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Cuba was one of the very few countries that successfully developed a COVID-19 vaccine during the recent pandemic. This did not come out of the blue but was the result of a four-decade-long strategic build-up of a large bio-tech sector in Havana, on top of a health system emphasising preventive medicine. What development prospects does this hold for the country? And what can other Caribbean countries learn from the Cuban experience?

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