



COVID-19 Epidemic. The UBI Banca Group is supporting health institutions and research centres that are working directly to manage the crisis with a donation of €5 million. Initiatives to assist families and businesses are continuing

Milan 18th March – UBI Banca’s Board of Directors chaired by Letizia Moratti has approved a budget of **€5 million** to make charitable donations to fund institutions and organisations that are working directly to manage this Covid 19 epidemic.

The donations will be made in co-operation with community foundations linked to the Bank and they will take place in local areas in which the Bank operates, with a special focus on **Lombardy and the provinces of Bergamo and Brescia**, which are currently among the worst hit. In order to show its immediate concrete commitment UBI Banca is donating two ambulances which will be deployed very rapidly in these two provinces.

The foundations which have contributed to this effort are Fondazione UBI Banca Popolare di Bergamo, Fondazione UBI Per Varese, Fondazione UBI Banco di Brescia, UBI Fondazione CAB and Fondazione Banca Popolare Commercio e Industria.

The institutions benefiting from the funding, which have already been selected and which will be announced within the next 48 hours, include hospitals and research centres that are working directly on initiatives to contain the spread of the virus and to assist patients and local communities affected by the epidemic.

“The UBI Banca Group is there for Italy and for its local communities that have enabled it to grow over the years”, said Victor Massiah, Chief Executive Officer of the UBI Banca Group. “In this extraordinary situation of crisis we feel a strong sense of responsibility towards the local economies and communities with whom we work and with whom we have always been in contact”.

This project forms part of a series of urgent measures which have seen the Bank mobilise to assist businesses and individuals directly affected by the crisis in recent weeks. They should contact their branches and their relative corporate centres for details.

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