

Three Million Meals Campaign

Solidarity Feeding by Karwan e Mohabbat for India's Dispossessed

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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 17 April 2020

State	Number of Meals* Total	Number of Meals or Kits Added on 14,15 and 16 April
Delhi	5,01,500	31 kits = 3100 meals
Jharkhand	1,58,000	90 kits
Bihar	893 meals	289 meals
Haryana	56,000	n/a
Uttar Pradesh	3,28,500	77 kits
Rajasthan	49,210	303 kits
Telangana	3350+	711 kits
Assam	35,000	40 kits

*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.

On 15 April, the Rainbow Homes for children distributed **7,67,700 meals** in 8 cities - Bangalore, Chennai, Hyderabad, Anantpur, Kolkata, Pune, Patna and Ranchi.

In Maharashtra, we are providing financial assistance to distressed families. As of 16 April 2020, we have cumulatively transferred **Rs. 56,230 to 324 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 16 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.



Dry ration distributed in Madhepura, Bihar to widows and old ladies

Vignettes from the field

In Delhi, the team visited South East Delhi this week. They went to an area behind Tughlaqabad Fort, near Kaya Maya. There are some families there in jhuggi colony. They distributed 20-25 kits. They are migrant labourers from Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan. They sell plastic tubs and crockery in exchange for old clothes. They then sell the old clothes in Azadpur Mandi. This is their daily earning. People are upset that now their source of livelihood has been taken away. Additionally, the residents of the area do not have proper water supply. They have been filling up water for their households from the park but they are not allowed to enter the park. They have no regular and reliable supply of water from the local authorities. The team had done some distribution in this area before. Upon meeting them again, the residents informed, “We have only been surviving on what you gave us last time. Even the ones who bring us cooked meals just bring us rice. We are not used to eating so much rice where we are from.” Fortunately the team that distributed ration kits had atta as grain instead of rice.

In Kashmir, a small team got together for distribution of ration and medical help in Srinagar, badgham and baramullah. Money was transferred to families in Sopore, where some persons in need of medical help were also identified. The team is facing difficulty in moving around to distribute relief on the ground and are not receiving permission from the district authorities. As they are not getting permission to travel, medicines supply and procurement is also slowly becoming a problem.



Cooked meals prepared and distributed in Bermo, Jharkhand

In Bermo zone of Bokaro district in Jharkhand, the distribution team met some labourers and daily wage workers (confectioners, coal pickers) who are facing issue of ration cards. When they applied for ration cards, they only got white cards which can get them just kerosene oil. Now the government is offering 10 kg grain to those with Antodaya card and those in the process of applying for ration cards. As they already have white card, they are not eligible for this ration though they are in need of it. The team then prepared cooked meal (khichdi) which was distributed in this area.