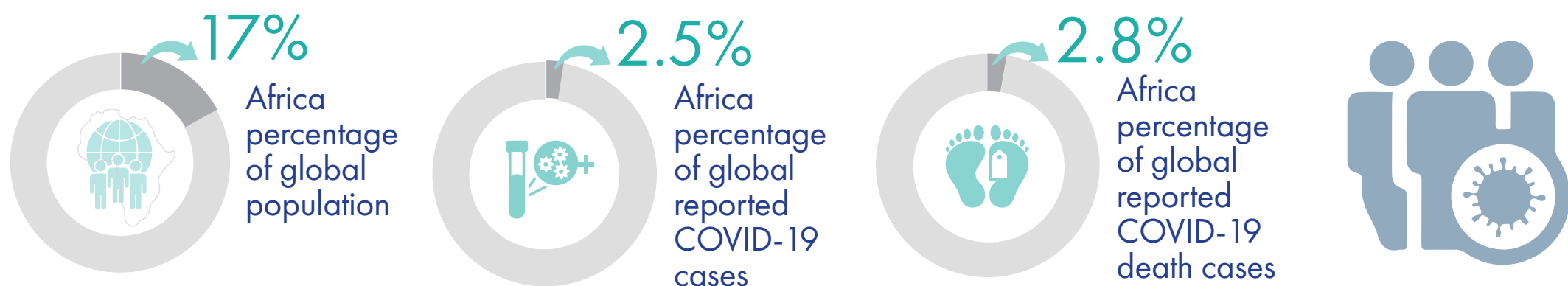


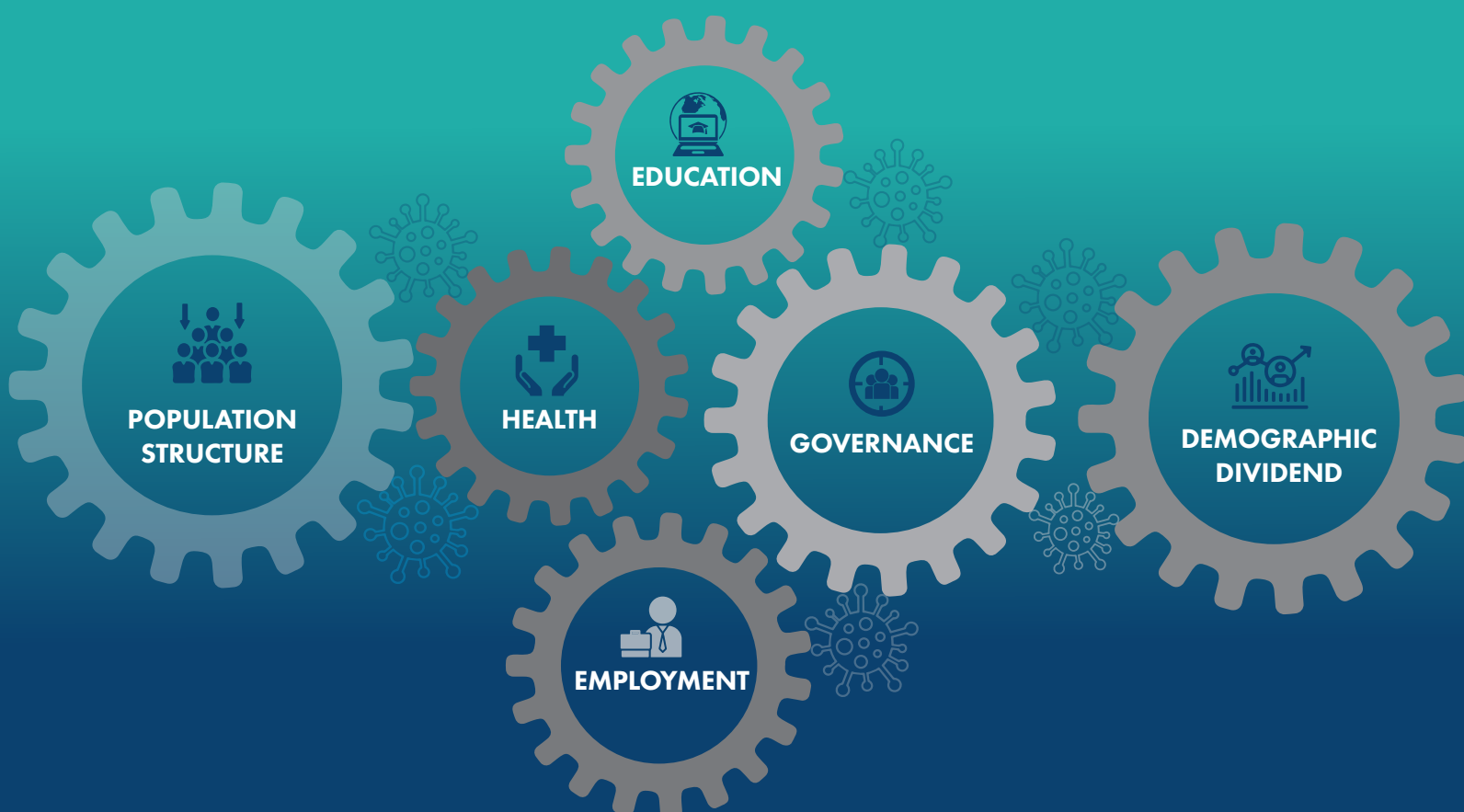
# Impact of COVID-19 on the Demographic Dividend in Africa



Source: WHO, 2021

## COVID-19 is a threat to Africa's Demographic Dividend

The Demographic Dividend is the economic benefit arising from a significant increase in the ratio of working-age adults relative to dependents, accompanied by strategic investments in human capital development and measures that spur growth of jobs and inclusive development.



### Key drivers of the Demographic Dividend under threat by COVID-19

**Health**

Disruptions to sexual and reproductive health services leading to a rise in **teenage & unintended pregnancies**

**Education**

**5.3 million** in sub saharan Africa at risk of not returning to school  
(UNECA, 2020)

**Inequality**

Deepening inequalities further disadvantaging youth, women, rural and poor urban communities

**Employment & Livelihoods**

Up to **19 million** could lose their livelihoods & **29 million** pushed into poverty  
(UNESCO, 2020)

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