

Global health equity and waste reduction drives Sanofi support for Kits4Life

Australia, 20 November 2023. Sanofi Australia has become the first healthcare organisation to submit a donation offer to the Kits4Life initiative, down under.

Kits4Life is a cross-sector initiative developed by the clinical research community and administered by **MedSurplus Alliance**. It repurposes clinical trial supplies, lab kits, and equipment to close the healthcare gap worldwide. Sanofi is a founding member of Kits4Life globally and is proud to be the first to make a donation offer in Australia.

Until now, the current industry standard is to have clinical trial sites destroy any unused supplies after the completion of a trial. The destruction of medical and lab supplies is wasteful and can be burdensome and costly to these sites. Kits4Life helps convert the process into meaningful global health action and decreases the generation of medical waste.

The secure non-profit Kits4Life platform, has been used in the United States to direct unused clinical trial supplies toward humanitarian aid and research in developing countries since around 2018.

Donated supplies are managed according to the MedSurplus Alliance Code of Conduct Standards and in alignment with World Health Organisation guidelines. Kits4Life provides members with governance, legal standards, education, consulting, implementation tools, and a tested online platform that enables donors to repurpose supplies and equipment safely.

Lori Warrens

Director, MedSurplus Alliance

“Kits4Life supporters, including Sanofi, share in a vision that surplus medical supplies have the potential to deliver life-saving aid to those in need throughout the world. By eliminating medical supply stock-outs and creating access to quality supplies and medical equipment, we can remove a significant barrier to reducing patient morbidity and mortality in low-income and underprivileged settings.”

Maddy Brocklehurst

Head of Clinical Studies Unit, Australia & New Zealand

“Clinical trials are a critical stage of the development ecosystem of new medicines, devices or vaccines and the people who participate in clinical trials present remarkable opportunity to make a meaningful difference worldwide. However, in the past, clinical trials have had an environmental impact with the unused supplies ending up in landfill.

“Kits4Life’s work helps the clinical trial community create more value by putting materials bound for landfill in the hands of researchers in developing countries and clinicians in humanitarian aid situations.

“Our support for this initiative is a joint collaboration effort between our research and development, corporate social responsibility and our clinical sciences and operations teams across the globe.”

About MedSurplus Alliance

The MedSurplus Alliance (MSA) is a cross-sector alliance that works collaboratively to improve access to quality donated medical equipment and supplies through accreditation, capacity-building, management and technology solutions, and leadership. Work by the MSA is organised by strategic initiatives and projects that aim to increase the efficiency, value, scope, and quality of donations. www.medsurplusalliance.org

About Sanofi

We are an innovative global healthcare company, driven by one purpose: we chase the miracles of science to improve people's lives. Our team, across some 100 countries, is dedicated to transforming the practice of medicine by working to turn the impossible into the possible. We provide potentially life-changing treatment options and life-saving vaccine protection to millions of people globally, while putting sustainability and social responsibility at the centre of our ambitions.

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