



## **BIL donates €5,000 to Médecins du Monde**

**Luxembourg, 26 July 2018: BIL staff members rallied together to collect medicines and toiletries in response to the appeal for donations launched by Médecins du Monde in June. The bank also contributed to this show of solidarity with a €5,000 donation.**

The heavy downpours in Luxembourg in early June caused material damage to Médecins du Monde's medicine supply, which was flooded and had to be partly thrown away.

A partner since 2015, BIL and its staff members wasted no time in responding to the non-profit organisation's appeal for donations. From 18 June to 6 July, the bank organised a major collection of medicines and toiletries. Thanks to the fantastic efforts of its staff, BIL was able to gather more than 300 products (essentials such as toothpaste, moisturisers, mouthwash, paracetamol, etc.). In addition to this generous gesture, the bank also made a donation of €5,000.

The donated products and the €5,000 cheque were presented to Médecins du Monde on 16 July at its Healthcare and Advice Centre in Bonnevoie, Luxembourg City. Through drives like these, the bank helps finance the organisation's activities (more than 90% of its funding comes from donations).

*"We are proud to support Médecins du Monde. Their impressive work reminds us that access to healthcare is not universal, even in our country,"* commented Hugues Delcourt, CEO of Banque Internationale à Luxembourg.

*"In Luxembourg, not everyone has access to healthcare. Some are excluded, unable to exercise their right to healthcare or waiting for their application to be accepted,"* explained Sylvie Martin, General Manager at Médecins du Monde.

Médecins du Monde provides care to vulnerable individuals – the poor, isolated, and those living in unsatisfactory housing conditions – thanks to the work of its teams of volunteers, which include doctors, nurses, dentists, ophthalmologists, psychologists and also non-medical workers.



**About Banque Internationale à Luxembourg (BIL):**

Founded in 1856, Banque Internationale à Luxembourg (BIL) is the oldest multi-business bank in the Grand Duchy. It has always played an active role in the main stages of the development of the Luxembourg economy. It currently operates in retail, private and corporate banking, as well as on capital markets. Employing more than 2,000 people, BIL is present in the financial centres of Luxembourg, Switzerland (since 1984), Denmark (since 2000) and the Middle East (since 2005).  
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**About Médecins du Monde**

Médecins du Monde is an international medical development organisation that provides medical care to people at risk in the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg and across the world by promoting access to and the right to healthcare. Its first aim is to provide care, but the association goes further: as part of its medical activities, Médecins du Monde has experienced first-hand the problems in accessing healthcare, and witnessed human rights violations and abuses of human dignity.

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