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## News Release

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Emergency aid to fight the corona pandemic in Italy:

### **Bayer donates one million euros for hospitals in Lombardy**

Chairman of the Board of Management, Baumann: "Our emergency aid is designed to help support hospitals and hospital staff during the crisis."

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**Leverkusen, March 18, 2020** – Bayer is supporting hospitals in Lombardy, Italy, with a donation of one million euros. The money is being added to an aid fund that the regional authorities in Lombardy have set up to help procure urgently needed equipment for intensive care units in hospitals with the greatest needs. "Our colleagues in Italy are working with unbelievable commitment to maintain the supply of our medicines. On top of that, our emergency aid is designed to help support hospitals and hospital staff during the crisis," says Werner Baumann, Chairman of the Board of Management of Bayer AG.

Lombardy is by far the region of Italy worst affected by the corona pandemic. Hospitals there are reaching the limits of their capacity.

Besides Italy, Bayer has already sent considerable financial and material support to China to help contain the pandemic. Bayer will continue to provide affected regions and countries with rapid and unbureaucratic assistance as part of its corporate social responsibility.

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