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BUILDING PHARMACEUTICAL HUBS ACROSS AFRICA: THE IMPORTANCE OF CROSS-BORDER PARTNERSHIPS

How to strengthen the health sector in Africa with the contribution of Sistema Italia

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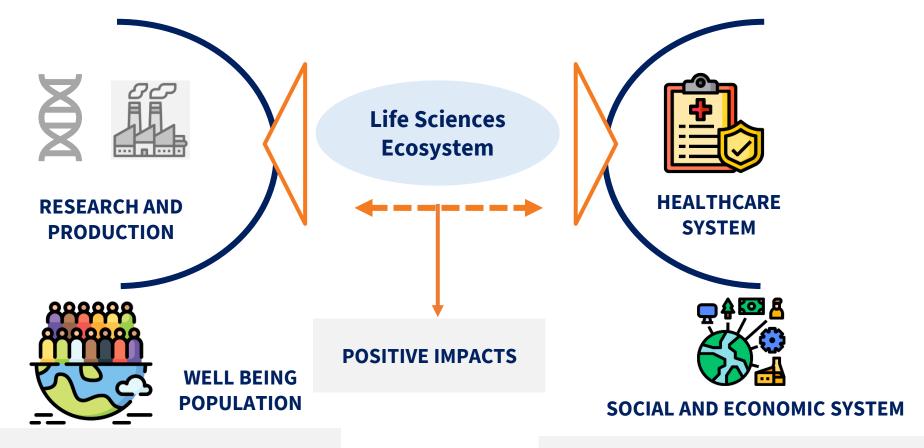
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From our experience in Life Sciences.....Health as the key driver for socio-economic growth and well being of a Country



- Longevity
- Quality of Life

- Employment (Qualified)
- Attraction of foreign investments
- Competitiveness



Drivers transforming the Life Sciences Ecosystem at global level



The global pharma/MD industry and Health Care Systems are experiencing important transformative trends determined by a set of multidimensional drivers

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & DIGITAL DRIVERS

- Biopharmaceuticals
- Advanced therapeutics and genomics
- Digital therapeutics
- Industry 4.0 and increased technology integration
- Internet of Things (IoT)



ECOSYSTEM

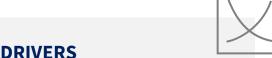
POLICY & REGULATORY DRIVERS

- Stringent regulations in terms of quality and transparency
- Pressure on accessibility
- **Patient-centered** models
- **Environmental sustainability** importance and low carbon footprint requirements



DEMOGRAPHIC & EPIDEMIOLOGICAL DRIVERS

- Ageing population
- Changing lifestyles
- Increased burden of chronic and non-communicable diseases
- Emerging infectious diseases



MARKET DRIVERS

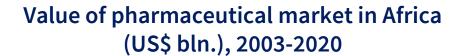
- Growth of emerging economies
- **End of blockbuster pharmaceuticals'** patents
- Increased R&D competition
- **Increasing value added** of pharma and biotech Hubs
- New actors and partnership models

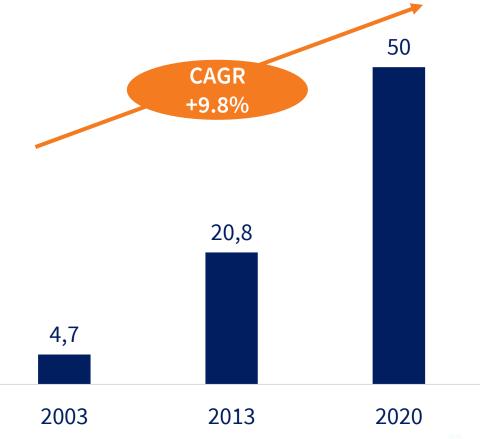




Pharmaceutical and healthcare in Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) is experiencing rapid growth ...

- Growth of population, 2.8 bln. inhabitants by 2050 (vs. 1.3 bln. in 2020)
- Gradual ageing with current life expectancy of 61 years old in 2020 (vs. 51 years old in 1999)
- Urbanization rate with 44% of population living in urban areas (vs. 22% in 1970)
- GDP per capita of \$1600 in 2019, increasing by 16.4% between 2009-2019
- Greater incidence of non communicable diseases are expected to increase by 21% by 2030, i.e. 28 mln. additional deaths which are projected to exceed deaths due to communicable, maternal and nutritional diseases combined









... at the same time, the Region relies on import (limited domestic pharmaceutical manufacturing capacity)

- As of today, 90% of drugs and 99% of vaccines in Sub-Saharan Africa are imported
- Local production capacity satisfies less than below
 30% of internal demand
- Local manufacturing capacity focuses on generics,
 over-the-counter and basic drugs
- Over-reliance on pharmaceutical imports negatively affects SSA trade balance costing \$2.1 bln in 2020
- Less than 0.4% of GDP is allocated to R&D in SSA in 2019, vs global average of 1.7%
- Only 32 patents grants (0.08% of world total) in pharmaceutical research in 2019, 24 in South Africa



Necessity to build a LS Ecosystem, relying on a strong local production and HC System, becoming more competitive and attractive and reinforcing partnerships

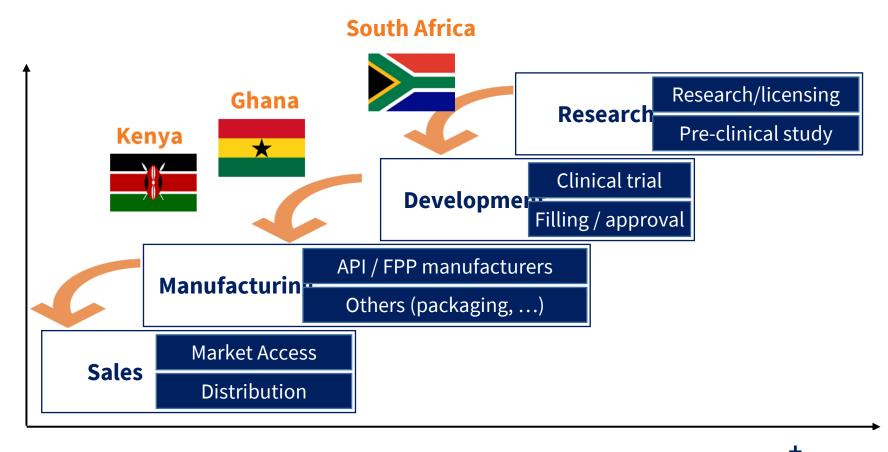




In this context there are great opportunities for growth

Pharmaceutical Value Chain (illustrative), 2021

Opportunities for developing SSA local pharmaceutical value chain starting from 3 Regional Leaders already experiencing a degree of development of their own domestic value chain



value and skills intensity







Assets of the Life Sciences Ecosystem in Italy



1. Strong and high quality NHS



2. Dynamic and flexible industrial structure (SMEs and multinationals)



3. World-class research quality



4. Strong national competence centers (network of excellence research and care hospitals)



5. High-level clinical research





Key strategic insights from our Paper (1/2)



Covid-19 has thought a **twofold lesson** at global level:

- 1. Health and socioeconomic wellbeing are strictly interconnected
- 2. Countries and Regions must **reinforce domestic value chains** and **reshape supply chains** towards greater independence and resilience, leveraging on **public-private partnerships** and integration



The degree of development and competitiveness of a country's **pharmaceutical industry** has positive spillover effects on the country's **health sector**, and vice versa



As of today, SSA faces **3 main issues** in the development of local pharmaceutical industry:

- 1. A not enough attractiveness oin **market access** (in terms of tariffs and duties and supply and demand structure favouring imports and donors)
- 2. Nonperforming capital market
- 3. Lack of technical capabilities and supportive innovation and regulatory ecosystem





Key strategic insights from our Paper (2/2)



We envision the **gradual development of SSA pharmaceutical industry** along the entire value chain:

- 1. Short term cooperating with international players in downstream stages of the value chain
- 2. Short to medium term introducing measures addressing regulatory framework, capital market and innovation ecosystem both at national and regional level
- 3. Medium to long term scaling up international partnerships in all areas of the value chain



Regional leaders such as **South Africa, Ghana and Kenya** can act as **regional integrators and trailblazers**, through best practices, international public-private partnerships and internationalization of supply chains



Italian players can be strategic partners for SSA companies and Governments, leveraging on the support of partners such as **ITA (Italian Trade Agency)** and:

- 1. Benefitting from access to a important, **fast-growing market**
- 2. Providing best-in-class products, competences and know-how featuring competitive advantage in biotech drugs, vaccines, plasma-derived products and APIs coupled with excellences in healthcare and clinical phase (e.g. IRCCS network, ...)



For a more attractive and competitive LS Ecosystem in SSA

Favorable context for publicprivate partnerships, crosssector collaborations and open innovation Medium/long term vision for the sector at large and a stable shared commitment by Governments, Industry and Research Institutions

Multidisciplinary and complementary **industry clusters**

the competitiveness and attractiveness of a country as a Life Sciences Ecosystem

Pro-business environment, starting
with the regulatory
system

Technology transfer and effective protection of **intellectual property**

Talented **human capital** with skills that evolve with the changing environment

Digitization and Industry 4.0 models, with compliance to high standards of quality, safety and sustainability







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