



The Sanofi Espoir Foundation launches a €500,000 solidarity fund to support medical and social aid associations affected by the COVID crisis

Paris – December 22, 2020 –The Sanofi Espoir Foundation announces that it is launching a 500,000 euro solidarity fund. Faced with the economic consequences of the COVID-19 crisis, the Sanofi Espoir Foundation, under the impetus of its new President Dr. Jean-Christophe Rufin, is mobilizing its resources by creating an exceptional fund to help eight of its associative partners in France to successfully navigate this phase, and pursue their mission in favor of the most disadvantaged.

The COVID crisis has weakened small organizations at a time when the needs of their beneficiaries have never been greater. In devoting 500,000 euros to its partners helping people in great need, the Sanofi Espoir Foundation remains true to its mission.

The organizations that will receive funding were selected using various criteria such as their size, additional COVID-related costs, or anticipated difficulties. They are all based in France and provide medical and social assistance to specific populations in vulnerable situations such as women (ADSF, GSF, Ikambere, Maison des Femmes), children (!D Santé), or migrants and asylum seekers (Arcat, Comede, InterMed).

To address the pandemic, the Foundation already mobilized its resources in April by creating an exceptional emergency fund of one million euros for health actions in response to COVID-19. In particular, it authorized its partners to redirect grants initially awarded to protect people in highly vulnerable situations. These actions both in France and internationally have benefited more than 55,000 people, including professionals, volunteers and beneficiaries. They have also raised awareness of the pandemic and the need for social distancing measures among nearly 2.5 million people.