

From Isolation to Unity: Stamps of Solidarity Amidst the Pandemic

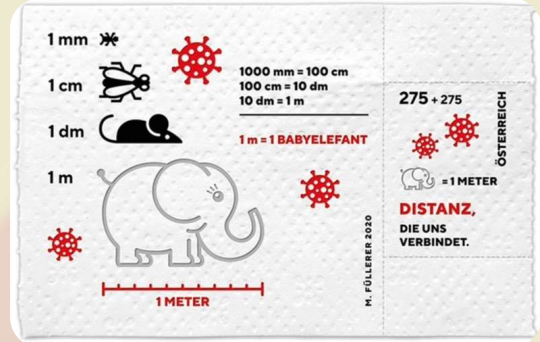
SEVERAL COUNTRIES ISSUED SOLIDARITY STAMPS IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC TO RAISE AWARENESS AND SUPPORT VARIOUS CAUSES. THESE STAMPS HONORED FRONTLINE WORKERS, PROMOTED PUBLIC HEALTH MEASURES, AND SUPPORTED THE COVID-19 SOLIDARITY RESPONSE FUND



The United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) in the Department of Operational Support (DOS) is issuing stamps today, 11 August, entitled "We Are All in this Together – Help Stop the Spread of COVID-19". The stamps pay tribute to frontline workers in the fight against this global pandemic, raise public awareness about the spread of the disease, and support the COVID-19 Solidarity Response Fund organized by the World Health Organization (WHO). A surcharge has been added to the stamps and the proceeds will be directly sent to the COVID-19 Solidarity Response Fund.



In 2021, Correos issued the Solidarity Stamp in a block sheet format, dedicated to supporting the UNHCR's fight against COVID-19. This stamp is part of the philatelic series focusing on Science and Medicine. As in recent years, Correos continues to collaborate with various causes through the Solidarity Stamp series, aiming to raise awareness and promote their efforts. Additionally, 3% of the proceeds from the sale of these stamps will be donated to the UNHCR project dedicated to combating COVID-19.



Austria Post's unique mini sheet printed on real toilet paper with a Slogan "Distance that brings us together": Keeping a distance of at least one meter between ourselves and other people should help to reduce the spread of the disease. The "baby elephant" is meant to help us judge and maintain this distance correctly and that is why it is also included as a symbol on the miniature sheet. Illustrations of other animals are shown for comparison, all representing different sizes. The supplement on the stamp of 2.75 Euro is to be used for a charitable cause.

Swiss Post sent its own signal of solidarity and trust – with the "COVID-19 Solidarity" stamp. The stamp's motif reflects the unique solidarity we are experiencing in these days and weeks in Switzerland. The stamp itself also makes a tangible contribution to such mutual support: all proceeds will go to people who urgently need help now. The money will be split between Swiss Solidarity and the Swiss Red Cross. All proceeds will be split fifty-fifty between Swiss Solidarity and the Swiss Red Cross. Swiss Post is also covering the actual face value of the one-franc stamp. In other words: the purchaser donates 50 francs to Swiss Solidarity and the Swiss Red Cross, and in return Swiss Post gives them 10 stamps.



The Georgian Post, within the framework of the charity campaign launched in cooperation with the Public Center of the Georgian Diaspora in the Republic of Greece, called "Let's Take Care of Each Other", donated high-quality European-standard masks to customers in Greece.



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