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The Hospital Alemán Nicaragüense in the battle against Corona

Dear Sir or Madam,

The Hospital Alemán Nicaragüense (German-Nicaraguan Hospital, HAN) in Managua is the central hospital for the treatment of Covid-19 patients in Nicaragua. Now your support is needed to obtain sufficient medical protective equipment for the doctors and health workers.

The "Friends of HAN" in Germany, who are voluntarily engaged in SODI e.V., have offered their quick support to the director of the hospital Dr. Davila to supplement the existing, but very limited stocks of medical protective equipment for the doctors and health workers. The protection of the staff is the fundamental prerequisite for joint and solidarity-based action against the pandemic.

Therefore we would like to ask you to generously support our colleagues and friends at the HAN with your donation. Your solidarity with the HAN will save lives in Nicaragua.

Since the beginning of March 2020, the HAN has been the central hospital for the treatment of Covid-19 patients in Nicaragua. All available premises were prepared for the onrush of infected patients. The HAN currently has about 300 beds. According to our Nicaraguan colleagues, they are not yet working at 100 percent capacity. Medical protective equipment is currently still available for the staff in contact with patients, but an end is already in sight - but the end of the exponentially increasing number of infections is still a long way off. Most of the protective equipment will be procured in Nicaragua. An example is the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) in the picture, which costs about 18 USD. This clothing is reused and disinfected daily. This means it can be used for up to six weeks - costs per day are only about 40 cents. In addition, we will also procure hospital items that are becoming scarce, such as bed linen for patients. We are therefore pleased to receive all small and large amounts that reach us under the **keyword "Friends of HAN"** on the following account **by 30.06.2020**:

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On behalf of the "Friends of HAN" and our Nicaraguan friends, many thanks for your generous support.

Yours sincerely,

Karen Heinrich & Dr. Michael Funke