World running out of snakebite antidote One of the world's most effective snakebite treatments is to be withdrawn, putting tens of thousands of lives at risk. Fresh supplies of Fav-Afrique, which neutralises 10 different snakebites in sub-Saharan Africa, are desperately needed Fav-Afrique: Last batch will expire in June 2016. Manufacturer Sanofi Pasteur says it has been priced out of market by cut-price, but less effective drugs Puff adder (Bitis arietans): Responsible for most snakebite fatalities in Africa NUMBER **PEOPLE BITTEN** OF DEATHS WORLDWIDE PER YEAR Sub-Saharan 5 million <10 Africa: 30.000 Permanently 11-100 die every year disabled from snakebite. 101-1,000 400,000 8.000 undergo 1,001-10,000 amputations Killed >10,000 100,000 Source: Medicins Sans Frontieres, The global burden of snakebite: PLOS Medicine, 2008 Picture: Bernard DUPONT © GRAPHIC NEWS