

Bridging R&D, Manufacturing and Clinical Research Institut Pasteur de Dakar Ecosystem

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Today's focus

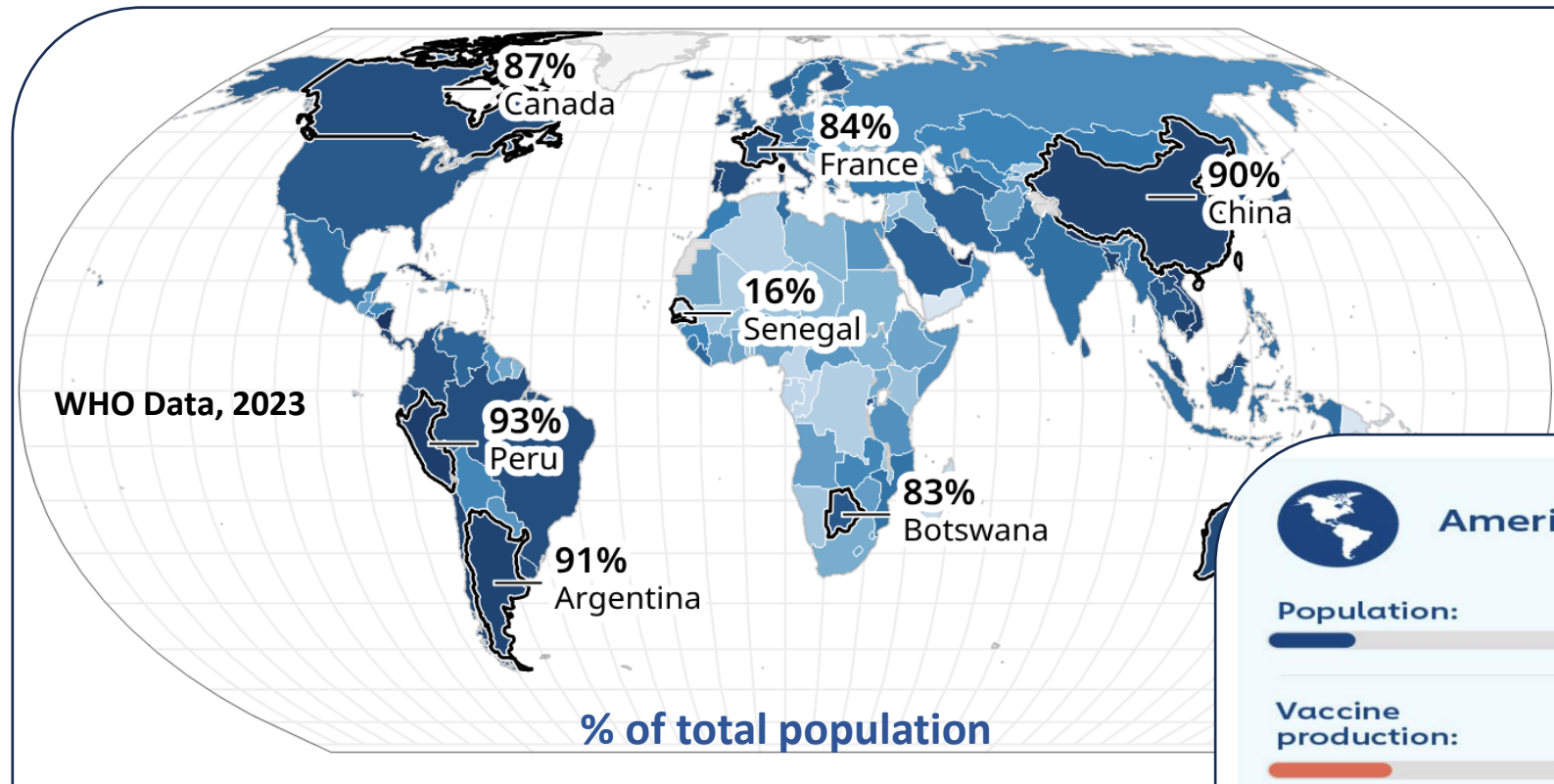


- **Global Health challenge**
- **IPD, A Centenary of Innovation**
- **R&D&I Ecosystem**
- **Vx & Dx Manufacturing Strategy**
- **Snapshot of current malaria research Vx & Dx programs**

- ✓ **Marburg** (Equatorial Guinea, Tanzania, Rwanda)
- ✓ **West Niles** (Poland)
- ✓ **Oropouche** (Panama, Guyana, Ecuador, Cuba)
- ✓ **Mpox – Clade I** (Zambia, Uganda, Senegal, Rwanda, Madagascar,
- ✓ **Crimean-Congo** Haemorrhagic Fever (Portugal, Senegal)
- ✓ **Avian influenza A** (H9N2 (Vietnam, Ghana, Mexico,

✓ Ebola Bundibugyo, RDC





COVID-19 Vaccine Coverage Map

Vaccine production capacity
Africa, < 1%



Americas

Population: 1.08 billion

Vaccine production: 5.56 billion



Africa

Population: 1.41 billion

Vaccine production: 0.03 billion



Europe

Population: 0.75 billion

Vaccine production: 5.4 billion

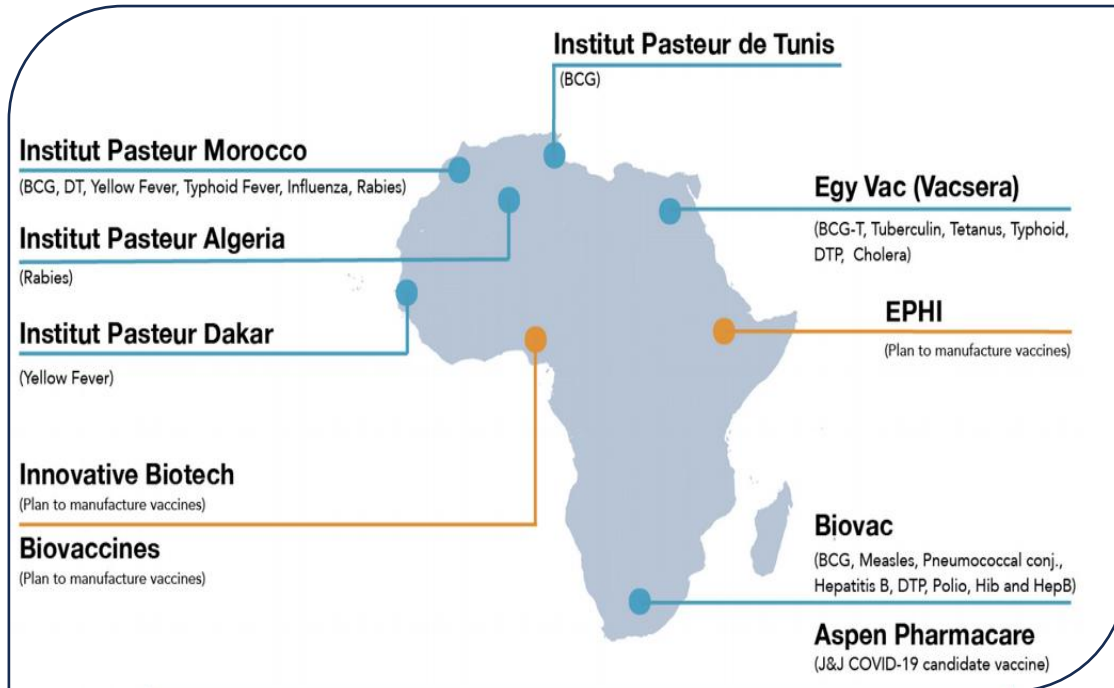


Asia-Pacific

Population: 4.75 billion

Vaccine production: 16.25 billion

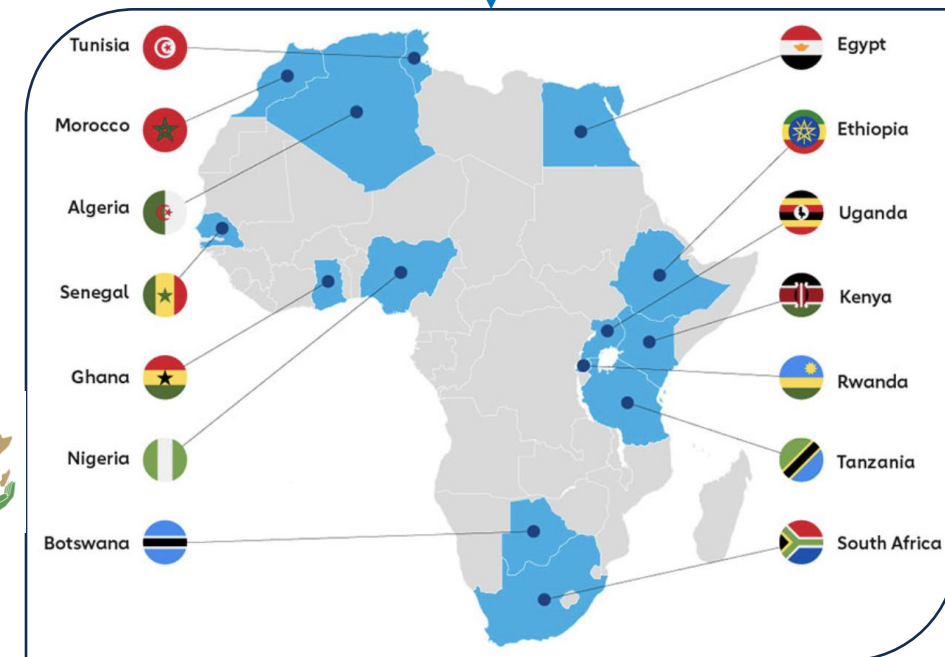
Africa → Limited vaccine manufacturing capacity



10 Vaccine manufacturers in 2021

1. Build on existing capacity
2. Expand vaccine production → 1% to 60% in 2040

**30 manufacturing projects
across 14 countries**





VISION & MISSION



Vision

Save and protect lives

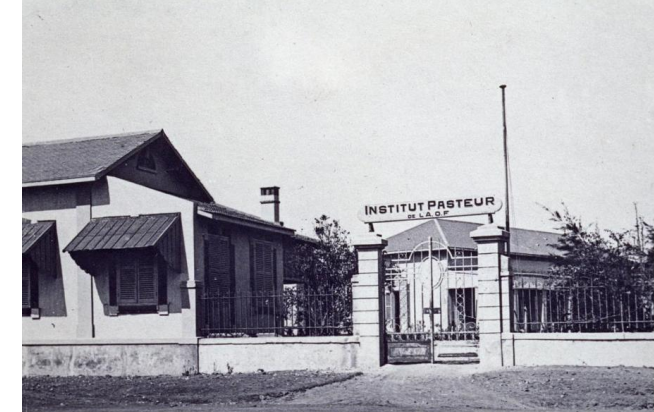
Mission

Accelerate equitable, sustainable, and affordable access to healthcare in Senegal, Africa, and around the world

Values

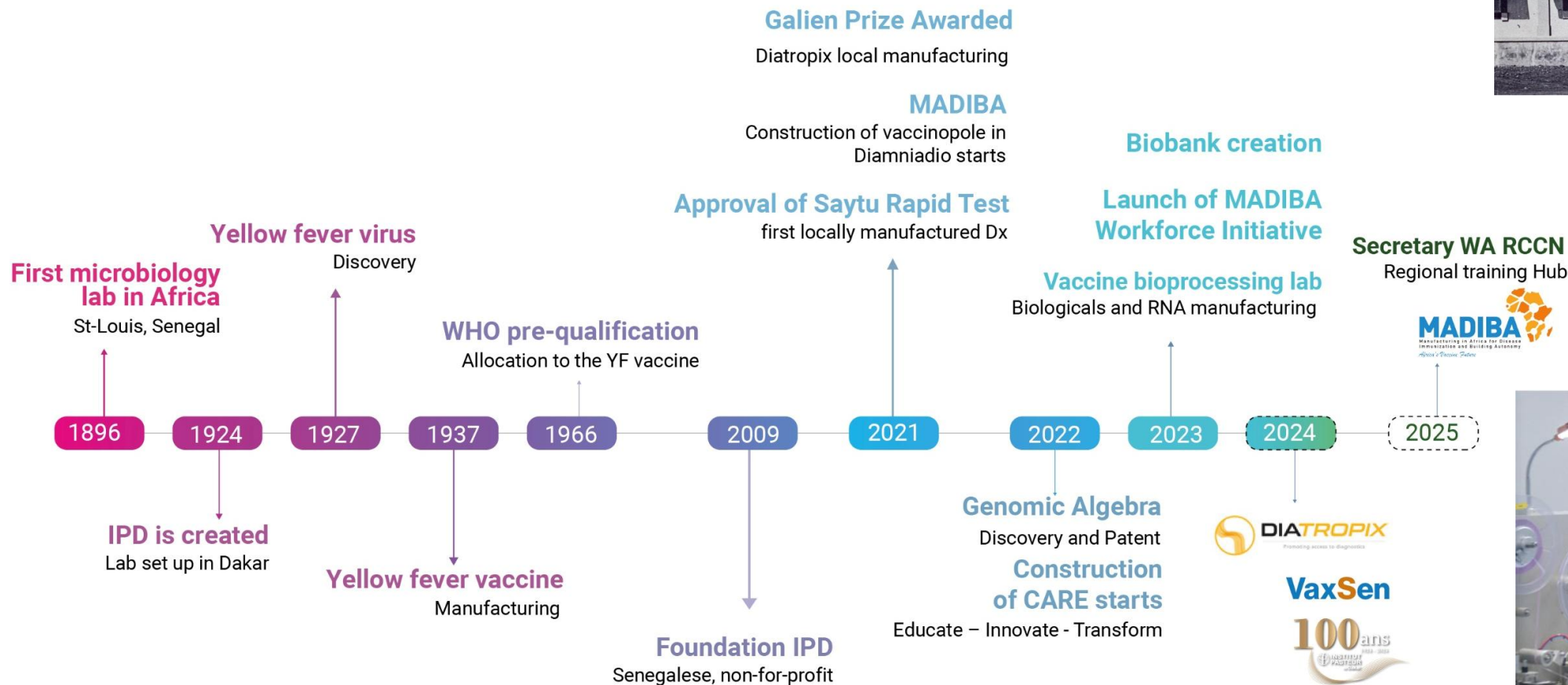
Creativity | Excellence | Ethic | Collective Intelligence | Equity | Inclusion

IPD is hosted one of the four **WHO prequalified manufacturers** to supply **Yellow Fever vaccines** to UN Agencies.



1924

2026

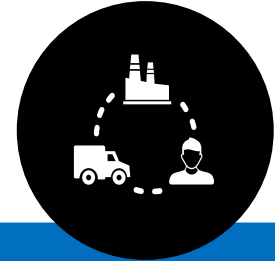




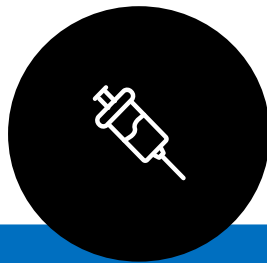
Biomedical research &
Innovation



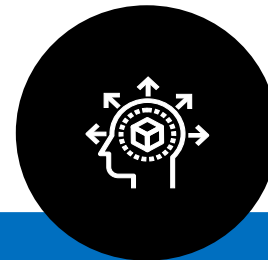
Public health, epidemiological
surveillance &
Epidemic response



Healthcare solutions &
Specialized laboratory services



Vaccine & Diagnostic
production



Education, Training &
Talent development



Manufacturing Rapid
Diagnostic Tests for Neglected
Epidemics and Outbreaks



Dakar Clinical Biomanufacturing Facility
for RNA, subunit, and live attenuated
vaccines



Centre for Africa's
Resilience to Epidemics

Regional Training Hub in
Biomanufacturing

Secretariat WA-RCCN

Biosafety and Biosecurity
Training Centre of Excellence



Enabling Life Science partnerships and Joint
ventures for Pharma companies entering
African market

VaxSen



Epidemiological & clinical studies

Hospitalized, clinical and sentinel surveillance, populational and longitudinal cohorts, vaccinated cohorts, outbreaks

Pathogen diagnostic & sequencing

Laboratory diagnostic: national & regional RC, WHO-RL, (molecular, serology, functional assays)
Decentralized diagnostic: POCs, mobile Labs, field stations, genomic hub

Surveillance System

Sentinel sites
Integrated pathogen surveillance
One-Health observatoire
Field Investigations

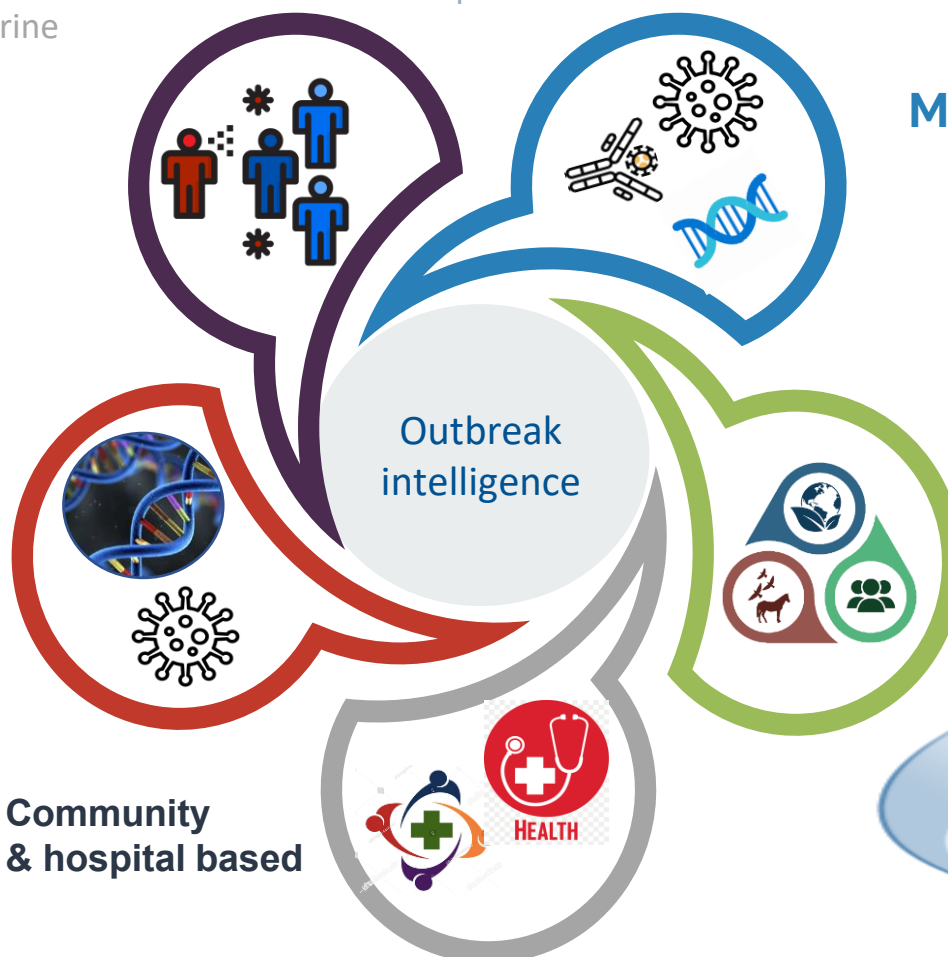
ALERT

Paired sample collection and biobanking Serial sampling from acute to convalescent phases

Swab
Blood
Stools
Urine

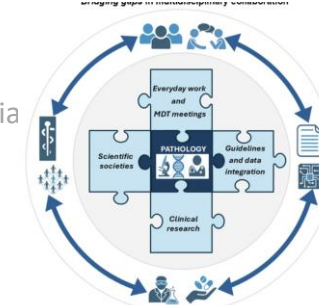


Serum, Plasma
PBMC
Blood pellets



Mutidisciplinary studies (R&D&I)

Virology
Entomology
Immunology & Malaria
Microbiology
Epidemiology
Clinical research
Social science

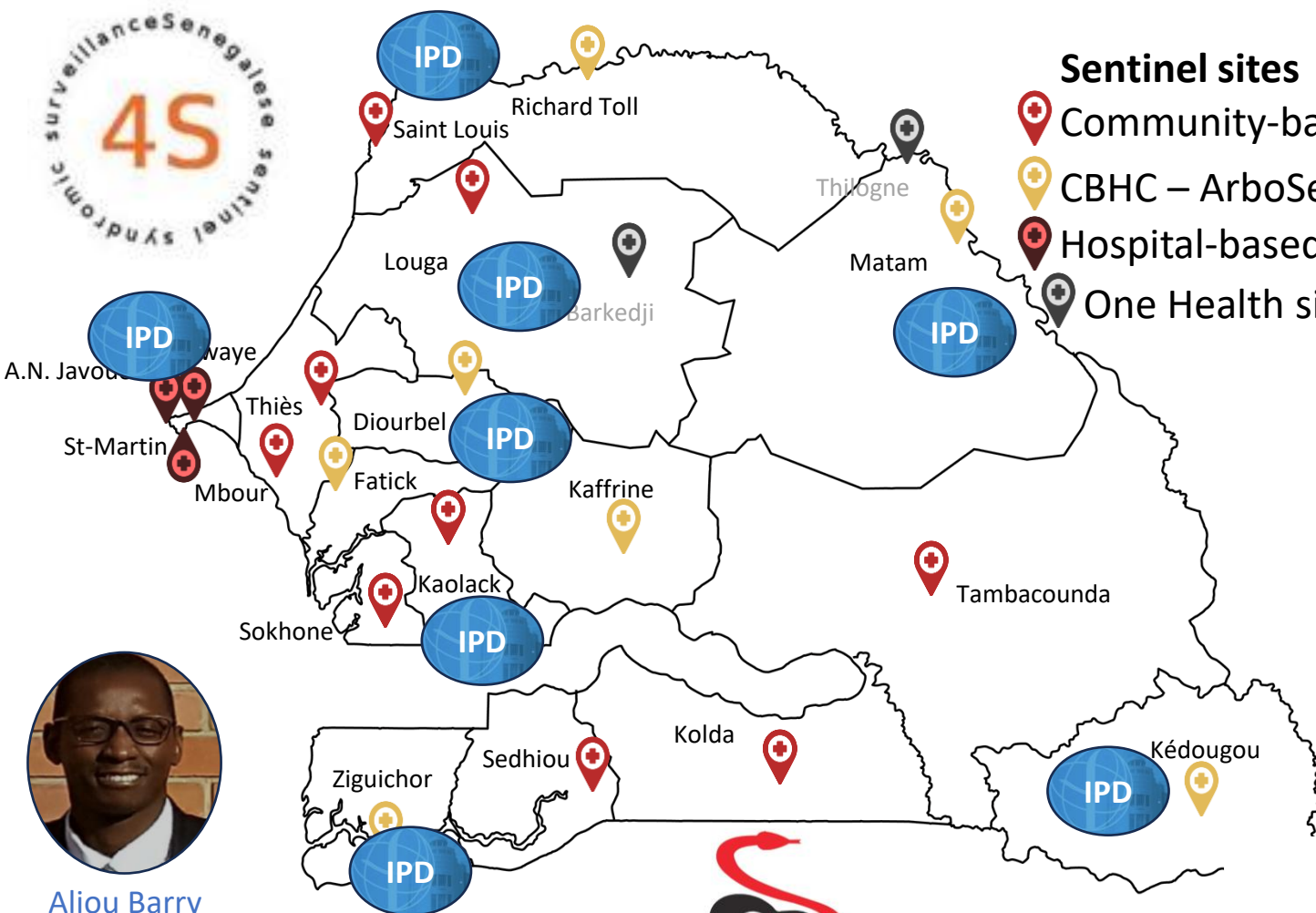


Vx & Dx Manufacturing



Accelerate the connection of local pathogen genomic surveillance and research data for Vx a

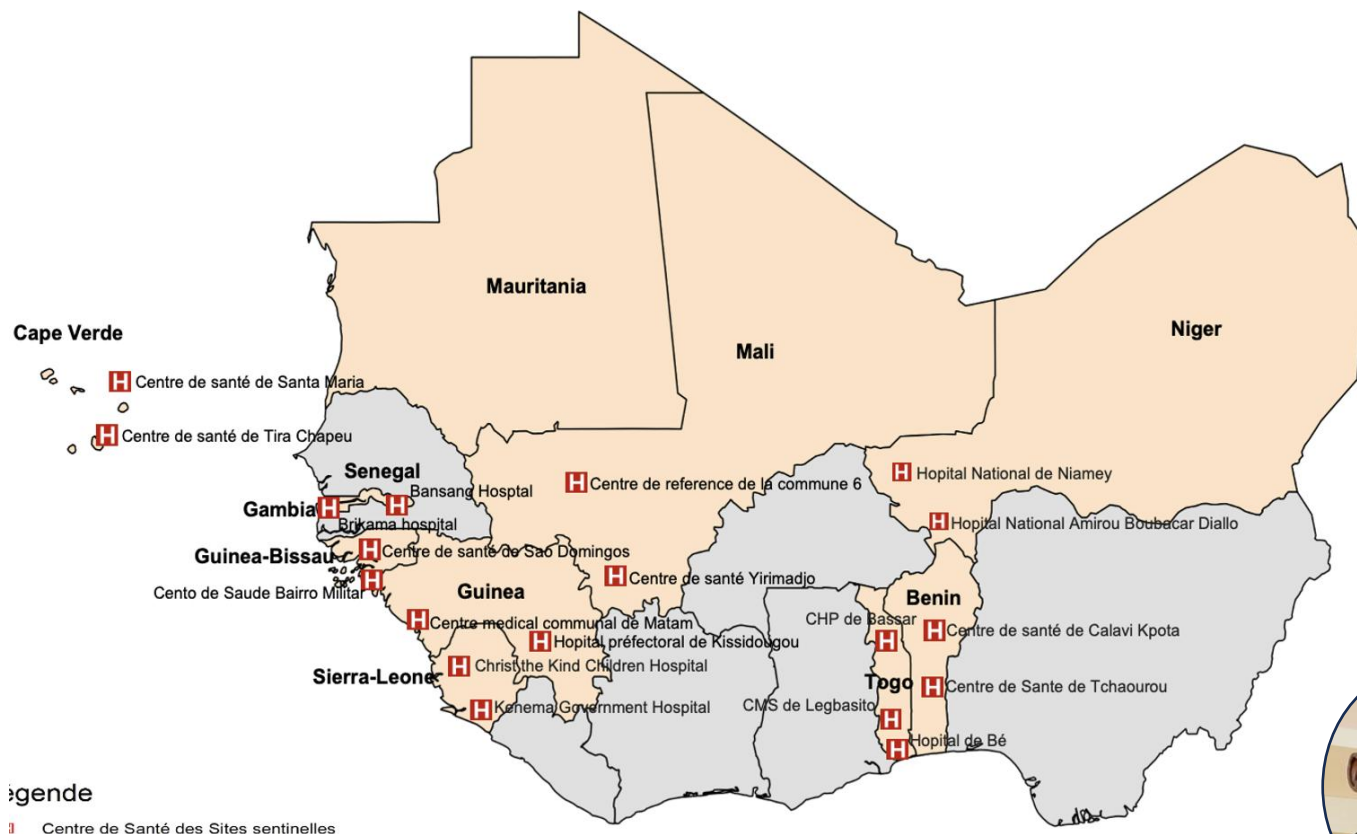
IPD Research Dept & Public Health Dept.



45 sentinel sites (all the 14 regions)

Outbreaks detected just after 4S system implementation

- ✓ **Sangalkam (Dakar): Dengue** outbreak (September - November 2024)
- ✓ **Gossas: Dengue** outbreak (Sept - December 2024), **RVF** (August 2024)
- ✓ **Koungheul: Dengue** outbreak (October - November 2024)
- ✓ **Goudomp: West Nile** (December 2024)
- ✓ **Saint-Louis: RVF** (September 2025)



Pathogens detection after 4S system implementation

- ✓ **Gambia:** 1st detection of **Chikungunya** outbreak in the history in September 2023; 1st detection of **Dengue** outbreak in the history in October 2024; **04 Yellow Fever** cases detected between October and December 2024
- ✓ **Cabo Verde:** Detection of the **major Dengue** outbreak in November 2023
- ✓ **Guinea Conakry:** Detection of 1st **Dengue** Outbreak in the history 10 days after setting up syndromic sentinel surveillance
- ✓ **Niger:** Detection of **08 Dengue** cases in 2024
- ✓ **Mali:** Detection of **61 Dengue** cases in 2024
- ✓ **Togo:** Detection of **04 Dengue** cases
- ✓ **Benin:** Detection of **34 Dengue** cases
- ✓ **Mauritania:** Detection of **11 Dengue** and **01 CCHF** cases reported in 2024
- ✓ **Sierra Leone:** Detection of 1st **Dengue autochthonous case** in Freetown in July 2025;
- ✓ **Guinea Bissau:** 1st detection of **Dengue outbreak** in the history in October 2025



Abdourahmane Sow



Aliou Barry



Boubacar Diallo

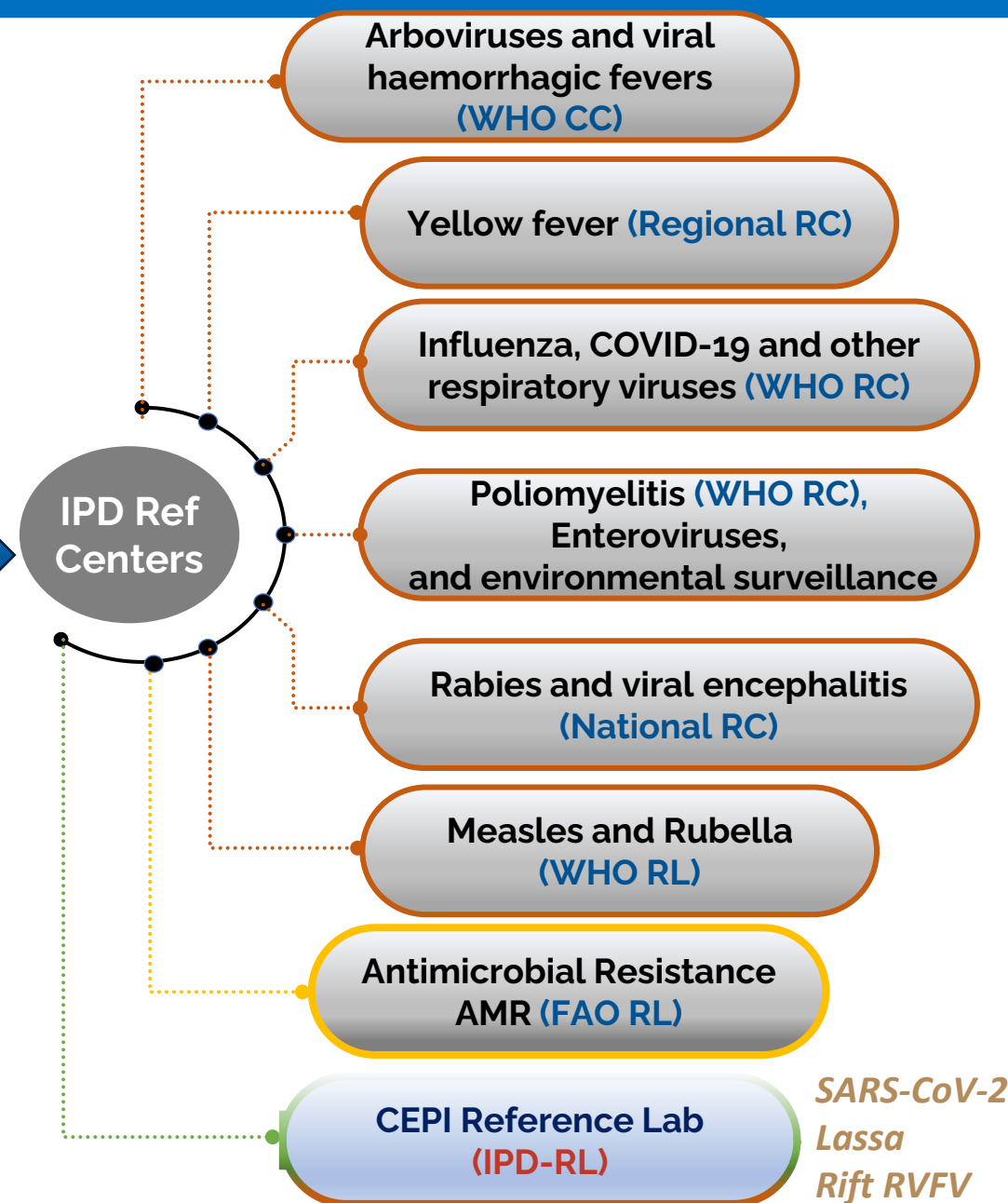
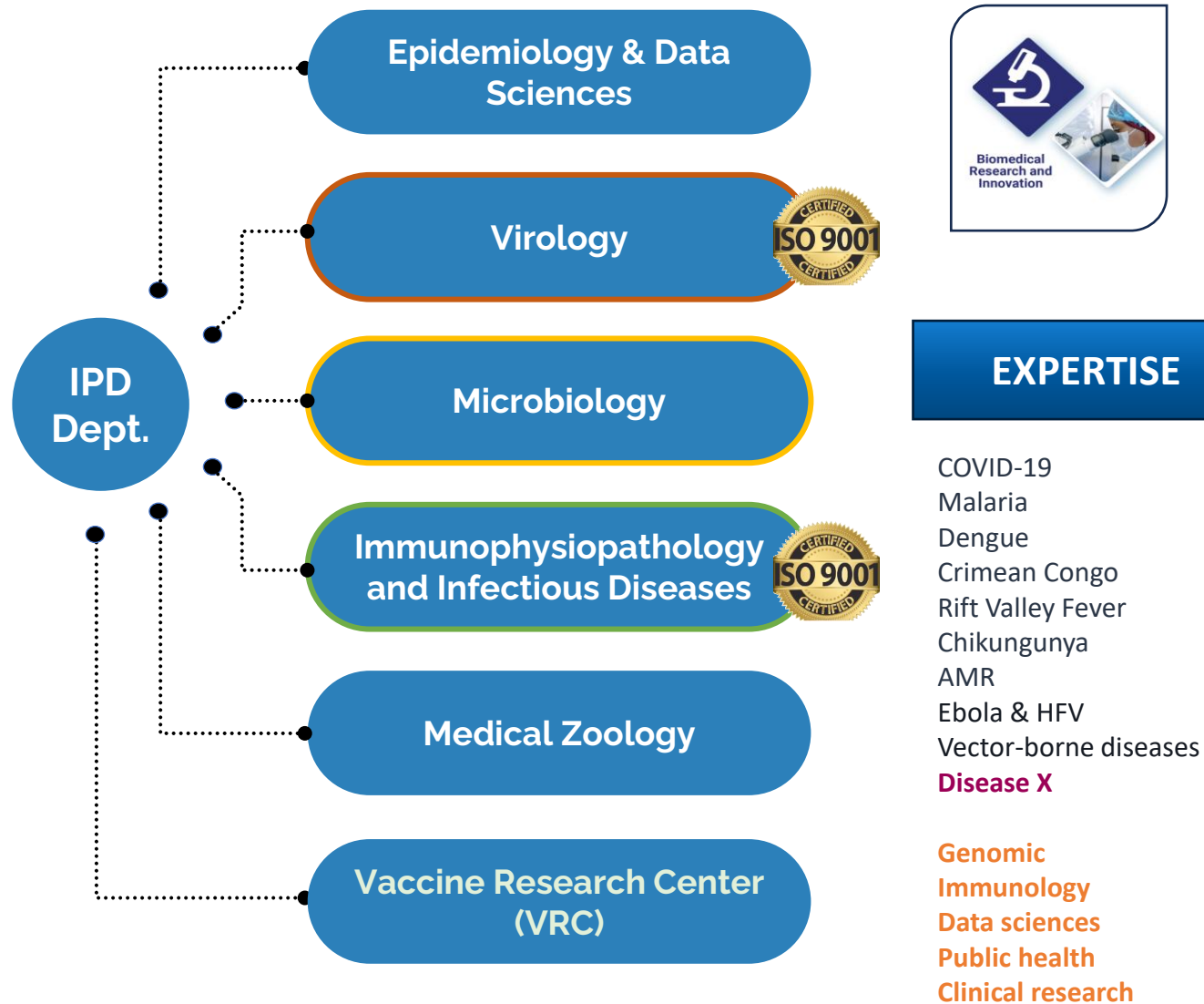
10 countries / 30 sentinel sites

2023 → Gambia, Mauritania & Cabo Verde

2024 → Mali, Niger, Guinea, Togo and Guinea Bissau

2025 → Sierra Leone & Benin

6 R&D & Vaccine development Department



Research and Development

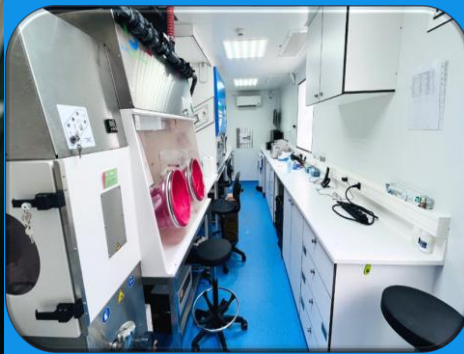
Getting ahead of disease with cutting-edge scientific research and innovation



By combining the scientific expertise with cutting-edge technology, we are working to discover and develop new vaccines and biomedical innovations that will transform people's lives. It is work we've been at the forefront of, in Africa, for over a century, with research departments focusing on **virology, immunology, medical zoology, microbiology, epidemiology and data sciences**



Genomic / sequencing platform



BSL3 Laboratory



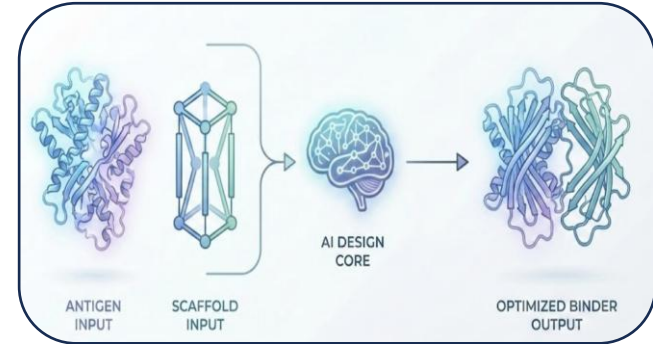
109 scientific articles

published in peer-reviewed journals since 2024. Our goal is to boost research productivity up to 150 publications per year in the next 10 years

Outbreak responses

Molecular suite cases





AI-Driven Antigen Design

Computational design tools (CVD) integrated with real-time surveillance data for faster candidate selection.



mRNA Design Capability

Expanding VRC's toolkit to support rapid vaccine design for emerging pathogens.



Cell-based Ag/Ab

Minibinder platform enables simultaneous development. **Rift Valley Fever** is the lead proof-of-concept.



Vaccine + Diagnostic Co-Design

DIA TROPiX
Promoting access to diagnostics



Marie Angélique
Sène

- Measles & Rubella
- Lassa
- Marburg
- Rift Valley Fever
- Chikungunya

VRC is integrating next-generation tools to accelerate development of priority vaccines in epidemic settings → **Applied to priority vaccines and epidemic response use cases.**

Vaccine Manufacturing

Diversified high-volume production of essential and outbreak vaccines



Catalysed by the COVID-19 pandemic, which shone a light on the vulnerability of Africa's ability to access vaccines, we built a new manufacturing facility to radically expand our industrial capacity. Our goal is to increase capacity 40-fold from approximately 5 million vaccine doses produced per annum to 150-200 million doses. Long-term, our ambition is for routine production capacity of 300 million annual doses, with the potential to reach up to 1 billion during a pandemic. We are also working to expand our

Vaccine portfolio to cover Measles-Rubella, Rotavirus, outbreak vaccines such as Lassa, Rift Valley Fever, next generation Polio vaccines, and develop a cell-culture Yellow Fever candidate.

CEPI partnership → transfer the leading Lassa Fever vaccine for production in Senegal.



WHO Prequalified

We are Africa's only vaccine WHO prequalified manufacturing facility and one of four prequalified suppliers of Yellow Fever vaccine globally

\$300 Million Secured

We have secured \$300 million to date in vaccine manufacturing and state of the art technologies

1 Billion Doses

Our new manufacturing facilities will have capacity for routine production of 300 million vaccine annual doses, with the potential to reach up to 1 billion doses during a pandemic.

Diagnostic Manufacturing Industrial scale for self-sufficiency



Cheikh Tidiane Diagne



DIATROPIX
Promoting access to diagnostics

Produce affordable diagnostics for neglected epidemics, reducing Africa's severe dependence on imported medical supplies.

RDT Portfolio : Measles, HIV, Yellow Fever and COVID-19, with other infectious disease and neglected tropical disease rapid tests in pipeline, including Meningitis, Ebola, Dengue, Rubella, Onchocerciasis and Sickle Cell Disease.

In addition, we are establishing a clinical biomanufacturing facility to produce **small-scale materials for use in our clinical trials.**

SEDAR



75 million tests

We have built the capacity to produce 75 million rapid diagnostic tests per year for epidemics and outbreaks

\$15 million invested

in diagnostic development and manufacturing capabilities. This includes opening a state-of-the-art manufacturing site for rapid diagnostic tests in 2024

100 personnel

Scaling up to 100 personnel in our expanded production facility in Mbao, for diagnostic production

2 million COVID-19 tests

We made 2 million rapid tests during the COVID-19 pandemic, with products were distributed in 14 African countries

First measles rapid test

Carrying out diagnostic accuracy and implementation studies for the world's first Measles Rapid Diagnostic Test in Senegal, Zambia, Ethiopia and Canada



2 manufacturing sites: IPD campus & Mbao

World's first measles rapid test: Enabling faster outbreak detection for more targeted vaccination interventions



DIA TROPIX

Promoting access to diagnostics



Public Health
Agency of Canada

Agence de la santé
publique du Canada

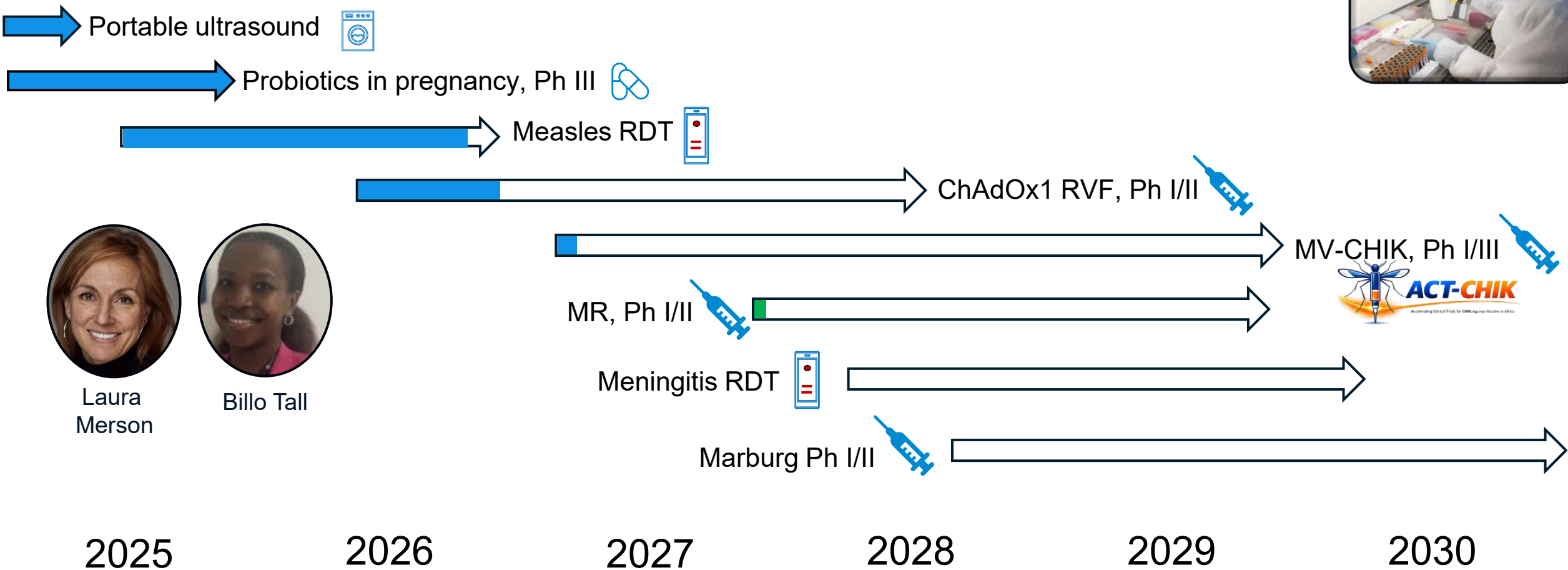
92% sensitivity

98% specificity





IPD Clinical Research Unit | Clinical Trial Pipeline



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Merson



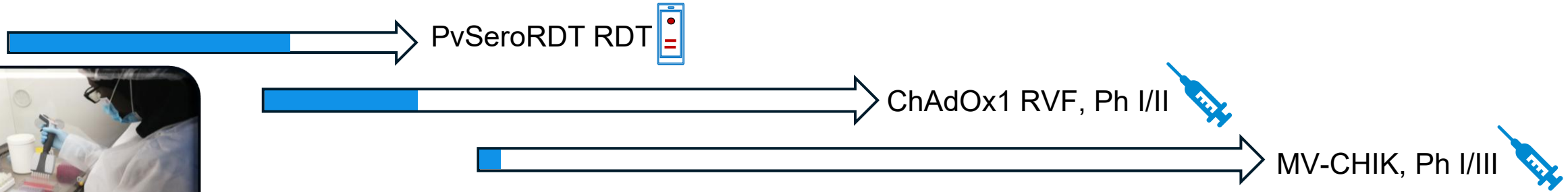
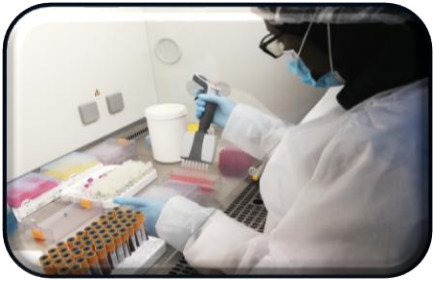
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Preparing IPD clinical trials capacity...

to deliver clinical trials on IPD products



IPD Reference Laboratory for Vaccine & MCM Evaluation

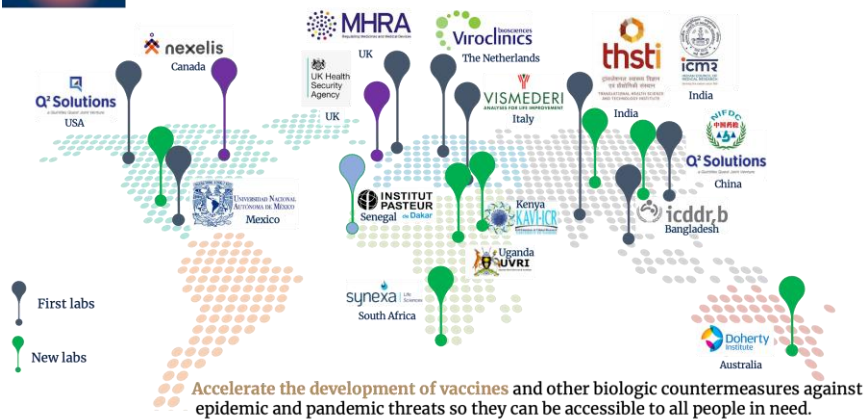


Inès
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Henriette Ndione

18 CEPI CENTRALIZED LABORATORIES AROUND THE WORLD



- Vaccine immunogenicity
- Standardization of immunological assays (ELISA, MBA, ELISPOT, PRNT)
- Test samples from pre-clinical to Phase III clinical studies
- Facilitate rapid evaluation, approval, and dissemination of the most effective vaccine candidates
- Support vaccine developers in the pathway towards licensure
- Increase the chances of finding a successful vaccine
- Better define disease correlates of protection

2025

2026

2027

2028

2029

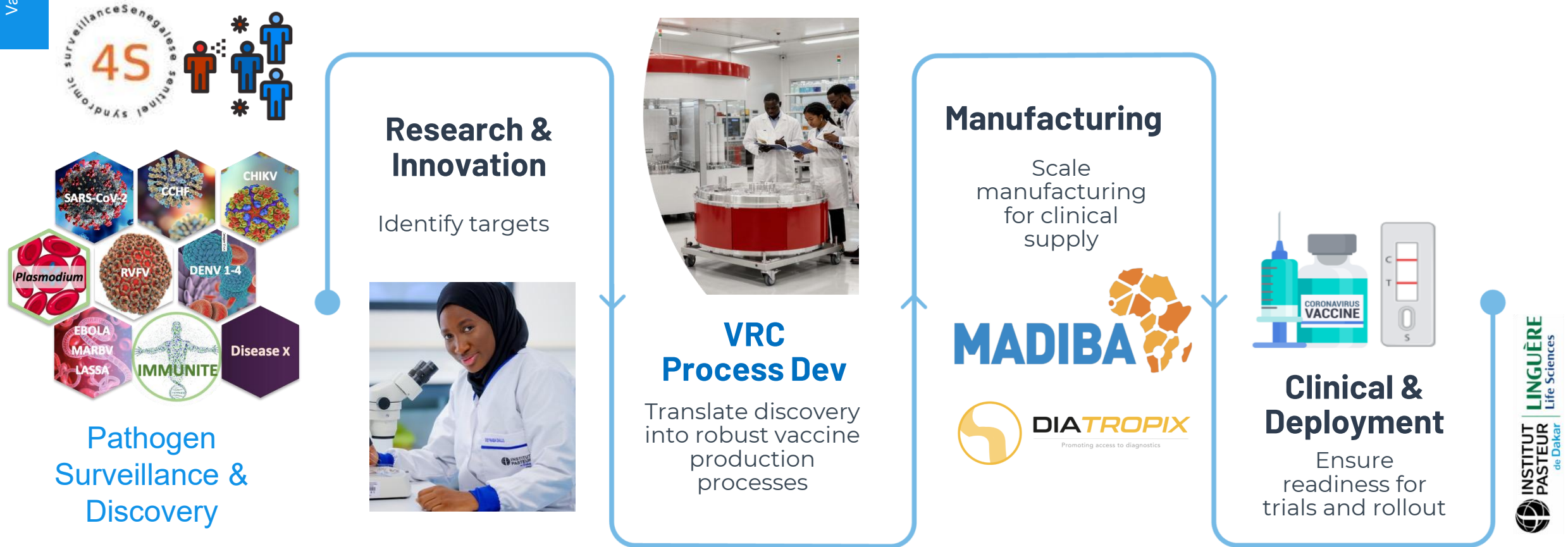
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Preparing IPD clinical trials capacity...

to deliver clinical trials on IPD products

Bridging Surveillance, Research, Manufacturing & Clinical research

Prevent, Detect, Respond, Control, Predict



Focused on enabling priority vaccine programs, IPD ensures that vaccine candidates can be manufactured and deployed, reducing risk and accelerating timelines to clinical and industrial readiness.

89

Years of Yellow Fever
vaccine production

12

Reference Laboratory for
WHO, FAO, Africa CDC,
ECOWAS & CEPI

+45

Sites of the Sentinel
Syndromic Surveillance
Network in Senegal

+10

Countries equipped with
Sentinel 4S sites in West
Africa

+40

African Countries
supported in Epidemic
Outbreaks

+100

Strategic Partners



Malaria Vx & Dx Research Programs



Genetic and genomic approaches to inform malaria vaccinology: lessons from deeply rooted partnerships



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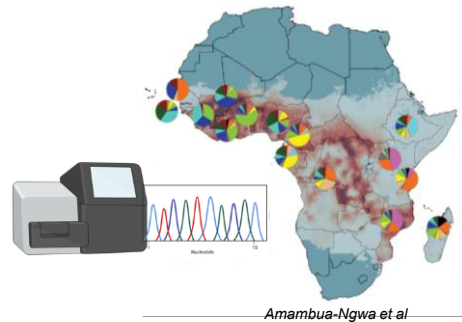


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Ba (PhD, 1Y)



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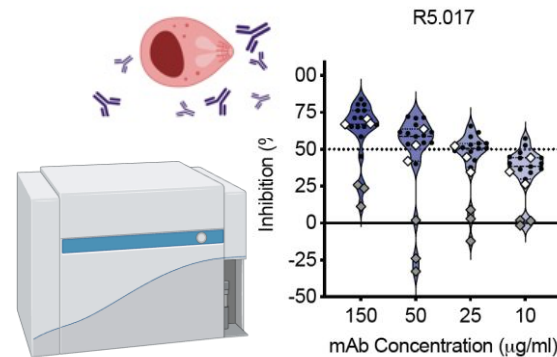
The Challenge



Vaccine Efficacy & Genetic Diversity

How can we achieve a highly effective next-generation malaria vaccine?

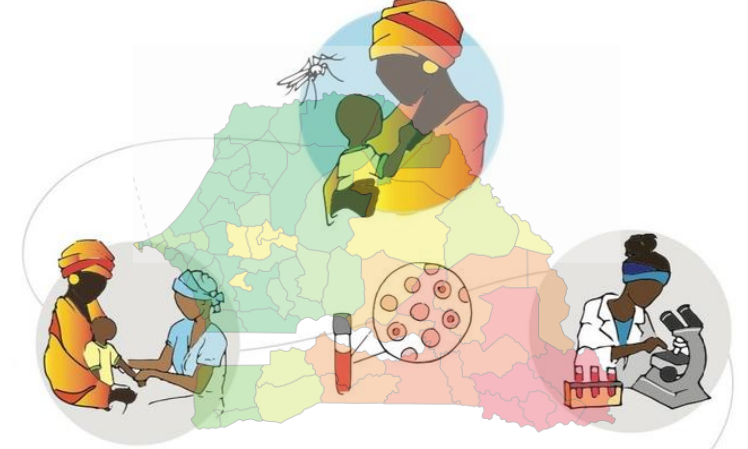
The Approach



Genomic Surveillance & Phenotyping: GIA

Investigating the activity of vaccinee antibodies against diverse parasite isolates

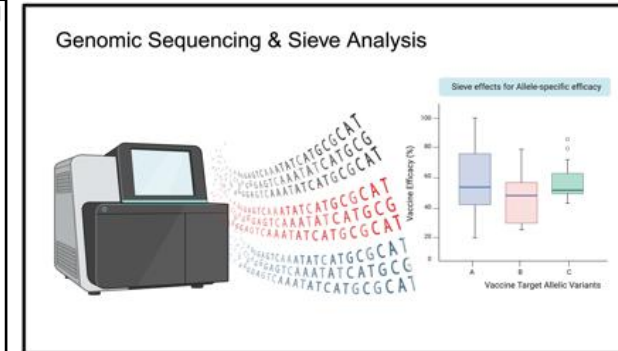
The Field



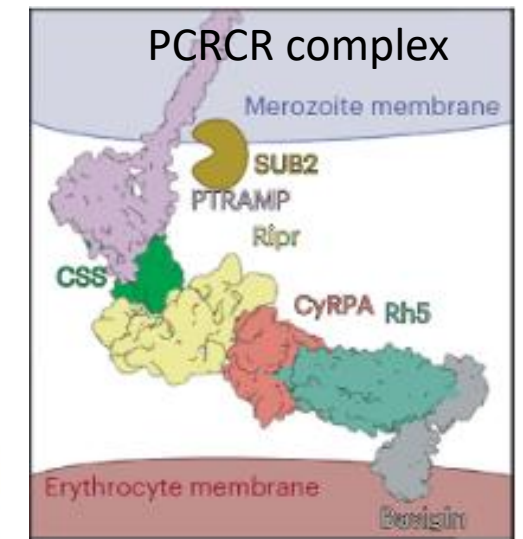
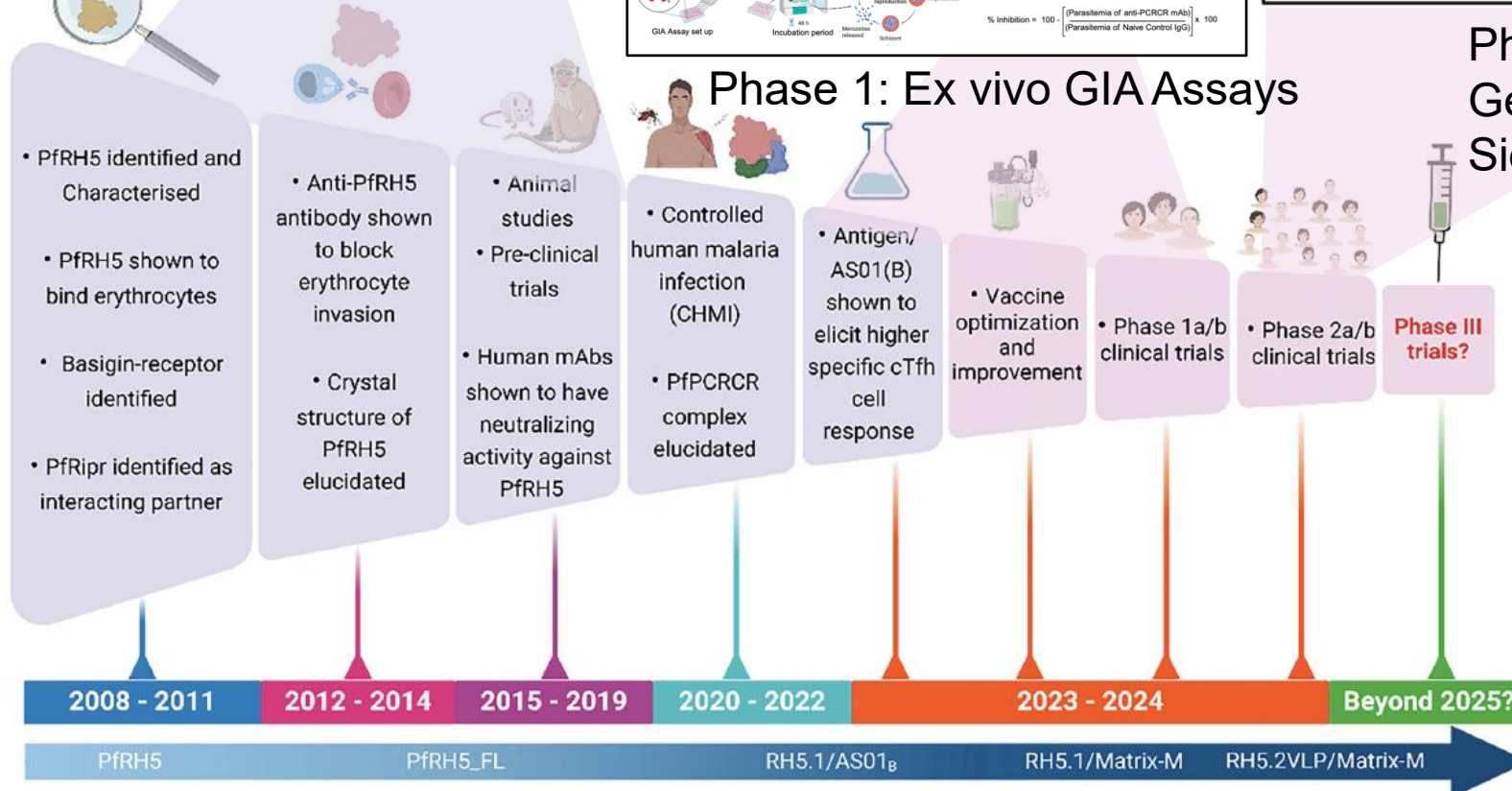
Lessons from Kedougou

Adapting and Innovating to do great science where disease burden is greatest

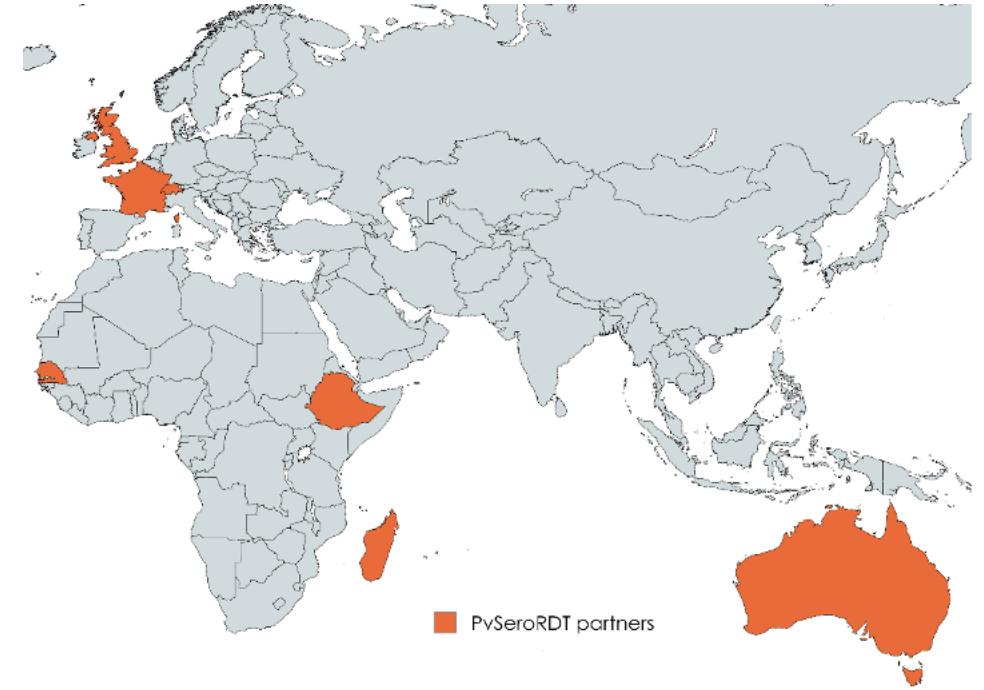
Figure 1: Schematic of the sequencing workflow. The top part shows a schematic of a sequencing machine with a sample being loaded. Below this, a chromatogram displays four colored peaks (red, green, blue, black) corresponding to the nucleotides A, C, G, and T respectively. The x-axis is labeled 'Nucleotide' and shows positions 1 through 10. The bottom part shows the sequence alignment of the sample 320405 against the PRh5 Reference sequence. The reference sequence is G A G G A G C A G A T G T G A A C C C G A A G G T A. The sample sequence is G A A G G A C A C A G A T A T G A A A C C G A A G A G T A. The sample sequence shows a mismatch at position 7 (A instead of T) and a deletion at position 8 (A instead of C).



Phase 2b Trials Genomics & Modeling Sieve Analysis



A Point-Of-Care Serological Rapid Diagnostic Test to detect *Plasmodium vivax* Hypnozoite Infection (PvSeroRDT)



Malaria and Neglected Tropical Diseases Team



From seed funding to sustainable partnerships





Thank you





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