

PHARMACEUTICALS

Selected Facts & Figures

What products?

- The industry produces all types of generic medications that can be taken in tablet form

Size of the sector

- There are currently 60 private sector companies, plus a small number of public sector companies
- About half of the 60 national firms are located in Aleppo, including seven of the larger ones, making Aleppo the producer of 60 percent of pharmaceutical production in value terms.
- the total domestic market is valued at US\$ 700 million
- Total domestic employment is estimated at 8,000 employees, of which 40 percent represent university graduates.

Location

- Of the Aleppo companies, about 20 companies have chosen to locate on the road to San Simeon, some 8 km outside the city, in search of clean and unpolluted air.

Export

- currently about 20-25 of the 60 firms export some of their products
- exports stand at about 10 percent of the domestic market