



VACCINE MANUFACTURING IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

PERSPECTIVES ON APPROACHES TO TAKE, AND FACTORS TO CONSIDER, TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE MANUFACTURING CAPABILITY

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Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development



SHARED PROSPER

Inclusive growth
with equal
opportunities for all
people, via
partnerships with
all relevant
stakeholders

COMORNIC COMPETITIVENESS

Industrial growth, increased trade, and technological progress, via modern industrial policies



Environmentally sustainable growth, via cleaner industrial technologies and production methods



UNIDO functions



TECHNICAL COOPERATION



ANALYTICAL AND RESEARCH FUNCTIONS AND POLICY ADVISORY SERVICES



NORMATIVE FUNCTIONS AND STANDARDS AND QUALITY-RELATED ACTIVITIES



CONVENING AND PARTNERSHIPS FOR KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER, NETWORKING AND INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION





UNIDO areas of technical assistance





UNIDO's Global Pharmaceutical Project

- "Strengthening the local production of essential medicines in developing countries"
- Active in Africa (majority of work conducted here), Asia and Latin America
- Basic core aim: increase production of <u>quality assured</u> medicines that are <u>safe</u>, <u>efficacious</u>, <u>available</u> and <u>affordable</u>
- Quality aspect: developing pharmaceutical manufacturing towards WHO standards of Good Manufacturing Practice
- Key outcomes health and economic benefits
- Initially focused on generic medicine production
- Expanded into human vaccines in 2015





















VMPA Study: Vaccine Manufacturing and Procurement in Africa

- Collaboration between UNIDO, WHO and AVMI
- Analysis of the case for vaccine manufacturing in **Africa**
 - Vaccine market dynamics
 - Vaccine procurement in Africa
 - Production feasibility
 - Finance









VMPA STUDY

VACCINE MANUFACTURING AND PROCUREMENT IN AFRICA

An analytical assessment of vaccine manufacturing capacity and procurement mechanisms for establishing sustainable vaccine manufacturing capacity in Africa















https://www.unido.org/sites/default/files/files/2017-12/VMPA-Study-ebook.pdf







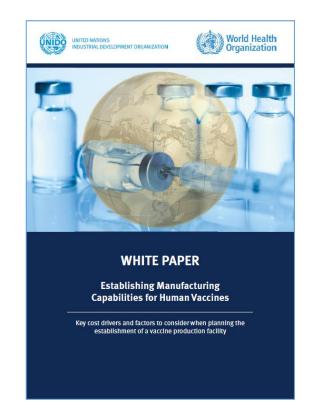


Establishing Manufacturing Capabilities for Human Vaccines

- Introduction to the world of vaccine manufacturing
- Primer for entities looking to establish their first vaccine manufacturing facility
- Highlights key factors that need to be considered initial steps in feasibility assessment prior to go/ no-go decision making process
- Discusses potential investment costs, timelines and other important factors that require consideration







https://www.unido.org/sites/default/files/files/2017-12/Establishing-Manufacturing-Capabilities-for-Human-Vaccines-ebook.pdf















Vaccines versus generic medicines?

- Fundamental differences in designing, setting up and operating commercially sustainable facilities
- Vaccine facility set up costs significantly more, and takes more time, compared to a small molecule manufacturing operation (generics production)
- New build projects for vaccine facilities involve more complex technical AND business analyses when compared to setting up a generics facility







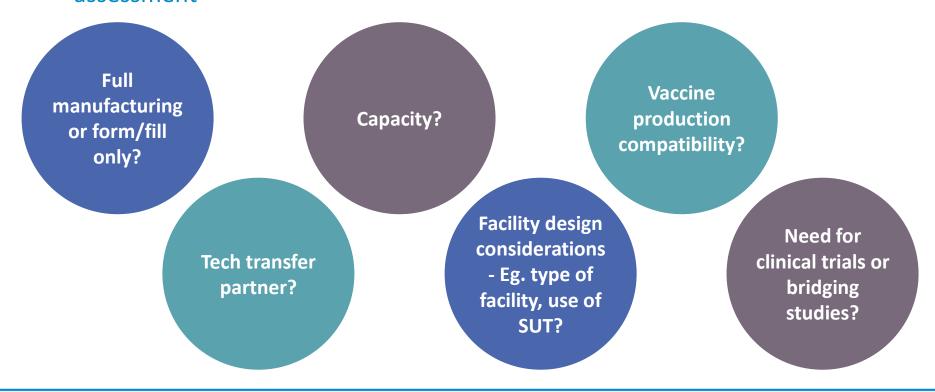






Developing manufacturing capability – key technical questions

Many technical factors need to be considered and analysed during initial assessment







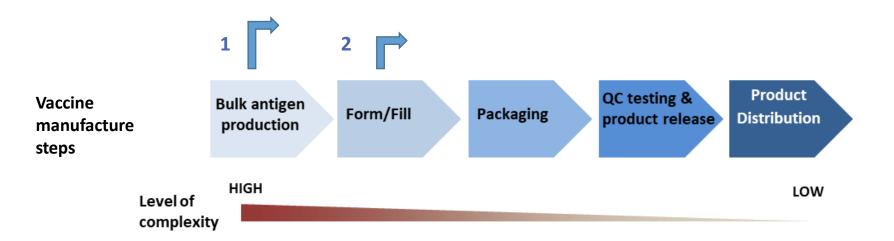








Full manufacture versus form/fill?



1. Full manufacture: more difficult from technical perspective but more value captured

Form/fill only: technically less challenging but captures less value; relies on partner

to provide bulk material

 Tech transfer partnership may involve recipient initially performing only form/fill before developing bulk manufacture capability later during collaboration











Modern approaches offer expanded possibilities to reduce costs, time and complexity

Modern facility design can reduce factory set up costs and time

E.g. single use technology (SUT)



Courtesy of Merck KGaA, Germany

VS.



Courtesy of Cotter Brothers Corp., USA

Modular design can reduce factory set up time and complexity



Courtesy of Key Plants AB, Sweden









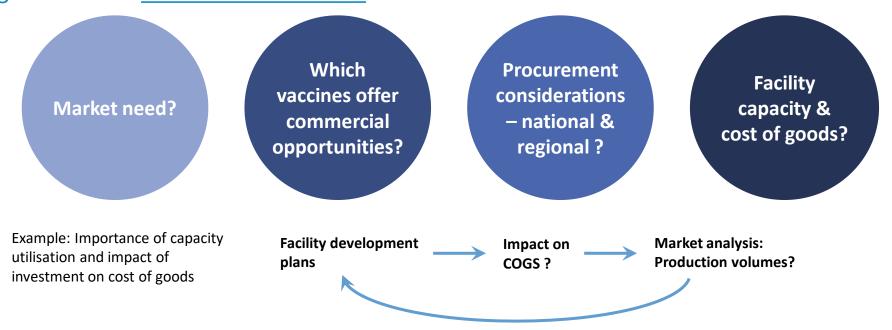






Technical assessment, market case and business case

The <u>technical assessment</u> needs to be combined with a <u>market assessment</u> to generate the <u>overall business case</u>



Key target: Sustainable, commercially viable production















Financing the project?

- Vaccine facilities require a large capital investment
- Need a business case that:
 - Supports the repayment of upfront investment costs from profits
 - AND generates a long term sustainable commercial model
- Example scenario analysis: potential cost and timelines for a small vaccine facility*
 - Fully integrated vs. form/fill
 - Low (10m) vs. High (30m) dose/yr

Facility\Volume	Low (10m dose/year)	High (30m dose/year)				
Fully integrated	COST: ~\$30-65 Million TIME: 3.5 to 7 years	COST: ~\$105 to 225 Million TIME: 7-10 years				
	Facility Details: Modular facility Capable of making 10 Million doses per year 1-3 valent product Average antigen fermentation efficiency Single dose vials Bulk production using mostly single use technology (SUT) Form/fill with reusable stainless steel equipment Manual visual inspection and packaging Based on a theoretical facility	Facility Details: Stick built facility Capable of making 30 Million doses per year 4 valent product Bulk production using mostly Stainless steel Form/fill with reusable stainless steel equipment Based on real tech transfer using publically available information				
FOI III-IIII OIIIY	COST: ~\$14-29 Million TIME: 2.5 to 5 years	COST: ~\$46 to 98 Million TIME: 5-7 years				
	Facility Details: Based on facility above, without bulk production Staff and facility size has been reduced Bulk antigen to be imported from technology transfer partner	Facility Details: Estimated cost if above facility did not have bulk production Bulk antigen to be imported from technology transfer partner				

^{*} Cost estimates excludes certain set up and other costs e.g. land, clinical trials, product registration, facility operating costs

















Construction timelines - bulk vs. form/fill facilities?

	Year 1	Ye	Year 2		Year 3		Year 4		Year 5		Year 6	
	Facility Design											
Bulk Facility (4.5 years)	Facilit	Facility Construction										
			C&Q									
					Process Qual.**							
						Process Def.***						
								/alidation and Registration				
									Start Produc	Start Production		
Form/Fill Facility (3.5 years)							Validation and Registration					
						Process De	finition					
						Process Qual.**						
					C & Q*							
			Facility Construc	ction								
		Facility I	Design									

^{*} Commissioning and Qualification















^{**} Process Qualification

^{***} Process Definition



Role of Government in promoting vaccine manufacture?

- Demonstrable, long term political support is vital
- Considerations, for example, could include:
 - Strong national regulatory authority and regulatory infrastructure
 - Policy coherence
 - Incentives
 - Direct (low cost?) Government investment in facility, alongside commercial capital
 - · Other 'in kind' project support, e.g. provision of low cost land
 - HR capacity building supporting required skills development
 - Other components of a supportive business environment





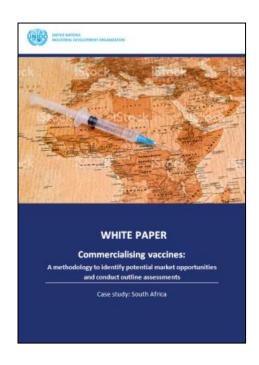






Upcoming UNIDO activities

- Further white paper to be published soon:
- Commercialising vaccines: A methodology to identify potential market opportunities and conduct outline assessments
 - Looks at how to start developing a business case
 - Complements first technically-focused white paper



- 2018 interviews with leading industry figures from DCVMN companies
 - Identifying and understanding success factors
 - Paper and series of podcasts to be produced















Conclusions

- Despite the challenges, opportunities exist!
- Analysis of key factors and cost drivers is vital to build up the technical case;
 combination with the market assessment to build the overall business case
 - Consideration of 10+ year timeline and understanding of investment needs
 - Utilisation of modern technology and strategies to reduce investment costs, improve commercial viability and address technical challenges
- Importance of technology access and role of 'technology providers' to increase know how and provide technical capacity
- Role of Governments and regional initiatives to support manufacturing set up and operations















Thank you

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