Serving Our Communities
Support for Lives and Health in Local Communities

Terumo aims to aid patients and healthcare professionals through its business activities while also offering support for the development of healthcare infrastructure and society and for the resolution of local issues in the communities in which it develops its business. Each associate at the Terumo Group acts as a responsible member of their communities by engaging in social contribution activities that are rooted in their communities to contribute to the realization of a sustainable society.

Supporting the Development and Spread of Healthcare

Aid in Response to the Global COVID-19 Pandemic

Terumo has donated a total of US$2.4 million in support of combating the global COVID-19 pandemic. These donations comprise US$1.4 million in products, including thermometers and the Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO) systems for treating COVID-19 patients, and financial support as well as US$1.0 million donated to the COVID-19 Solidarity Response Fund for WHO, established to support the World Health Organization.

The COVID-19 Solidarity Response Fund for WHO is a fund established by the United Nations Foundation and the Swiss Philanthropy Foundation to support efforts to combat the global COVID-19 pandemic. This fund is supporting research on COVID-19, infection prevention, treatment, and the provision of supplies and information to healthcare professionals active on the front lines of medicine. It is also promoting research on vaccines, testing systems, and treatment methods.

Terumo supplies a wide range of products for healthcare institutions, including ECMO systems, apheresis systems, and other devices for treating viruses as well as medical devices, pharmaceuticals, and nutrients used in daily clinical practices. We have also been coordinating with numerous healthcare professionals and government agencies to furnish flexible responses to the pandemic.

Blood Donation Activities in Countries throughout the World

Meanwhile, the global COVID-19 pandemic is placing a strain on global blood reserves. To address this issue, Terumo Group associates around the world have been taking part in blood donation drives. In Japan, we held internal blood donation drives at business sites nationwide over the period from February to April 2020. Approximately 400 associates took part in these drives.

Blood Drives around the World

Japan

India

China

United States

Turkey

Terumo BCT and Marker Therapeutics Received the First Device FDA Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) to Treat Acute Respiratory Failure in COVID-19 Patients

On April 9, 2020, a Terumo centrifugal apheresis system received emergency use authorization from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to treat COVID-19 patients. This authorization is conditional, requiring the system to be used in conjunction with the D2000 Adsorption Cartridge of Switzerland’s Marker Therapeutics AG and only on patients age 18 or above admitted into intensive care units with confirmed or imminent respiratory failure. The devices work together to address cytokine storm syndrome, an excessive immune response caused by cytokines, a protein contained in blood, that can accompany serious respiratory issues. Moreover, the authorization is only applicable during the period deemed to represent a public health emergency in the United States (authorization for this application has not been received in Japan).
Supporting Early Diagnosis of Children with Congenital Heart Disease in India

Congenital heart disease (CHD) is a neonatal birth defect resulting from the abnormal development of the heart that can affect the interior walls of the heart, the valves inside the heart, or the arteries and veins that carry blood to the heart or the body. It is said that nine out of 1,000 newborns in India have CHD, and it is one of the leading causes of infant mortality in this country. However, roughly 90% of these infants can be treated if their CHD is detected through early examinations.

Terumo Group subsidiary Terumo India Pvt. Ltd. (TIPL), which sells oxygenators and other devices used in cardiac surgeries, partners with Bangalore-based NGO Aishwarya Trust to conduct prescreening camps in order to identify children suffering from CHD and support those diagnosed with the disease in undergoing surgical correction. In fiscal 2019, TIPL was able to support 48 camps that screened 7,152 underprivileged and high-risk children susceptible to CHD and provided surgical treatment and care to 93 children from these camps diagnosed with CHD.

Medical Experience Program for Junior High School Students

Since fiscal 2018, Terumo has been holding the Terumo Junior Medical Challenge, a medical experience program aimed at the children who will shape the future and designed to help deepen their understanding regarding various medical professions to be used in choosing their future career path. The Terumo Junior Medical Challenge takes place at Terumo Medical Pranex, a training facility that recreates hospital and other medical settings. In fiscal 2019, a total of 60 students participated from applicable junior high schools in the area surrounding the facility in Kanagawa Prefecture. Participants were given the opportunity to experience various aspects of the healthcare field. These experiences included cardiopulmonary resuscitation using automated external defibrillators (AEDs) and chest compression techniques, vascular interventional therapy, and product development (condensed liquid nutrients). After the program, participating junior high school students offered comments with some stating that the program had increased their desire to work in the medical field and others expressing that, while they had not previously been interested in the medical field, they found the product development experience incredibly engaging and are now considering this as a career option.

Support for Disaster-Stricken Areas

Guided by its Group mission of “Contributing to Society through Healthcare,” the Terumo Group provides relief to areas impacted by earthquakes, typhoons, and other natural disasters through financial assistance as well as donations of thermometers, blood pressure monitors, and other Terumo products.

In fiscal 2019, we donated a total of ¥12.0 million (including roughly ¥3.5 million collected from associates) to the Japanese Red Cross Society to provide disaster relief support following Typhoon Hagibis, which devastated East Japan in October 2019.

Furthermore, in March 2020 Terumo Asia Holdings Pte. Ltd. (Singapore), Terumo BCT Inc. (Colorado, United States), Terumo BCT Australia Pty., Ltd., and Terumo Australia Pty. Ltd. collectively donated US$100,000 to Samaritan’s Purse Australia Limited, an NPO that provides disaster relief, and BlazeAid Inc., an Australian volunteer support organization, to support recovery efforts for the Australian bushfire disaster. Furthermore, supportive Australian associates volunteered at a food bank. Terumo also offered support to wildlife organizations through the donation of medical products, such as syringes and the blood bags used for transfusions, to aid the recovery of injured animals.

Support for Local Communities

Efforts in Europe, the Middle East, and Africa

Terumo Europe N.V. has an EMEA-wide corporate citizenship program. Every legal entity across EMEA has a responsible CSR Ambassador that organizes locally relevant initiatives for the Terumo associates to participate in and to support the local communities surrounding them.