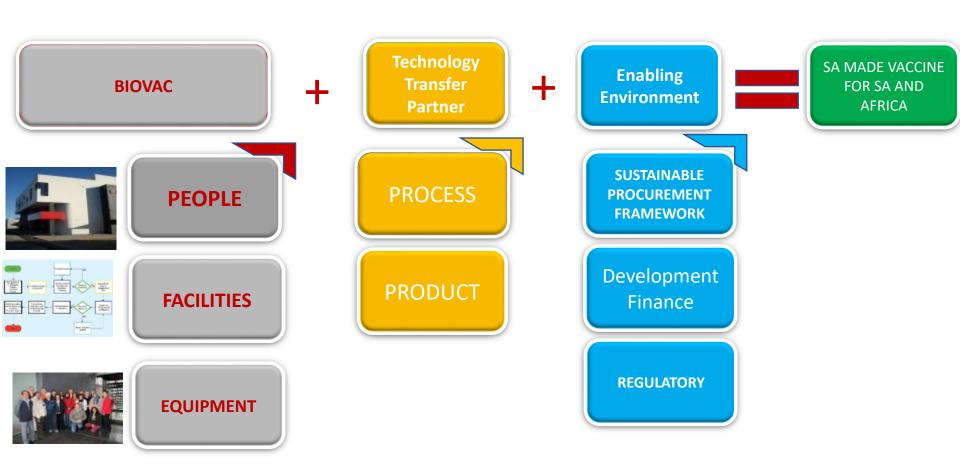
#### Large scale production:

requires investment in a new facility

#### What is needed?



No one partner or entity can do it on their own



## **THANK YOU**



