

### PRESS RELEASE

# INTESA SANPAOLO DONATES €5 MILLION TO BRESCIA'S SPEDALI CIVILI HOSPITAL

## THE BANK PREPARES NEW INITIATIVES TOGETHER WITH BRESCIA'S MUNICIPALITY AND DIOCESE TO SUPPORT THE CITY'S REBIRTH

Milan, 4 May 2020 - Within the scope of the 100 million euro made available to the Italian health service through the Extraordinary Commissioner and the Department of Civil Protection, Intesa Sanpaolo has donated 5 million euro to the local healthcare district of the Brescia hospital to purchase the apparatus and equipment needed to cure Covid 19 patients.

The donation will also support the launch of the international project "Birth against Covid", aimed at creating new Coronovirus protocols, training, diagnostics and treatment proposals to enable significant improvements in the **field of anti Covid-19 diagnostics**.

The banking Group is ready to fully support the rebirth of Brescia and is considering, **together with the Municipality and the Diocese**, a concrete programme of actions to help the more vulnerable in the local area and relaunch the economy of the city, also through the innovative tool of impact loans.

Carlo Messina, CEO of Intesa Sanpaolo, remarked: "Brescia is one of Italy's hardest-hit cities in this unprecedented health emergency. We are putting our strength to work there, using our financial performance to drive concrete healthcare, social and economic initiatives, just as we do wherever we are present. In doing so, we are assisting the beating heart of Italy's most productive and hard-working self. The Bank, with the ties that bind it to Brescia, will also work closely with the Municipality and the Diocese in a program that truly benefits those most in need".

Intesa Sanpaolo has also made available its <u>forfunding.it</u> crowdfunding platform for the #aiutiAMObrescia project – promoted by the Giornale di Brescia news group in collaboration with the Fondazione della Comunità Bresciana – to raise funds for the purchase of ventilators and medical equipment for hospitals in Brescia. The campaign has already raised  $\[ \in \] 240,000,$  and Intesa Sanpaolo is committed to supporting local healthcare with further interventions through the #aiutiAMObrescia project.

Intesa Sanpaolo has already included Brescia, one of the areas worst hit by the health emergency, in many of its support programmes. In fact, in the context of the four-year collaboration with the food bank **Fondazione Banco Alimentare**, in 2019, 12 thousand kg of food was collected, providing 25 thousand meals to 16 thousand people through 83 charitable structures. The Bank also supports the **Siticibo** project, which, every day, collects excess freshly cooked unused food from the catering sector (hotels, company and school canteens, restaurants) and from supermarkets and immediately distributes a further 2,600 kg of food, equating to 17,400 portions of food distributed to 5,500 people. Intesa Sanpaolo also has in place a four-year partnership with Fondazione Banco Farmaceutico Onlus, which in February - during the **Giornata di Raccolta dei Farmaci** organised in February each year - collected 11,400 medicines from 100 pharmacies in Brescia, to be donated to 4,200 sick individuals who could not afford to buy them. In collaboration with the Calzedonia Group, **4,000 items of underwear** were donated to patients in hospitals who were unable to receive visits from their loved one due to the quarantine measures.

Intesa Sanpaolo has also supported the #aiutiAMObrescia project launched by Fondazione Comunità Bresciana and the newspaper Giornale di Brescia, in collaboration with Fondazione Cariplo, by making



available the **forfunding.it platform**, which has so far raised 240 thousand euro to buy ventilators and other medical equipment for hospitals in Brescia.

Through the actions completed and those in the pipeline, Intesa Sanpaolo is providing tangible support to the Brescia area **by working alongside the local community** in tackling and resolving the health emergency. This commitment is part of a broader national programme of aid which sees the Group as one of the major contributors in Europe and the biggest donor in Italy - a contribution that is made possible by the solidity and strength of Intesa Sanpaolo at national level, which, as always, is reflected in the support provided to the local communities in which the Bank is present.

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