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BASF & University of Nairobi Collaborate to Support COVID-19 Efforts

- **Collaboration with University of Nairobi to manufacture handwash to be distributed for free**
- **Donation delivered to the Council of Governors to help curb the spread of the virus**

Nairobi, August 12, 2020. BASF, one of the world's leading chemical companies, has collaborated with the Chemistry Department of the University of Nairobi to produce a handwash that will be distributed for free in urgent need areas as part of the company's global "Helping Hands" initiative.

BASF and the University of Nairobi believe that the current pandemic can be controlled if all of us work together by following government guidelines as well as taking special action to make a contribution to the communities in which we operate. We all have a role to play to help alleviate the impact of the pandemic.

"The demand for handwash has surged since the outbreak of the pandemic which has no cure yet but can mostly be prevented through the frequent washing of hands", said Michael Gotsche, Vice-President, Africa and Managing Director BASF East Africa Ltd. "BASF has worked with the University of Nairobi to begin the formulation and production of handwash at the university's Detergent Production Unit. Our donation will provide help in vulnerable areas where it is most needed as the infection numbers continue to climb," he said.

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In addition to the donation of 8,000pcs 500ml bottles of handwash, BASF will contribute to the development of technical expertise and best practices by supporting the university's Detergent Production Unit to enhance local production of quality handwash and sanitizers leveraging on the company's global expertise.

Vice Chancellor, Prof. Kiama Gitahi is pleased with the partnership. He observed; "The production and donation of such quality and affordable handwash to the counties is a testimony that partnerships between Universities and Industries is a critical bridge in development. It can create positive impact on the community. The donation is consistent with our key value of CARE and the University's mission to impact on communities through its core mandates".

"I would like to extend my sincere thanks to individuals and corporates who continue to advance the fight against the pandemic with their commitment and support through their various strengths. We are in this together and we will get through it together," said Gotsche.

About BASF

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About the University of Nairobi

The University of Nairobi, a body corporate established under the Universities Act 2012 of the laws of Kenya and the University of Nairobi Charter. It is the pioneer university in Kenya and the most prestigious in Eastern and Central Africa.

The University of Nairobi has continued to respond to national, regional and Africa's development needs by providing high level manpower training from diversified academic programs and specializations in basic sciences, applied sciences, technology, engineering, medicine, humanities, social sciences and the arts.

These programs are offered in the Colleges of Agriculture and Veterinary Sciences; Architecture and Engineering; Biological and Physical Sciences; Education and External Studies; Health Sciences and Humanities and Social Sciences. To facilitate distance and e-learning is the Open, Distance and e-learning Campus (ODeL).

The University has a wide network of global research partners that include the Industry, Universities, Research institutions, government agencies and non-governmental organizations. With the core mandate of teaching, learning and research, and community service the University of Nairobi boasts of a robust academic resource backed by state-of-the-art facilities.

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