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# Construction of a vaccine factory for animals is expected to generate around 1100 jobs in three years

The construction of the factory for the production of vaccines for animals – to be built in the province of Huambo – is expected to create around 1100 jobs in three years, of which 400 are direct and 700 are indirect. The start-up of the enterprise is expected to generate 200 jobs.

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Named the Centro de Bioveterinária e Produção de Vacinas Animal, this project will be built in an

area of more than 20 thousand square meters, in Huambo, over a period of three years.

The factory will be able to produce around 181 million doses of vaccines for pets a year.

According to a note from the Provincial Government of Huambo, made available on its Facebook page, of the total number of vaccines to be produced annually, 30.600.000 doses will be destined for vaccines for mammals and 150.600.000 doses of vaccines will be for birds.

In addition, 9.384.000 units of antigens for diagnostic reagents to test for the onset of diseases such as tuberculosis, smallpox and brucellosis will also be produced by the center annually.

According to the note, the project – whose first stone was laid last Friday in an act guided by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, António Francisco Assis – will also comprise, along with the factory, a workshop and services installation, a social area, housing, among others.

As part of a partnership between Angola and Germany, the center has an investment of around 125 million euros.

The statement indicates that the project will be built by "Gauff Engineering and Norafrika, and, as subcontractor Life Science Group and will have the company Dispos, Fiscalização & Projectos as supervisor of the work".

In terms of jobs, the construction of the factory should enable the creation, in three years, of around 400 direct jobs and 700 indirect ones. With its start-up, around 200 jobs should be created, writes Angop.

Cited by Angop, Francisco Jamba Kata, deputy governor of Huambo for the Political, Social and Economic sector, who was speaking at the ceremony to launch the first stone, considered that the project will bring value and encourage the development of agricultural and livestock

production in the country, adding that after the completion of the center the foundations will be laid for Angola to produce healthy animals.

In turn, António Assis, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, stressed the importance of infrastructure for obstacles to the growth of this sector, with special emphasis on vaccines, which are one of the great challenges for authorities and breeders.

"The Angolan government has not been able to respond to the demand, through imports, taking into account the costs that it entails, hence the importance of this factory which, in addition to the local market, will meet the needs of other countries, especially in the southern region of continent", said the official, quoted by Angop.

Thus, he considered that the project will enable a sustainable development of livestock as well as make the country self-sufficient with regard to the production of veterinary vaccines.

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