

We continue to engage in strategic donations to address access gaps for neglected and infectious diseases (e.g., leprosy) and people at the bottom of the pyramid.

CMLPath to Care™

CMLPath to Care™ is a unique global initiative that connects people living with chronic myeloid leukemia (CML) and their caregivers with effective treatments, professional medical capabilities, trained physicians and hands-on support. The initiative is directed by The Max Foundation with support from Novartis through drug donations and funding. CMLPath to Care is an evolution of the agreement between The Max Foundation and Novartis Oncology for the original Glivec® International Patient Assistance Program (GIPAP), which beginning in 2002 provided medication at no cost to properly diagnosed patients in lower-income countries without access to reimbursement or funding mechanisms and to patients unable to pay for the medication.

Novartis has committed USD 29 million from 2017 to 2021 in the form of financial support and 150 million tablets to cover treatment for approximately 36 000 patients. The donation program will make Glivec® and Tasigna® available to patients with CML, helping lead to expanded access.

[Learn more about CML Path to Care in our infographic \(PDF 0.4 MB\)](#)

Leprosy

Over the past 30 years, more than 15 million leprosy patients have been treated and the incidence of the disease has declined significantly – a tremendous public health success. Since 2000, Novartis has helped fight the disease by donating multidrug therapy (MDT) to leprosy patients worldwide through the World Health Organization, helping treat more than 7.3 million patients.

In 2020, we renewed our pledge to work to end leprosy by extending our donation of MDT medicines through 2025. [Learn more about the Novartis Foundation's efforts to eliminate leprosy](#)

Fascioliasis

Fascioliasis, commonly known as liver fluke, is caused by two species of parasitic flatworms or trematodes that mainly affect the liver. It belongs to the group of foodborne trematode infections. WHO estimates that at least 2.4 million people are infected in more than 70 countries worldwide, with several million at risk.

Triclabendazole is the only medicine recommended by WHO against fascioliasis and is on the WHO Model List of Essential Medicines.

Since 2005, Novartis has provided Egaten® free of charge through the WHO to people with fascioliasis worldwide. Since the start of the donation program, Novartis has donated approximately 4 million tablets of Egaten, valued at USD 41 million, helping to treat around 2 million people with fascioliasis in more than 30 countries. In 2018, Novartis reaffirmed its commitment to the fight against fascioliasis, signing a renewed memorandum of understanding with the WHO to extend the Egaten drug donation until 2022.

Donation programs for disaster relief

In the case of a disaster, we work with the international community and our local country organizations on the

ground. Our aim is to deliver our support as quickly as possible in order to achieve the greatest possible impact for those directly affected.

Our Disaster Relief Process enables us to make timely decisions (within 72 hours after an event strikes) and deliver aid in a sustainable and transparent manner based on the needs of affected communities. Depending on the situation, our aid includes medicine donations, funds and/or matching gift programs.

As a first priority, two categories of Novartis drugs are made available: antibiotics and analgesics. All our drug donations comply with the WHO's checklist for Drug Donations. Beyond drugs, Novartis is guided by the Emergency Health Kit list provided by the IDA Foundation.

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