Access to care for the most vulnerable:
The Sanofi Espoir Foundation, the French Red Cross, Médecins du Monde and Parisian humanitarian assistance organizations Samusocial and SOLIPAM mobilize to provide solutions

Paris, November 20, 2014: The increasing number of people in France, including families, experiencing vulnerability underlines the emergence of new challenges, with serious health consequences:

- 80% of homeless families living well below the poverty line;¹
- 50% of these families are headed by single parents;¹
- 86% are in a situation of severe food insecurity, which affects their health (anemia, fatigue, etc.)¹

For 15 years, Sanofi has worked with its partners to improve the situation in France. Despite the efforts of all, inequalities continue to widen. In recognition of the need for urgent action to adapt treatment to meet these new needs, the Sanofi Espoir Foundation and its partners Médecins du Monde, the French Red Cross and Paris humanitarian assistance organizations Samusocial and SOLIPAM (Paris Mothers Together) gathered for a roundtable discussion November 20 at the Economic, Social and Environmental Council in the presence of its president, Jean-Paul Delevoye.

Associations’ perspective and building new solutions

In leveraging the experience on the ground of the associations and analyzing gaps that marginalize and affect the health and undermine the social stability of the most vulnerable, the groups are working to find solutions to improve assistance.

Caty Forget, managing director of the Sanofi Espoir Foundation stated: "The idea is to reflect together on the support programs of tomorrow by relying on the expertise of each one: the work of the Samusocial de Paris, including its ENFAMS study to better understand the living conditions, movements and health of homeless families in the Ile-de-France region; the experience of Médecins du Monde in guiding people who have fallen outside the health care system to its Reception, Care and Orientation Centers; the commitment of the French Red Cross, which aids the most disadvantaged through its First Medical Aid shelters and its "Red Cross on Wheels" mobile program to fight against regional inequalities; as well as the monitoring of pregnant women in precarious situations made possible by the SOLIPAM network."
In sharing experiences, networking and developing complementary actions, the objective of this meeting is to sensitize policy makers, medical and social support professionals and citizens regarding the needs of those in vulnerable situations and to mobilize forces around the crucial issue of access to care for the most vulnerable.

Beyond the compelling figures, the roundtable organized by the Sanofi Espoir Foundation seeks to put faces to those living an existence of vulnerability in order to bring together the sociological, economic, medical and human elements.

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<td>• Of the 29,960 people received by Médecins du Monde in 2013, 97% live below the poverty line, 1/3 have a delay in access to care and 20% have foregone treatment during the past 12 months ²</td>
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<td>• According to the French Red Cross ³, less than one in two beneficiaries can be declared healthy, one of two beneficiaries is covered by social security, 1/4 of beneficiaries who have been sick have not seen a doctor and 1/3 of beneficiaries forego care.</td>
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¹ The ENFAMS study (Children of Homeless Families in Ile-de-France) was conducted in 2013/2014 by the Observatory of Samusocial of Paris to alert the public and policy makers about the status of populations that are frequently invisible.

² The 2013 Observatory on access to rights and care of the France Mission of Médecins du Monde is the 11th edition of this annual report, designed to increase knowledge about vulnerable populations in France, often ignored in public health statistics.

³ The "measuring social impact of hygiene and wellness kits" was conducted by OpinionWay for the French Red Cross in partnership with SCA Hygiene Products, following the introduction of the dispensing of hygiene and wellness kits by volunteers and employees of the French Red Cross (mobile teams, reception centers) in 2013-2014.
About Sanofi Espoir Foundation

The Sanofi Espoir Corporate Foundation was created in October 2010 by the Sanofi Group to leverage more than 20 years of international solidarity commitment. Its mission is to help reduce health inequalities, especially among populations most in need, through a socially responsible approach. It focuses its actions on three major areas: the fight against childhood cancer, the fight against maternal and neonatal mortality and access to health care for the poorest populations.

About the French Red Cross

The French Red Cross manages nearly 600 health, community health and education facilities, employs 18,000 people and is supported by 60,000 volunteers. The mission of the association is to fight against all forms of insecurity, bringing relief and assistance to the most vulnerable: people losing social links, dependents as a result of age or disability, endangered children, persons deprived of their freedom or their free will, migrants, victims of conflicts and natural disasters.

About Médecins du Monde

Médecins du Monde is an independent international movement of militants active throughout the world in looking after, advocating and supporting social change. From our innovative medical programs and advocacy based on facts, we enable excluded individuals and their communities to access health care while fighting for universal access to care. A non-governmental organization (NGO), Médecins du Monde acts beyond care. It condemns attacks on dignity and human rights and fights to improve the situation of populations.

About Samusocial of Paris

For 20 years, Samusocial of Paris has been responding to the needs of people in the streets of Paris experiencing physical and social distress. Mobile aid teams, emergency shelters, day care, an emergency number, shelter beds or nursing beds, Samusocial adapts its mission to meet changing needs.

About SOLIPAM

Founded in 2006, SOLIPAM (Paris Mothers Together) is the regional perinatal health network for pregnant women and their children in vulnerable health situations in the Ile-de-France region. Its founding members are the Protestant Social Action Center, the public interest group Samusocial of Paris, Assistance Publique-Hôpitaux de Paris and the Department of Family and Early Childhood of the City of Paris.

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