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# GILEAD COMMITS US\$500,000 IN FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE SUPPORT TO COMMUNITIES IN NEED IN SINGAPORE, HONG KONG, SOUTH KOREA AND TAIWAN

**SINGAPORE**, **30 June 2020** – In response to unprecedented challenges facing some of the hardest hit communities in Singapore, Hong Kong, South Korea and Taiwan, Gilead Sciences today announces a commitment of over US\$500,000 of financial and resource support to charities across Asia, as part of its first Asia-wide corporate social responsibility program, "Creating Possible For Our Communities".

Part of the donation will be used to provide basic necessities to 1,200 lower-income families, provide education resources to over 1,000 underprivileged children, public health education in relation to COVID-19, and cash donations to community-based organizations to allow them to continue to provide vital care services to HIV and hepatitis patients. Recipients include Food from the Heart in Singapore, KRX Happy Foundation in South Korea, St. James' Settlement in Hong Kong and Homeless Taiwan in Taipei.

"The Creating Possible For Our Communities program recognizes the needs of those that have suffered during the crisis. The COVID-19 pandemic has devastated economies and livelihoods, and as a member of our local communities, we believe that our response needs to extend beyond our scientific work with remdesivir," said Andrew Hexter, Vice President and General Manager - Asia 5, Gilead Sciences.

The "Creating Possible For Our Communities" program comprises of three initiatives: 1) Gilead Step Up Challenge, an employee-driven virtual run for charity event; 2) Gilead Asia Community Relief Initiative; and 3) Gilead CARES Grantee Fund.

Ms Sim Bee Hia, Chief Executive Officer of Food from the Heart said the pandemic has created pockets of 'new poor' who lost their income overnight with some so severely affected that they have no choice but to turn to charities to survive.

"We really appreciate the generous support from Gilead and its employees. The donation allows us to accommodate and meet the increasing demand for help. Gilead sets an excellent example of how a corporate can garner support from its staff and partners to support the vulnerable in our community. As we anticipate more needs, we hope more corporates will do likewise," she said.

### **About Gilead Sciences**

Gilead Sciences, Inc. is a research-based biopharmaceutical company that discovers, develops and commercializes innovative medicines in areas of unmet medical need. The company strives to transform and simplify care for people with life-threatening illnesses around the world. Gilead has operations in more than 35 countries worldwide, with headquarters in Foster City, California. For more information on Gilead Sciences, please visit the company's website at <a href="https://www.gilead.com">www.gilead.com</a>.



## **About Creating Possible For Our Communities**

For more than 30 years, Gilead has pursued breakthroughs that were once thought to be impossible. A few months back, we unveiled a new brand statement – Creating Possible – that honors our history and recognizes our commitment to a healthier, better world for everyone.

Creating Possible drives everything we do. It's evident in our mission and core values, as well as in our work to launch programs that help improve access to care by eliminating barriers and advancing disease education.

The COVID-19 pandemic is more than simply a public health crisis; it's a social, economic and humanitarian one. Gilead is not only committed to supporting the extraordinary efforts of frontline physicians and public health systems through our clinical work with remdesivir, we are also deploying significant resources globally to support the local communities where we live.

It is in the spirit of Creating Possible and giving back to our communities that we launch our first regional social responsibility initiative: "Creating Possible For Our Communities".

This year's Creating Possible For Our Communities program comprises of three initiatives:

- 1. Gilead Step Up Challenge: A virtual run for charity competition solely driven by Gilead's employees across Asia. Employees from each affiliate will clock as many steps as possible in order to raise funds for the charity of their choice.
- **2. Gilead Asia Community Relief Initiative:** Through partnerships with local non-profit organizations, this initiative provides financial support and resources to underprivileged groups and individuals impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **3. Gilead CARES Grantee Fund:** A global fund established to provide financial support to current grantees facing an imminent closure or termination of vital services due to losses attributable to the COVID-19 pandemic. The fund will provide up to US\$20 million in donations to these non-profit groups.

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