



Contribution from ALLIANCE ITALIAN COOPERATIVES (Agci/Confcooperative/Legacoop) to ESMED QUESTIONNAIRE

The Covid-19 pandemic emergency has been dramatically impacting on the people's life and Countries' economies. In Italy, as well as in several European and world Countries people paid a huge death toll to the Covid-19 as well as the pandemic had an unprecedented and devastating impact on several economic sectors. Government, Institutions at the different levels, business organization, with the support of civil society organizations, took set of measures to face the health emergency, to alleviate the difficulties in local communities and to support citizens, enterprises, workers.

The Italian cooperative movement dealt during the ongoing emergency weeks with a certain number of priorities, and especially:

- personal safety of members and workers;
- survival guarantee for cooperatives (liquidity, support for financial restructuring, maintenance of order performance and protection, cost cutting);
- defence of work;
- planning of policies and strategies for future recovery.

As for the cooperatives represented by the Alliance, some preliminary data forecasts could be useful to understand the seriousness of the situation. Workers at risk could approach 270,000. Social cooperatives, for example, pointed out that 200,000 workers could be at risk only in their sector, as they were precluded from carrying out activities of general interest, such as taking care of elderly and disabled people due to the closure of day centres, or interruption of home care, as well as interruptions of educational services.

Moreover: 26,000 workers at risk in cooperatives that provide catering and cleaning contract services; over 21,000 in cooperatives engaged in tourism, entertainment and

management of artistic and cultural heritage, in leisure and sport. Without forgetting the heavy difficulties of the logistics and transport cooperatives, where over 18,000 workers operate.

To cope with these great difficulties, the Alliance of Italian Cooperatives, in line with other entrepreneurial organizations and trade unions, made a request to the Government to identify support measures for the economy, in view of a prospect of recession in the coming months, with the activation of measures to support families, businesses and workers. An appeal that found a first response in the decree approved by the Council of Ministers of 16th March which allocates €25 billion of total resources, 10 of which for interventions aimed at supporting the economy, in particular to guarantee higher liquidity to the business system and to protect workers with an extension of social safety nets to companies of all sectors and of any size.

In this dramatic situation, the cooperatives, while facing the difficulties that we have briefly recalled, have nonetheless ensured their commitment to continue their activities and to make their contribution to alleviate, as far as possible, the problems of a national community struggling with an unprecedented emergency that profoundly affects the daily lives of millions of people.

In support of the cooperatives, the joint actions of the Association and the system tools of the cooperative movement were activated, starting from the agreement signed by the Alliance of Italian Cooperatives with the Italian Banking Association (ABI) on the suspension of the payment of the instalment capital quota of the funding. The moratorium refers to loans to micro, small and medium-sized enterprises damaged by the epidemiological emergency "COVID-19."

We stayed open and continued to support the activities of our cooperatives, those in difficulty forced to close and those that have continued the activity.

Associations' offices have remained open, adopted all health and safety measures and favored for all employees the smart working.

We have activated a website for the emergency where we collect all the useful information, regulatory updates and economic opportunities, the story of the cooperatives, the services for the emergency and matching between companies in emergencies.

Cooperatives have donated tens of millions Euros to hospitals for the emergency and the search for the vaccine: solidarity in action.

Thousands of cooperatives have been active to give support and help to their local communities, from free meals for people in difficulty, free taxi rides for patients and doctors, home delivery of essential goods to the elderly and sick people, tourist facilities have welcomed doctors transferred for service in the areas most affected by the pandemic. cultural cooperatives and media have organized training courses, online entertainment, interactive visits to museums, libraries and monuments to help people in lockdown.

Our national consortia have organized the supply of protection devices for all cooperatives we have supported the cooperative chain that has been reconverted in the production of protection devices (masks, disinfectants, etc.) to make it available to all cooperatives (especially those operating in the emergency phase: welfare, health, agri-food, transport, canteens, cleaning) that couldn't supply (in Italy we had a problem with the supply of protection devices).

We organize webinar to inform cooperatives about the different legislation and regulation provision, Network of Services in place to support them, digitalization, support to the cooperative export activity, etc.

Improved communication (TV, social media)

Collaboration with the institutions at local and national level, civil society organizations, credit and financial tools, etc. in the emergency phase and in the just started re-opening and recovery phase.

Submission by the Alliance to our Government of a strategic plan for the recovery: "Rebuilding Italy by Cooperating" a National Plan focused on the core of sustainable development: giving priority to all drivers referring or part of the 2030 Agenda relating to all sectors of economy. The Plan should be strongly promoted by the State but also foresee a balanced pact between public, private and social forces, taking into account traditional regional gaps according to the possible changes they have might gone through the current situation both in the strategic sharing phase and in its following implementation. In saying so, cooperation makes available values and skills in line with the social function recognized by Article 45 of the Italian Constitution as in compliance with its social function.

Collaboration with European representative bodies, European institutions and international ones, cooperative and SEE organizations.

What are these months teaching us? - Being there, make the difference: it was really very appreciated by member cooperatives the support and advocacy activity by National organizations and the Alliance of Italian cooperatives as a whole ; cooperative values and principle in action, innovation and creativity to tackle the situation, from several point of views, and to meet the increasing and changing need

We have so much to learn and think about - It's not a work experience that can be archived with the end of emergency... The changes induced by needs have produced more renewal than hundreds association regulations.....

Some examples in different sectors and areas most affected:

- **INSURANCE AND BANKING SECTOR**

The **Unipol Group** has allocated, through UnipolSai-Assicurazioni, €20 million to face the Coronavirus emergency in the most affected areas of our country. In close liaison with the Regional Authorities, the Civil Protection and all the institutional actors involved in the management of the emergency, Unipol will allocate these resources to increase the availability of hospital beds in hospital structures, in particular those used for intensive and sub- intensive, and for the purchase of health equipment necessary to face the spread of the epidemic. Among the first initiatives, €6 million euros have been allocated and will be used, in agreement with the Lombardy Region:

- for extraordinary purchases of pulmonary ventilators and sanitary equipment such as masks, protective suits, disinfectants and tools necessary for healthcare facilities to better treat the sick and limit contagion opportunities;

- to contribute to the construction of the new emergency structure in the pavilions of Fiera Milano City, a hospital of about 400 beds dedicated to intensive and sub-intensive therapy for patients involved in the Covid-19 emergency.

In agreement with the Emilia Romagna Region Institutions, €5 million were donated for:

- the construction, at the Sant'Orsola Hospital in Bologna, of a new pavilion, dedicated to the care of patients with Coronavirus, which will have 90 beds, 44 of which are Intensive and sub-intensive;

- to create new hospitalization areas with 88 beds at the Bellaria Hospital in Bologna, 73 of which for intensive and sub-intensive therapy and the strengthening of the emergency medicine area.

The further donations will be defined in agreement with the Regional, Local and Civil Protection Authorities. Taking into account the need to respond concretely to the growing emergency, the Unipol Group has already put in place a series of initiatives, directly purchasing artificial respirators for hospitals in Lombardy and Emilia Romagna and has made available places for the Tuscany Region intensive care bed and other ordinary hospital stay at the Villa Donatello Clinic in Florence. At the same time, the UNA Group, the Unipol Group hotel chain, in consultation with the Civil Protection and the Lombardy Region, made itself available to welcome medical and paramedical staff in its facilities in Milan and Varese.

The UNA Hotel in Bologna-San Lazzaro has been made available for the Emilia Romagna Region. Our country is experiencing an extraordinary situation and in addition to the actions taken for the health emergency, the Unipol Group, which has always been alongside its customers, immediately moved with substantial interventions. In addition to confirming that all the coverage of its health policies also guarantee Coronavirus risk, it has extended the daily allowance free of charge to policyholders forced to quarantine at their home following positivity to the Covid-19 swab. Considering also the pressure to which public health structures are subjected at the moment, it has set up a medical advice service for its policyholders on Coronavirus through the Medical Center, operating 24 hours a day, of UniSalute, the Group company dedicated to the prevention and protection of health. In addition, the UnipolSai # AndràTuttoBene product was created, which provides for a hospitalization allowance of 100 euros per day and an allowance of 3,000 euros in the case of intensive care for employees of companies that sign up for coverage.

Insurance cooperative Group Assimoco, the National coop Insurance Company, donates 120,000 euros to the Polyclinic of Milan and to the Pope John XXIII Hospital in Bergamo: Providing 400 masks to the White Cross and Vidas. Smartworking, psychological support and autogenic training for employees.

On the one hand, donations, on the other hand the group's commitment to employees and customers. Assimoco donated 120,000 euros to the Polyclinic of Milan and to the Pope John XXIII Hospital in Bergamo.

As far as Italian **cooperatives banks, Iccrea Group** has raised the amount of € 6.933.406,57 through the action of 98 BCC dedicated to actions against the Covid

Emilia-Romagna BCC donates EUR 1.2 million to hospitals and associations, "Signal of closeness to the territory": from the Cooperative Credit Banks of the Regional Federation funds to strengthen

- **AGRI-FOOD AND FISHERIES SECTOR**

The agri-food cooperatives are committed to the front line to continue guaranteeing foodstuffs for consumers: processing in the production plants, from dairies to large fruit and vegetable structures, has never stopped and immediately started to strengthen security systems, intensifying controls at the entrance of warehouses and factories. All this by respecting the adequate distances between workers and activating the measurement of body temperature at the entrance. The shutdown of cafeterias, restaurants and horeca chains had a strong impact on the domestic demand of several products and also as far as the exports is concerned an increasing number of importers are requesting absolutely not necessary further certifications.

- Extraordinary donation of **Conserve Italia** to the Food Bank

Delivered 143,000 products including tomato, legumes and fruit juices for over 52 tons. Some 143,000 food products including tomato boxes, jars of legumes and fruit juice brik, equivalent to more than 52 tons of food and drink for poor families who in this health and economic emergency need even more than concrete support. It is the extraordinary donation made by Conserve Italia to the Banco Food Foundation of Emilia-Romagna, which routinely supplies 770 charitable and assistance facilities throughout the region reaching 120,000 people in need.

- from **Amadori group** 2.2 mln euros for hospitals and employees

Equipment for hospitals and bonuses spent on workers by the Cesena poultry group.

One million euros to buy medical equipment and basic necessities for health facilities and voluntary organizations in the territories where it is present. And 1.2 million euros in vouchers for workers engaged in its supply chain, as well as health insurance coverage for all workers in the group. Amadori, a Cesena company in the food sector, does its part "with concrete and immediate aid" in this phase of health emergency from coronavirus.

- **Grana Padano Consortium** 1 million euros per emergency

The funds was distributed throughout the production areas of the controlled origin Grana Padano cheese: The Board of Directors of the Grana Padano Protection Consortium has decided to donate EUR 1,000,000 to help combat the coronavirus emergency. We will donate 500,000 euros to Lombardy, 250,000 to Veneto, 150,000 to Piacenza, 50,000 to Trentino and 50,000 to Piedmont, thus touching all areas of the production area of our DOP, for the purchase of health equipment such as respirators, tampons, masks.

- **Consortium of Parmigiano Reggiano** donation of 1 million euros

An economic contribution will also go to the 330 dairy farmers who produce the controlled origin (DOP) who will not be able to turn milk into cheese and will be forced to sell it as food milk

The budget approved by the Board of Directors of the Parmigiano Reggiano Consortium to deal with the health emergency caused by Coronavirus amounts to one million euros. The sum will be used to purchase technical means (ambulances and respirators) for emergency interventions in the hospital facilities of the production area: Parma, Reggio Emilia, Modena, Bologna and Mantova.

The **Friulian Wine coops** The Delight keep the winery open to meet the needs of the markets being producers of an essential asset and, at the same time, express their attention to what will be phase 2 of containment of the virus and resumption of social activities. All in the name of an element that is stronger than any virus: human relations.

- Sardinia, from the **3A Arborea coop milk** and mozzarella free for Sardinian bars and pizzerias.

The initiative was announced by customers of the dairy cooperative.

Free milk and mozzarella for the more than 2,300 bars and 500 direct customer pizzerias of 3A Arborea. A business choice by the Sardinian dairy cooperative, which decided to meet the difficulties of so many entrepreneurs on the island. No sponsorship of the initiative that was disclosed on customer reporting.

- **Cantina Tollo, union is strength: smart working and abolition of transport costs for Horeca operators...**

The company has decided to abolish the free port for the Horeca sector: customers, distributed throughout the national territory, will thus be able to order even small quantities of wine without having to bear the cost of transport, which will be charged to the cooperative.

- **Labronica fish coop** : fish market sells thanks to the online auction. The initiative is from the "Labronica" cooperative in Livorno, which manages the commercial structure. High-resolution photos, a bit of technology and the auction of the Livorno fish market goes online

- **RETAIL SECTOR**

At national level, the cooperative organizations of large retailers, Coop and Conad, are working to ensure continuity and regularity of supply of the sales points throughout the territory to ensure the daily availability of food products for citizens, while continuing, at the same time, the grocery delivery service, trying to better cope with the boom in requests that has occurred in the last few days. In many regions, Coop has also made the home delivery service for over 65s free of charge, as already mentioned for Lombardy. In addition, in some regions plexiglass plates have already been installed, in others it is being provided. which serve to create an additional protective shield between consumers and checkout operators. We are working with due caution both by supervising the interior of the store and the supply chain where everything is taking place on a regular basis.

Conad donates 3 million to the Spallanzani and Sacco hospitals. Conad members have decided to donate € 3 million to two frontline hospitals in the containment and contrast of the Coronavirus epidemic: the Spallanzani in Rome and the Sacco in Milan. The members of the cooperatives of ConadNordovest, PAC 2000A and ConadAdriatico donate 1.7 million euros to the

Spallanzani institute in Rome to finance research activities on contrast drugs at Covid-19, while the members of the cooperatives of ConadCentronord , Independent Associate Merchants, ConadNordovest and the Conad National Consortium donate € 1.3 million to the Sacco hospital in Milan, for the purchase of respirators and the preparation of new stations for intensive care. "All the members and over 60,000 workers of Conad, committed for weeks together with the partners of the production chains and logistics to guarantee every day a continuous service and adequate supplies to about 10 million families throughout Italy, with this donation - he declared Francesco Pugliese CEO of Conad want to convey their thanks to doctors, nurses and researchers who work tirelessly for the care of patients in hospitals and to develop new therapies in the laboratories and counteract the effects of epidemic".

Coop launched three initiatives to combat Coronavirus, activating the machine of consumer's cooperative solidarity: three initiatives with which the group has decided to support the population in this moment of great difficulty, not only those who, for various reasons, are forced at home, but also those who fight on the front lines every day to defeat the virus. With a Memorandum of Understanding signed by Ancc-Coop (the National Association of Consumer Cooperatives), ANCI (the National Association of Italian Municipalities) and the Department of Civil Protection, home delivery services for shopping in the various territorial realities will be made easier, giving important support to all people who are in conditions such as to be unable to leave home due to previous diseases, or because they are engaged in emergency services. The beneficiaries are identified by the Municipalities and voluntary organizations, which collect the shopping orders and agree with the Coop points of sale how to carry them out. Home delivery is provided by volunteers, and there are approximately 1,000 Coop points of sale available for this activity in as many Italian municipalities. "First of all, we took care of the safety of customers and employees in shopping every day and we are guaranteeing the continuity of supplies also for the near future - said Marco Pedroni, President of Coop Italia - with this Protocol we make available to weak and of health, it publishes our network of stores and solidarity support in the area and we hope that this Protocol will function as a model for other business and territorial realities ". The second Coop initiative is aimed at supporting the National Health Service: by making the commercial know-how of its Hong Kong branch available to the Civil Protection, the group has decided to donate to the Italian hospitals a first large quantity of medical devices, already arriving next week. In a situation of great difficulty in tracing the essential personal safety devices to avoid contagion, Coop has exploited the fact of being the only national chain to have its own purchasing

company (Coop Far East) in Hong Kong: through this channel privileged to find, it was among the first companies to start the supply of sanitary materials or other necessary tools, for its staff and for the Italian public authorities. Finally, starting from March 17, a new "digital solidarity" initiative is active, with which Coop has made available 100 GigaByte of free data traffic valid for 30 days throughout the national territory, for the benefit of over 1.5 million CoopVoce users. "In total, this is an investment of over 3 million euros - commented Pedroni - to which must be added the support that the individual cooperatives are providing to the health and welfare structures of the worst affected territories. We consider it our first investment in an emergency that promises to be long. "

- **SOCIAL AND HEALTH CARE SERVICES**

- **Confcooperative welfare coop:** free "protection" health cooperation for members, buy offering members a free supplementary benefit in case of hospitalization following covid-19 infection diagnosed and certified.
- In Bergamo the **Osa cooperative** assisted patients discharged. The project started in the province of Bergamo, at full capacity 100 places for Covid-19 patients who no longer need to stay in hospital. Altogether up to 100 people discharged from different hospitals of Bergamo, self-sufficient but not yet negative, who were able to choose not to return to their homes in the collective volunteers."
- **Cadiai** social cooperative in Bologna, has decided to offer family members of the guests of the Centers for the elderly the opportunity to meet their relatives through Skype. Each elderly has been equipped with a dedicated user that will be made available to families by appointment. The goal is to organize video meetings that can somehow replace visits, currently suspended due to the health emergency due to Coronavirus.
- The social Piedmont **coop ANDIRIVIENI:** Supporting families with disabled children and adults, by offering daily educational services by remote assistance with the realization of tutorials for many activities: from doing physical activity, making artistic labs to creating a home garden.
- **Soc. coop Mpda Girasole** – The whole medical team: doctors, nurses, health care and auxiliary workers decided to isolate themselves from their families living with the patients in order to protect them from possible contagion of COVID-19

- **Morgana House coop** offered telephone support to manage anxiety covid19 : favor communication within family households
- The **Grande Casa Coop**" alongside the most fragile: Reorganization of services and remote assistance to leave no one behind; the coronavirus emergency makes everyday life more difficult and risks exacerbating the situation of fragile malaise when it does not create new ones. For this reason, "La Grande Casa", since 1989 works on behalf of women, minors and families, young people, migrants and local communities in the provinces of Milan, Monza and Brianza, Como and Lecco, has felt the duty to continue to care for children, boys, families, women coming out of situations of violence and migrants.
- **The soc coop The Symbol**" : digital lessons, nightly kindergarten for the homeless and fundraising for hospital. Many initiatives put in place by the cooperative "The Symbol", between Pisa and Livorno. By activating the new digital channels, children welcomed into family-sized communities can take school lessons. With the creation of multimedia content (especially videos with aloud readings and songs), made by the educators of each nursery, and sent to families, a direct contact of closeness is maintained. The social cooperative "The Symbol" is also committed to extraordinary support for homeless people, in Pisa and Livorno.

- **SERVICES**

- The Modena based **Energy cooperative Group, CPL CONCORDIA** OFFERS THE CONCORDIA HOTEL TO MODENA HEALTHCARE SYSTEM FOR DEALING WITH EMERGENCY COVID 19. The cooperative group decided to support the health care structures in Modena making available its 4 star Concordia located in Hotel in San Possidonio : it will be able to host nurses and doctors committed to fighting the pandemic. "Waiting to resume hotel activities when conditions permit, we contacted the AUSL management of Modena to offer the use of our accommodation for needs related to the health emergency", said the President of CPL CONCORDIA Paolo Barbieri." Our cooperative company has always been careful to understand the needs of the area and is ready to give concrete help in the common interest, like other entrepreneurs and realities from Modena area." The hotel will be able to host doctors, nurses, health workers who come to the province of Modena from other areas to provide service in the context of the emergency, and will be available for any other health or welfare initiatives, at the service of the whole provincial network. "We

thank CPL for the availability shown - is the message from the Management of the Local Health Authority of Modena -, a sign of that "creative solidarity" which is the soul of the Modena area. A solidarity that has proved to be so precious on the occasion of other major emergencies and which also today gives strength and hope to health workers on the front lines in guaranteeing assistance and protecting the health of all citizens ". The CONCORDIA cooperative, which has offices throughout the national territory and is committed to guaranteeing essential energy services in hospitals and health care centers, after having taken steps to make its workers safe by applying the safety protocols and by promoting strongly smart working, in recent days has also activated a Covid 19 insurance coverage policy in favour of all employees.

- **Cirfood**, a catering cooperative group , has donated unused food for canteens to people in difficulty. The service is to support the elderly and people with special needs who, due to the health emergency, cannot leave their homes.
- With the "Spending at Home", for the most fragile people, **Cofra coop** also delivered the daily newspaper Corriere di Romagna. The "spending at home" for the elderly, immune depressed or in difficulty, organized by Cofra together with the valuable collaboration of the Volunteers of the city of Faenza.
- Forlì- From clothes to masks. Inmates and women in need reinvent their business: Closed the shop "Out of place" in the center of Forlì, for the new safety measures, the activity of the two laboratories of sustainable tailoring, managed by the social cooperative of reintegration work "Formula Solidarity" risked to stop. This activity involves the inmates of the prison of Forlì and, in laboratories outside the prison complex, women in difficulty.

- **REGIONS MOST AFFECTED**

In the most affected area by the epidemic, cooperation has responded to the emergency with the most powerful "body defence mechanisms" it knows: concrete support for emergencies, uninterrupted work, a commitment to protect the weakest. Here is a series of initiatives activated by the Lombard cooperatives:

- Coop Lombardia has extended free delivery to the elderly until 11 April 2020 to all the municipalities in Lombardy where the service is active: Bergamo, Brescia, Como, Cremona,

Milan, Pavia and Varese. In parallel, the cooperative supports, in solidarity with the Lodi area, a permanent food collection at the Coop Supermarket in Lodi.

- "A race for our elderly" is the initiative of the Taxiblu and Autoradiotassi 8585 cooperatives based on an idea by Legacoop Lombardia, the association to which the two cooperatives belong, and with the support of the Municipality of Milan Department of Social and Housing Policies : these are forty cooperative taxi cars available to the elderly to facilitate them in postponable travel. The project was born from a spirit of service and solidarity of the Milanese cooperating taxi drivers who, in a totally free and voluntary way, intend to help the elderly, confined in their homes due to the emergency measures in force, in the movements and supplies in their homes.
- **The Gnucoop** cooperative has decided to organize Smartcoop, a cycle of free training webinars on new collaborative tools for agile work, aimed at cooperatives. On the other hand, the **Prassicoop** cooperative has put together a framework of prescriptions, suggestions and procedures to minimize the risks of contagion and better overcome this critical moment. A guide to the prescriptions of the different regions, mainly addressed to the trade sector (bars, restaurants, entertainment and show venues and the like) can be downloaded from the cooperative website.
- "**Anti-Boredom Activities in the COVID-19 Times**" is the idea of the **Eureka** social cooperative! which collects, continuously updated on the site, proposals for games and activities for families told by the educators in a "smart education" mode, thanks to the video tutorials created by the educators "to allow families to make the best of this unexpected situation", such as read from the cooperative's Facebook page. With the same goal, the educators of the **Koinè** cooperative have selected a series of games, books and activities to offer to families and directly to girls and boys, but also to girls and boys. Because, as Sara writes in an email with the subject "good news", #koinenonsiferma.
- Mantova Tours, the tourist area of the **Charta cooperative**, worked on a proposal for "perimeter" visits, to discover the outside, when the inside is closed. In the same direction, the proposals of **Dedalo**, a Pavia-based cooperative of cultural and tourist promotion, of outdoor itineraries, slow routes that open up to an idea of responsible tourism.

- The **Imiberg** social cooperative, which manages the school of the same name in Bergamo, inaugurated distance lessons for twenty high school classes on Monday 2 March, fulfilling the regular school program and promoting the active participation of students through apps.
- The **Labriola cooperative**, a meeting point for children, families and the elderly, in the northern suburbs of Milan, has decided to keep in touch with its members through the Facebook channel. Already two direct evening experiences, with the opportunity to comment and actively participate. The cooperative's invitation to users is to also contribute to the cultural programming of the club, proposing itself with their talents and ideas, launching a new way of relating to cooperative circles.
- “We are delivering lunches and dinners to the elderly in the neighborhood of Via Sottocorno. The menus of the day will be distributed in the concierge offices of the neighborhood buildings, with the telephone number for placing orders while staying comfortably at home ". This is the message from Giacomo, the Milanese restaurant in Via Sottocorno, to the most fragile inhabitants of the neighborhood to whom, for several days, lunches and dinners have been arriving home cooked with genuine products from controlled supply chains. A solidarity initiative also benefiting the inhabitants of the historic cooperative **SEAO (HOUSING)**, who live in via Sottocorno and who in turn are organizing solidarity initiatives to help stem the difficulties that the health emergency is causing . The SEAO cooperative, with its more than 140 years of history, is one of the most long-lived cooperatives in Lombardy and has always been committed to the community.
- **Tuscan cooperatives** donated 7 new ultrasound scanners to support the Health Service of the region In Tuscany hospitals there are seven new ultrasound machines: the “Noi di Legacoop Toscana Foundation”, which gathers the major cooperatives of the region operating in different sectors, donated them giving an important response to the requests made in recent days by the hospitals and institution. The donation amounts to about €140,000 : the machines will be used in the wards dedicated to patients who, although they do not need intensive care, cannot even be assisted at home, and to identify pneumonia in patients with Coronavirus.

- **COMMUNITY COOPERATIVES**

The **community cooperatives** that live in small villages have activated themselves to provide a home delivery service for those who need it. this is the case of the "Biccari" community cooperative, in the province of Foggia, and the "I live in Vaccarizzo" community cooperative of Montalto Uffugo in the province of Cosenza.

Coop Goel: here's what it takes to get the South going again: Digital infrastructure, organic farming, tourism, health, mutualism and subsidiarity are the levers on which GOEL focused for the revival of Calabria and Southern Italy.

The municipality of Altopascio in the province of Lucca, in Tuscany, has promoted and supported, with the help of the volunteers of "Misericordia", the free home delivery service for food.

There are several many other examples to quote involving cooperatives of any sector and size all over Italy and we invite to visit our web sites (www.legacoop.coop; www.confcooperative.it) , with a part devoted to the COVID-19 #LA COOPERAZIONE NON SI FERMA.