

COVID-19 in India: the Sanofi Espoir Foundation responds to the humanitarian emergency

Paris – April 29, 2021 – In response to the Covid-19 pandemic, which is severely affecting the people of India, the Sanofi Espoir Foundation is mobilizing to respond to the humanitarian emergency. At President Macron's request and in collaboration with the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs' Crisis and Support Center, the Sanofi Espoir Foundation has made a donation to purchase a medical oxygen generator, including a cylinder filling system.

"This major donation for Indian patients demonstrates our solidarity with those affected by the Covid-19 pandemic and our ongoing commitment to those most at-risk," said Dr. Jean-Christophe Rufin, President of the Sanofi Espoir Foundation. "By responding to this humanitarian emergency, the Sanofi Espoir Foundation remains true to its mission."

The oxygen generator provides a continuous supply to a 250-bed hospital site. The installation's flow rate enables 15 intubated COVID patients to be treated in a resuscitation bay, or 150 patients under oxygen therapy in a standard hospital ward. In addition to responding to emergencies, the equipment will help boost capacity in Indian hospitals.

The Foundation mobilized in April 2020 in response to the COVID crisis by creating an exceptional emergency fund of one million euros for health initiatives. It has authorized its partners to redirect initially awarded grants to protect people in extremely precarious situations. The Foundation also launched a €500,000 solidarity fund in December 2020 to help eight medical and social aid associations.

About the Sanofi Espoir Corporate Foundation

Created in 2010, the Sanofi Espoir Corporate Foundation aims to reduce inequalities in health in France and internationally. Its actions aim to improve the health of the most vulnerable populations, particularly children. These serve the Foundation's vision of a world in which everyone has a chance to be born, grow and maintain their health. This ambition covers four strategic areas: maternal and neonatal health, pediatric cancers in low- and middle-income countries, access to healthcare for the most vulnerable populations in France, and responding to humanitarian crises. Find out more at: <http://fondation-sanofi-espoir.com/en/>

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