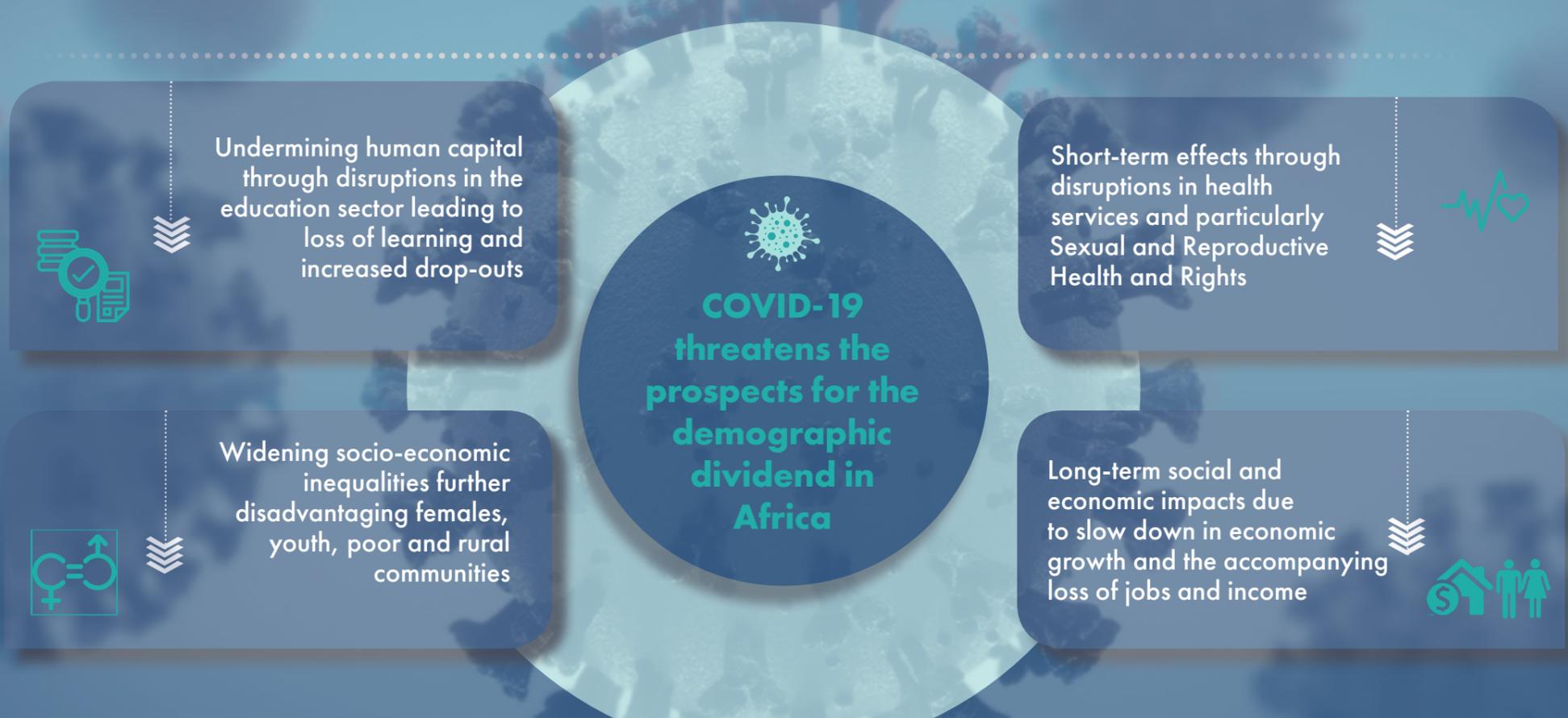
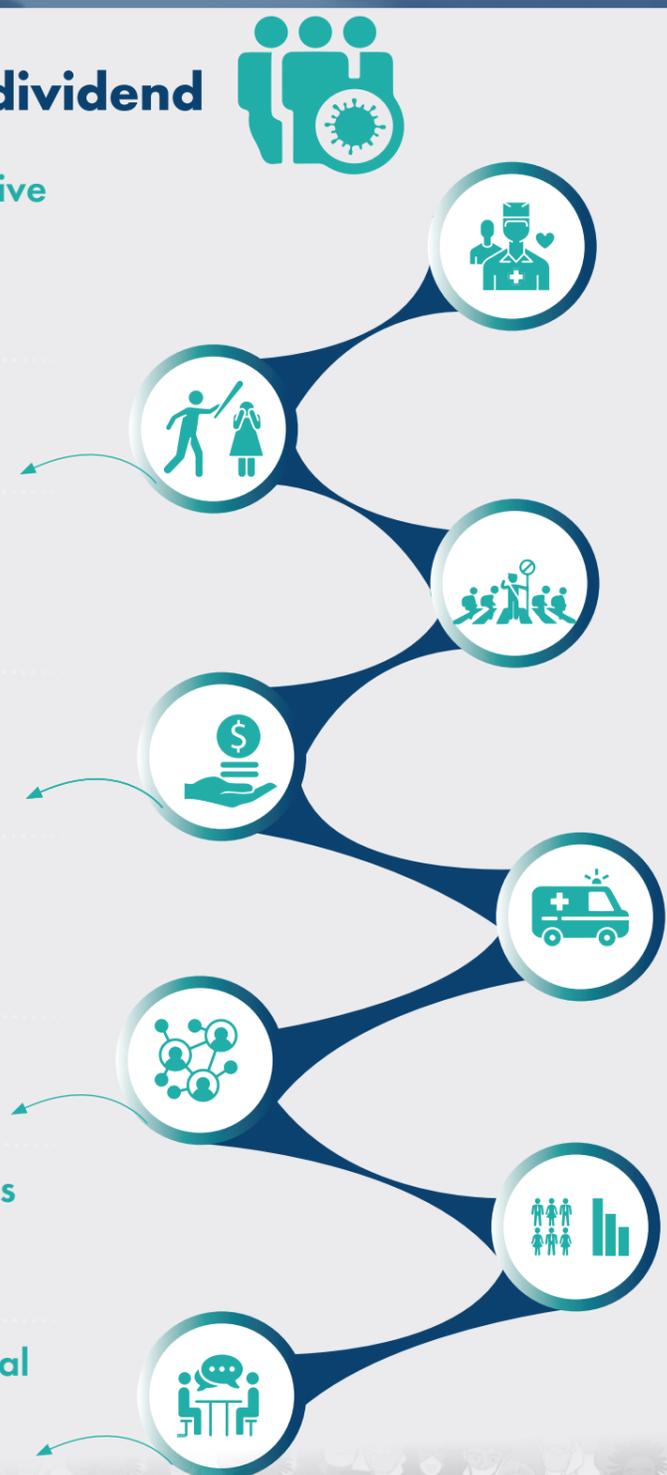


Safeguarding Africa's Demographic Dividend from COVID-19 Impact



Key priorities to safeguard the demographic dividend

1. Adequate funding and full resumption of **Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR)** services as part of essential health services (including family planning, adolescent and reproductive health services and youth friendly services).
2. Effective interventions to reinforce adherence to law measures to halt **Sexual and Gender-based Violence**.
3. Robust **return-to-school** strategies to ensure all students safely resume learning and that girls and other disadvantaged groups do not drop out of school.
4. Invest in **re-igniting the informal and gig economies** through incentives that will cushion the youth, women, and the poor who have been adversely affected by COVID-19.
5. Enhance implementing **evidence-informed social protection measures** such as cash transfers, social grants, food subsidies and free medical care.
6. Development and use of **digital technologies** to aid prevention and recovery measures across sectors.
7. Invest in **data and measurement innovations and adaptations** to inform both the short-term and long-term responses to COVID-19 and similar future occurrences.
8. **Multi-sectoral regional collaboration and inter-governmental partnerships** to respond to COVID-19, including sharing best practices and developing an evidence and knowledge hub to address population dynamics and COVID-19.



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