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Generali delivers the first lung ventilators to hospitals in Lombardy

 The medical devices were purchased by Hope Onlus thanks to the donation made by Generali through the Extraordinary International Fund for the Covid-19 Emergency

Milan – The intensive care units at hospitals in Lombardy today received the first lung ventilators imported from Germany through a humanitarian operation by Hope Onlus, achieved thanks to the donation made by Generali through the Extraordinary International Fund for the Covid-19 Emergency, set up by the Group with a budget of up to € 100 million.

The lung ventilators were transported from the Dixon factory in Dusseldorf, Germany, to Milan through a humanitarian operation organised by Hope Onlus, a non-profit organisation specialising in health and education projects that operates in Italy and the Middle East. The collaboration between for-profit, non-profit and public organisations has made it possible to have priority delivery from industries unable to deliver orders for lung ventilators from all over the world.

The scientific support of Fondazione Buzzi and the direct coordination between Hope Onlus and the Head of the Crisis Unit Prof. Antonio Pesenti, Head of the Intensive Care Unit at the Milan General Hospital (Policlinico di Milano), have made a 100% controlled supply chain possible, from production to patient service. Today, 8 lung ventilators have already been installed in intensive care units in record time in the hospitals in Crema, Brescia and the Buzzi hospital in Milan. Another 12 are on their way.

In recent days, Generali has donated 500 protective suits to healthcare facilities in Lombardy.

Last week Generali Deutschland, in collaboration with Air Dolomiti-Lufthansa, helped the Italian diplomacy in Germany to transport 2,500 pieces of protective equipment donated by a group of Chinese businesspeople.

The Group thanks the Embassy of Italy in Berlin for the intense and effective collaboration.

Elena Fazzini, Chairman of the Hope Foundation, commented, "We are delighted that Assicurazioni Generali, which has always been committed to protecting people, has promptly responded to the urgent appeal from hospitals, donating 20 lung ventilators for the same number of intensive care units, which are desperately needed at this time. We would also like to thank the Italian Ambassador in Germany, Luigi Mattiolo, who has supported all the humanitarian efforts and who has made himself available to continue to help us so that other medical equipment can soon reach hospitals."

On 13 March 2020, Generali launched the Extraordinary International Fund of up to € 100 million to the fight against the Covid-19 emergency on a global level.

The Fund, whose activities will be aimed mainly at Italy, but also other countries where Generali operates, provides for immediate assistance in this quickly evolving crisis and, in the medium term, aims to support economic recovery efforts in the countries affected.

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