



Home Grown Solutions Accelerator for Pandemic **Resilience in Africa**

Information for prospective applicants December 2021

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Why we are connecting with you

We believe your company contributes to strengthening Africa's health system, and welcome you to apply to our accelerator programme

We believe that your company exemplifies a Home Grown Solution (HGS) that is strengthening Africa's health system



We believe that our offering may help your business to achieve further growth and impact across the continent

We hope that you will consider <u>applying</u> to participate in this unique acceleration programme



The problem

In stark contrast to more mature sectors like fintech or energy, a strong support ecosystem for healthcare venturing is still lacking across the continent



Hard to find the right partners

Limited networking and peer-learning opportunities for healthcare players limits options for meaningful introductions across private and social sectors, with right public sector players often hard to engage



Difficulties accessing capital

Limited number of investors considering healthcare, traditional debt providers inadequate and missed opportunities in providing grants to build sustainable & scalable business models



Limited access to technical advice

Few local business or technical experts available that know local context and charge affordable rates at the level of engagement required to update business or manufacture a new product



Regulatory, procurement & trade

Fractured and highly dynamic environments introduce additional cost and time requirements to gain market access, especially when expanding business across borders



What we are

We are an Accelerator for Home Grown Solutions (HGS) that is uniquely positioned to tackle these challenges and strengthen Africa's ability to respond through future shocks as we ...



... continuously identify and shortlist **promising African healthcare companies** each year



... provide tailored and hands-on acceleration support for 6 months and across 3 areas to meet each company's specific growth needs

... have assembled a consortium of leading organizations across public & private sector to deliver on that promise



... have proven our approach in a 2021 East Africa pilot with 5 Home Grown Solutions across sub-sectors





Our focus companies

Growth and mature stage companies are positioned for scale and agility, and many have already meaningfully contributed to Africa's COVID-19 response



The above pictures indicate the wide range of activities of the EAC Pilot cohort companies, listed later in this deck. These companies were selected by our SteerCo, also listed hereafter



What we offer

We have listened to the needs of Home Grown Solutions and offer tailored support across 3 areas for 6 months, going up and above typical Accelerator programs







Timeline of our offer

If selected, we will work closely together across six months and stay connected beyond





Our expanding ecosystem

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The tailored and wide-ranging support to promising Home Grown Solutions is made possible through the involvement of a wide range of organizations







Our pilot experience (I/II)

We tested the Acceleration model in 2021, supporting a variety of Home Grown Solutions across the East African Community, from early-stage start-ups to an established manufacturer



Note that Damu Sasa & MSCAN are Pre-Seed, Access Afya Pre-Series A, AHN post Series A and Revital an established manufacturer. Click for links to AUDA-NEPAD's YouTube channel





Our pilot experience (II/II)

Clear achievements & positive feedback from our pilot cohort on the support provided shows the need and potential for programs like ours to contribute to the continent's pandemic resilience





Increased company scale and maturity level at start of Accelerator



Our pilot cohort's successes

Continued growth by all 5 companies on metrics related to Accelerator's support



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Our journey going forward

2022 will see the Accelerator go pan-African and support another 10-15 Home Grown Solutions



ecosystem

consultations and definition of problem, approach & set-up

build & test model in East Africa

Why apply: As part of our 2nd cohort, you will receive support to scale your business while paving the way for other African businesses

Benefits you will receive...

- Invaluable hands-on, tailored support from world class organizations
- Unique support from dedicated team members during your journey with us
- Relationships beyond the program to ensure your successful progression

Impact we can make together...

- Strengthen pandemic resilience across Africa, including reduced reliance on external supply chains and increased healthcare capacity
- Innovate on how healthcare products and services are delivered in the future
- Create jobs and contribute to the continent's inclusive development
- Build a strong and dynamic Africa, with successful companies at-scale



2 nd December 2021	31 st January 2022	February 2022	End March 2022
Application platform	 Application platform closes 	Applications are screened	 Final companies selected and informed
opens!Complete the online form	Submissions are no longer	• Shortlisted companies are informed to submit	 Relevant documentation
(<u>English</u> or <u>French</u>) and	accepted	additional financial info	signed and submitted
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documents; link to be		for shortlisted applicants	
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Where to find us

Feel free to reach out to our team directly, and/or keep an eye out for updates on the project and our pilot cohort on our website or your preferred social media channel



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