

Covid-19: Alibaba Foundation, Jack Ma Foundation to donate medical supplies to Africa

As the Covid-19 virus continues to spread around the world, including to countries in Africa, the Jack Ma Foundation and Alibaba Foundation have announced donations, which will include 20,000 testing kits, 100,000 masks and 1,000 protective suits each, to every one of the 54 African nations.



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In total, 1.1 million testing kits, 6 million masks and 60,000 protective suits will be delivered to Addis Ababa capital of Ethiopia. Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed Ali of Ethiopia will take the lead in managing the logistics and onward distribution of the supplies across the African countries.

This donation to African nations is the latest in a series of initiatives from the Jack Ma Foundation and Alibaba Foundation to support areas of the world most affected by the current pandemic, recipient countries include, among others: Japan, South Korea, United States, Italy, Spain and Belgium.

In addition to the donations, the Foundations also announced plans to work with medical institutions in Africa to provide online training material for Covid-19 clinical treatment.

Collaboration and partnership with local governments and stakeholders in the framework of the Alibaba-led Electronic World Trade Platform (eWTP) is crucial in this relief effort. As the first country to join the eWTP, the support of Rwanda Development Board and the close cooperation with Rwanda Biomedical Center are also playing a vital role to enable rapid response and delivery of donated medical supplies.