



Faced with the health emergency situation that the country is experiencing due to the global COVID-19 pandemic, JBG, which has provided medical and hospital care for 132 years with its hospital units located in Guayaquil, the most affected city due to the pandemic, it has allocated all available resources to face the health crisis, but, unfortunately, the demand for COVID-19 cases has overwhelmed us, as has happened in all hospital systems in the world where it has occurred this terrible disease.

We are pleased to see that we are not alone, because the Guayaquil solidarity, once again, is present to announce an upcoming donation of two new definitive diagnostic kits, which will allow us to carry out molecular analysis to determine the presence of COVID-19, together with 4,500 kits to perform the tests. But, despite this very important donation, which certainly constitutes an enormous hope for everyone, it will not be enough and we will need to complement it, in the very short term, with the acquisition of many more kits to carry out the tests. We also require medical supplies and medicines along with personal protective equipment to also safeguard the health of our health personnel.

Unfortunately, meeting all these necessary requirements has exceeded our financial capacity and therefore we urge the solidarity of Ecuadorians, entrepreneurs, microentrepreneurs and other organizations with economic and social activities, to make their donations to the current account No. 5229718 of Banco Bolivariano on behalf of the JBG. Rest assured that these funds will be handled with absolute responsibility, honesty and transparency and that your contributions will help to alleviate this health catastrophe that threatens us relentlessly and from which only by joining efforts will we succeed.

Sincerely, **Roberto Tugendhat Vivar** Executive Director