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**THE HONGKONG BANK FOUNDATION
COVID-19 RELIEF IMPROVES CONDITION AT CARE HOMES**
Emergency Support to Over 134,000 Elderly and People with Disabilities

The Hongkong Bank Foundation is making a donation to equip care homes with much needed medical equipment, quarantine supplies and temporary staff to control COVID-19 infections under a new programme called “Emergency Support Programme”. More than 134,000 individuals including those residing in 600 elderly care homes and facilities for the disabled are expected to benefit.

This is the third initiative supported by The Hongkong Bank Foundation under its HKD100 million COVID-19 relief donation. The first two projects – “Hong Kong Red Cross COVID-19 Support Hotline” and “Door-to-Door Vaccination Programme” – were launched in late February and March respectively.

Peter WONG, Chairman, The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited, and The Hongkong Bank Foundation, said, “Hundreds of residential care homes and facilities for people with disabilities have recorded infections in this wave of the pandemic. A holistic approach to address the situation requires sanitation and hygiene improvements, alongside vaccination programmes. I would like to acknowledge the extraordinary efforts of our NGO partners, who are supporting vulnerable groups in Hong Kong in different ways. Only when we work together, we will be able to overcome the challenges.”

Operated by The Hong Kong Council of Social Service (HKCSS), the “Emergency Support Programme” will provide temporary care workers and medical equipment, including mobile air purifiers, oxygen concentrators, rapid antigen test kits, professional deep cleaning services and dispensation of medication to care homes based on their needs.

The Programme will also reach out to different NGOs to provide the emergency supplies to home-bound and bed-ridden individuals. This complements the “Door-to-door Vaccination Programme”. Over 200 doctors, 400 nurses and 400 care ambassadors have formed outreach teams to

achieve 30,000 home vaccination visits in the coming months. Over 10,000 individuals will benefit. A group of HSBC Volunteers will donate their time to support the operation of a dedicated hotline.

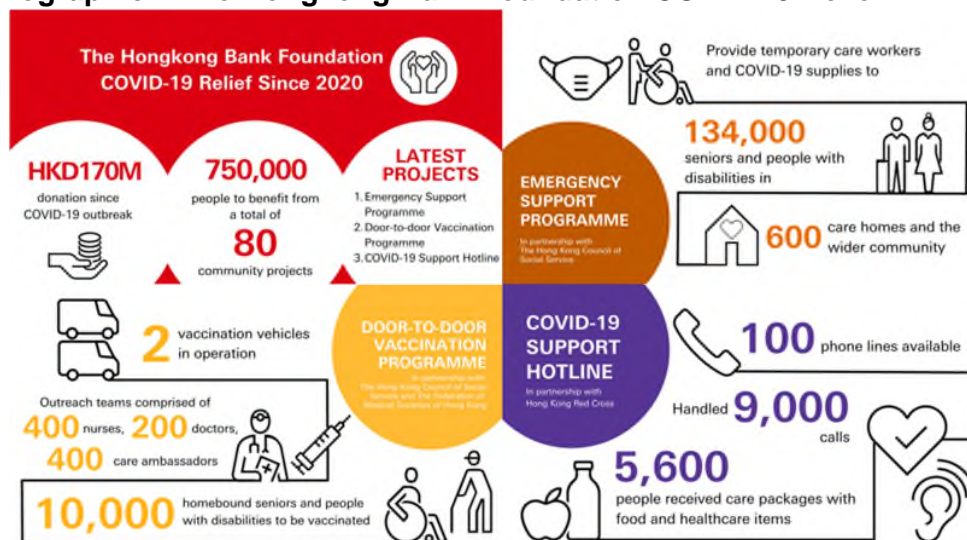
In its first month of operation, the “Hong Kong Red Cross COVID-19 Support Hotline” has handled 9,000 calls, provided psychological support to more than 70 people and delivered care packages with healthcare items or food to over 5,600 people.

Since the start of the pandemic, the Foundation has pledged to support COVID-19 relief efforts, which have helped to mitigate the financial, mental and physical toll that it has taken on society. These include more than HKD170 million of charitable donations to the Hong Kong community, as well as financial relief for individual and business customers provided by HSBC.

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Note to editors:

Infographic – The Hongkong Bank Foundation COVID-19 Relief



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