

## Sanofi Australia commits more than \$200,000 for bushfire affected communities

**Sydney, Australia, 10 January 2020** - Sanofi has committed to deliver a support package worth more than \$200,000 for Australia's bushfire affected communities.

Sanofi Australia and New Zealand Country Chair, Karen Hood, said the package recognised the deep desire by Sanofi and its employees to help in the face of the current bushfire disaster.

"There's no doubt that Australia's bushfires are unprecedented and the impact on communities will be felt for years to come," she said.

"Over recent months we have worked closely with our employees who are in bushfire affected areas and helped where we could as they had to leave homes, defend and support communities, and take in loved ones.

"The package we are now committing to deliver is, we believe, the best way that we can continue to support our people, communities in need, and the many local heroes who have already given so much across so many months to save homes, towns, natural areas and wildlife."

Sanofi's package of support totals more than \$200,000 and includes:

- A \$150,000 donation to The Australian Red Cross Disaster Relief and Recovery Appeal in recognition of the exceptional work of The Red Cross during the current crisis and the service they will continue to provide during the recovery period.
- Up to a further \$30,000 to dollar match Sanofi Australia and New Zealand employee donations to The Australian Red Cross Disaster Relief and Recovery Appeal.
- The establishment of an initial \$30,000 grants program to help Sanofi employees make a difference in their community. Employees will be able to apply for grants in partnership with local charitable organisations.
- Ongoing support for local fire brigades who request donations of Sanofi consumer healthcare products including Gastrolyte and Betadine.
- Ongoing support for employees who wish to volunteer to help bushfire affected communities with Sanofi's standard five days of volunteer leave accessible for all employees. Employees will also be able to access longer term volunteering options.

Sanofi will also continue to work closely with pharmacies, wholesale partners and state departments to ensure the needs of bushfire affected pharmacies are prioritised and our essential medicines reach those in need.

“When developing this support package we have sought to consider the immediate needs of communities as well as the longer term impacts associated with recovery,” said Karen Hood.

“Along with the rest of Australia, we will continue to monitor this ongoing crisis and always seek to do our bit to provide support where we can.”

Any clinician, pharmacist or Sanofi patient who is in a bushfire affected area and requires advice or support related to our medicines should contact Sanofi Medical Information on 1800 818 806.

### About Sanofi

Sanofi is dedicated to supporting people through their health challenges. We are a global biopharmaceutical company focused on human health. We prevent illness with vaccines, provide innovative treatments to fight pain and ease suffering. We stand by the few who suffer from rare diseases and the millions with long-term chronic conditions.

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