

Three Million Meals Campaign

Solidarity Feeding by Karwan e Mohabbat for India's Dispossessed

The Covid-19 pandemic has emerged not only as a health crisis but also a looming humanitarian and economic disaster. In India, the countrywide lockdown, announced with barely 4 hours' notice, left millions of daily wage labourers and working-class people stranded without access to work, home or food.

Relief Efforts

The relief work involves delivering standardized dry ration kits to stranded migrants, homeless persons, disabled persons, families, cooked meals and cash transfer to most vulnerable households or ration shops in places which are cut off. Our network of volunteers are working in **Delhi NCR, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Bihar, Assam, West Bengal, Jharkhand, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Telangana and Karnataka.**

Relief Report as of 12 April 2020

State	Number of Meals* Total	Number of Meals or Kits Added on 12 April
Delhi	4,63,700	18100 meals
Jharkhand	1,40,000	42 kits
Bihar	893	58 meals
Haryana	56000	450 kits
Uttar Pradesh	3,00,600	104 kits
Rajasthan	49,210	703 kits
Telangana	n/a	350 meals

*Figure for meals inclusive of cooked meals and dry ration kits distributed, wherein 1 dry ration kit = 2 meals a day for a family of 5 members for a stipulated number of days. The number of days varies across states.

In Maharashtra, we are providing financial assistance to distressed families. As of 12 April 2020, we have cumulatively transferred Rs. 47,680 to 281 people across Mumbai city and districts Raigad, Thane and Satara.

To survivors of hate crimes across India, with whom Karwan e Mohabbat has worked closely in the past, we have provided financial assistance. As of 12 April 2020, we have cumulatively transferred Rs. 1,21,000 to 52 families affected by hate crimes in Haryana, Jharkhand, Bihar, Karnataka and Uttar Pradesh.

Vignettes from the field

In Delhi, on 11 and 12 April, the distribution team reached out to residents in Ramesh Park, a large settlement across the Yamuna on the other side of the highway next to the river. Cut off from the rest of the city because of the Yamuna, there are 380 families there, where largely the primary bread earners are daily wage workers. A needs assessment found that there are no close by schools or shelters, so they were not getting any government relief meals or ration. The team worked with local community leaders and delivered ration packets at each home, asking everyone to stay indoors. Every family received one ration packet, or two depending on the number of family members.



Banda, Rajasthan

In Jharkhand, the distribution team reached out to stranded migrant workers from Uttar Pradesh. The Contractor through whom they came left them stranded without any support. They had not received any assistance from the PDS nor any government -organised community kitchen.

In Noida, when the team went out to do scheduled deliveries, they met scores of other people who came out pleading for ration. Everyone they met was heartbroken and angry about the lockdown extension.



Chitrakoot, Uttar Pradesh