



# THE PEOPLES' HUB

# Civil society awareness of and engagement with the mRNA Hub in Africa

- Online survey in English, French and Arabic
- 61 responses representing all regions (Southern, East, North and Central, West)



- Distributed across our regional and continental networks via email lists and social media channels to CSOs working on health equity
- Key countries represented: Kenya, South Africa, Nigeria and DRC
- Mainly male respondents (82%), predominantly in the 25-34 age range
- Majority from the youth, public, research and development, and HIV sectors

# Opportunities: engagement

- **87% indicated interest in engaging with vaccine manufacturers in their countries**
- **Respondents would like to engage with manufacturers around the following broad issues:**

VACCINE AWARENESS CREATION

ENGAGEMENT WITH CSOs

DISTRIBUTION OF VACCINES

ENGAGEMENT WITH MEDIA

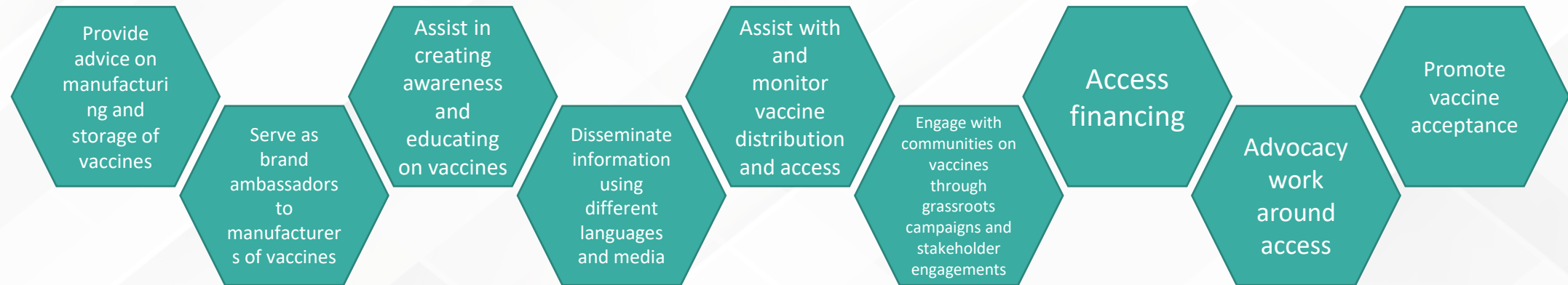
RESEARCH WORK AND SUPPORT

JOB OPPORTUNITIES



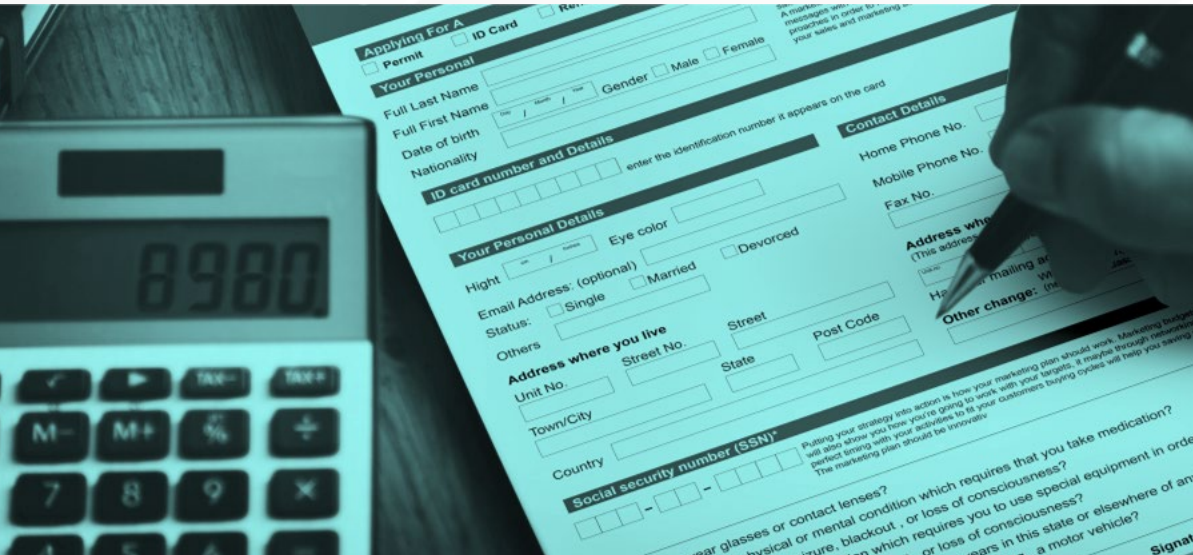
# Opportunities: Role of CSOs

- While respondents largely agreed with the WHO-defined roles for civil society, they also identified their own areas of interest and roles:



# Opportunities: Information

- 95% were interested in more information about the mRNA hub
- Key types of information included:



# Challenges

- **54% had or knew of people that had challenges with access to vaccines**

## **Examples include:**

- People live far from vaccine sites
- Some are scared of side effects
- Poor transportation facilities
- Inadequate vaccines
- Vaccines not available in villages
- Waiting in long queues to be vaccinated
- Feeling forced to take a certain vaccine
- Misinformation





## Next steps

- **Full report to be completed by end September**
- **Will be used to inform advocacy and further research engagements**
- **Contact [info@africanalliance.org.za](mailto:info@africanalliance.org.za) to be added to the PVA Africa membership (if you are a CSO)**
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