

International Gaucher Month

Marking 25 Years of The Gaucher Initiative: A Milestone in Rare Disease Care

Cairo, Egypt, [October 31, 2024] – In view of the International Gaucher Month, this year, Sanofi, through Foundation S, its philanthropic organization and in partnership with Project HOPE, marks the 25th anniversary of **The Gaucher Initiative**, a cornerstone of the Sanofi Rare Humanitarian Program.

Since its inception in 1999, the program has been dedicated to providing patients with Gaucher disease access to life-changing therapy, regardless of their ability to pay. Over the past 25 years, this initiative has not only brought treatment to rare disease patients in Egypt but has also significantly advanced the understanding and management of Gaucher disease across the country.

As of today, the Gaucher Initiative continues to support rare disease patients, with more than **30% of the patients** have been receiving therapy for over 20 years. In total, Sanofi through Foundation S, its philanthropic organization has donated over **400,000 vials** of life-saving treatments through this program. This sustained commitment from all partners including specialized local and international experts, has led to supporting early diagnosis of newborn children, providing the suitable treatment, and better disease management of Gaucher disease.

The program's success extends beyond Gaucher disease. Sanofi's Rare Humanitarian Program through Foundation S has also provided support to an additional number of patients in Egypt across rare diseases, including Pompe, Fabry, and Acid Sphingomyelinase Deficiency (ASMD), broadening the reach of compassionate care reaching more than 67,685 doses.

Dr. Pramod K. Mistry

Professor of Pediatrics & Internal Medicine at Yale University School of Medicine, and the chair of the international experts committee for the Gaucher Initiative highlighted the global impact of this initiative:

"The mission of the Gaucher Initiative is rooted in the timeless values of care and healing, while pushing the boundaries of modern science. This humanitarian program is a testament to what can be achieved when we unite ancient wisdom traditions in Egypt and the future to build an ecosystem of care for children affected by Gaucher disease. It is a beacon of collaboration, compassion, and cutting-edge care."

Reflecting on the humanitarian aspect, **Dr. Reda Mansour** Country Director of Project HOPE in Egypt, said:

"For 25 years, this partnership has been about more than just treatment; it's about bringing hope to patients and their families. The Gaucher Initiative has empowered the diagnosis and management of this rare disease in Egypt, aiming that no patient is left behind."

Dr. Alaa Hamed

Global Head of Rare Disease Medical Affairs at Sanofi, reinforced the importance of continued collaboration:

"This milestone is a powerful reminder of what can be achieved when we work together with a shared purpose. Sanofi remains deeply committed to supporting patients with rare diseases through programs like the Gaucher Initiative, which has transformed lives and strengthened the expertise of local physicians."

Dr. Amal El-Beshlawy

Professor of pediatric hematology and head of the pediatric hematology and Gaucher disease treatment center Cairo university mentioned:

"Sanofi's unique unprecedented, rare humanitarian program has been dedicated to support and follow up our lysosomal storage disorders patients by delivering medicines and all the unmet needs for the patients' investigations and follow up for 25 years."

Dr. Azza Tantawy

Professor of Pediatrics and Pediatric Hematology/Oncology at Ain Shams University, and the President of the Egyptian Scientific Foundation of Rare Diseases in Children highlighted the program's success stories:

"Throughout my career, I have witnessed children who were diagnosed with Gaucher disease grow up to lead normal, healthy lives thanks to the awareness and support provided by this program. It has not only saved lives but has also given these children the opportunity to thrive, fulfilling their potential and dreams."

The Gaucher Initiative's 25th anniversary signifies not only a successful past but also a step toward a future of continued innovation and compassionate care. As Sanofi and Project HOPE look ahead, they remain dedicated to improving the lives of rare disease patients in Egypt and beyond.

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 center of our ambitions.

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About Foundation S

The Sanofi Collective, Sanofi's philanthropic organization, is dedicated to spearheading global health transformation, focusing on the world's most vulnerable populations. Through its five programs, it addresses childhood cancer, provides humanitarian support - including crisis responses and rare disease donation programs - works to eliminate tropical diseases, and promotes social initiatives in France through Les Grandes Causes France. Additionally, Foundation S is at the forefront of tackling the health impacts of climate change. Under the leadership of Vanina Laurent-Ledru, the Foundation combines global and local strategies, fostering collaboration through partnerships and expert mobilization.

About Project HOPE

Project HOPE is a leading global health and humanitarian organization with over 65 years of experience transforming the health and well-being of communities around the world.

With over 1,000 employees in more than 25 countries across five continents, we work hand-in-hand with local health workers and health systems to provide urgent relief and transformative solutions that drive lasting impact.

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