

# Cipla stands strong with India in the battle against COVID-19

- Sets-up an INR 25 crore 'Caring for Life' COVID-19 dedicated Fund to support patients, the healthcare ecosystem and communities. Includes contribution from employees towards this compassionate cause
- Launches a spate of relief efforts for advance testing, to safeguard healthcare providers and extend humanitarian care to communities with supplies of medicines, essential hygiene items and food

Mumbai, India; April 21, 2020: Cipla Limited (BSE: 500087; NSE: CIPLA EQ; and hereafter referred to as "Cipla"), today announced an INR 25 crore fund to support the Indian Government's efforts to effectively combat the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes a voluntary donation of approximately INR 3 crore from Cipla employees who have stepped forward in this hour of national need. Through its wide-ranging relief efforts, the Company is focusing on initiatives that have the maximum impact and reach. It is currently supporting public health institutions, frontline healthcare workers, vulnerable patients and communities struggling in the aftermath.

Of the INR 25 crores set aside for COVID response, the Company has announced a donation of INR 9 crore to the PM CARES Fund. In addition, Cipla has announced a donation of INR 8 crore to different State authorities. These contributions will help to further several immediate and long-term relief efforts that the country needs to combat the size and scale of the crisis it is confronted with. Over and above, Cipla Foundation, the social responsibility arm of Cipla, has committed INR 4 crore towards COVID response programmes, many of which are already underway. The Company has also allocated INR 4 crore towards the supply of essentials including medicines, personal protective equipment, sanitisers, masks, gloves and food. Cipla is committed to combatting the crisis on multiple fronts:

## **Caring for patients**

The company has implemented a spate of stringent safety measures in line with social distancing norms so that manufacturing and distribution of essential medicines can continue despite challenges of remote working. Employees have been working at



manufacturing locations and depots, driven to uphold the interest of patients in these difficult times. Additionally, Cipla has also launched a toll-free helpline to assist its patients in procuring essential medication across therapies from pharmacies and health-care institutions. Through its Foundation, the company has been supporting public health and charitable hospitals to manage the crisis and serve vulnerable patients in need. Since Maharashtra is one of the worst affected, the Foundation has partnered with several hospitals in Mumbai to strengthen the state's healthcare infrastructure to tackle the pandemic. Towards this, the organization has supported the setting-up of a COVID-19 24/7 testing laboratory at JJ Hospital that will benefit over 4,000 patients as well as the city's only isolation ward for pediatric patients suspected of having COVID-19 at the BJ Wadia Hospital for Children. The Cipla Palliative Care & Training Centre in Pune continues to offer 24/7 care to patients and families during this challenging time.

## Caring for the healthcare workforce

To safeguard frontline healthcare workers, the Company is supplying essential items like masks, PPE, gloves and sanitizers to over 10,000 doctors, paramedics and associated institutions including tertiary municipal and district hospitals Webinar series are also being organised through industry bodies like the Indian Chest Society, International Diabetes Federation to equip healthcare workers with necessary information on the pandemic. Through its Foundation, the company is aiming to connect doctors and healthcare workers across India with the AIIMS and ICMR led knowledge network on COVID-19 through ECHO India-a technology-based knowledge sharing platform. These online facilities, the first in India for the pandemic, will be set up at leading government and medical colleges.

#### Caring for the community

In furtherance of its responsibility to the community, Cipla is providing essential supplies, such as medicines, PPEs, food packets, sanitizers, masks, and gloves to those engaged in essential services like the police and public transport operators as well as individuals living near the Company's facilities. Cipla Foundation continues to partner with organizations on the ground as well as with the local administration to reach those most in need.

#### **About Cipla:**

Established in 1935, Cipla is a global pharmaceutical company focused on agile and sustainable growth, complex generics, and deepening portfolio in our home markets of India, South Africa, North America, and key regulated and emerging markets. Our



strengths in the respiratory, anti-retroviral, urology, cardiology, anti-infective and CNS segments are well-known. Our 46 manufacturing sites around the world produce 50+ dosage forms and 1,500+ products using cutting-edge technology platforms to cater to our 80+ markets. Cipla is ranked 3rd largest in pharma in India (IQVIA MAT Feb'20), 3rd largest in the pharma private market in South Africa (IQVIA MAT Feb'20), and is among the most dispensed generic players in the U.S. For over eight decades, making a difference to patients has inspired every aspect of Cipla's work. Our paradigm-changing offer of a triple anti-retroviral therapy in HIV/AIDS at less than a dollar a day in Africa in 2001 is widely acknowledged as having contributed to bringing inclusiveness, accessibility and affordability to the centre of the HIV movement. A responsible corporate citizen, Cipla's humanitarian approach to healthcare in pursuit of its purpose of 'Caring for Life' and deep-rooted community links wherever it is present make it a partner of choice to global health bodies, peers and all stakeholders. For more, please visit www.cipla.com, or click on Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn.

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