



Dollar A Day

Sustainability Through Charity



HIGHLIGHTS:

RECEIVED FOOD
PACK:

ABOUT **300**
PEOPLE

COMPOSITION OF OUR
RECIPIENTS (APPROX):

- INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS: **80%**
- REFUGEES: **20%**

RECEIVED THE
REQUESTS FROM:

**NSW, VIC,
QLD & NT**

COVID -19 FOOD HAMPER PROJECT

1 INTRODUCTION:

Dollar A Day Charity extends its support to local Australian communities as they face various forms of unforeseen calamities. Therefore, it took the initiative during COVID 19 pandemic time to help the most vulnerable cohort. Dollar A Day comes to the aid of those who are deprived of Centrelink benefits or government grants. The organization decided to provide essential food items to international students and refugee families.



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2. BACKGROUND:

International students are an integral part of our Australian communities and our economy. The Department of Education, Skills and Employment has reported 628,279 international students in Australia from January – April in this year (DESE, 2020). Moreover, Australian politicians frequently say Australia has one of the world's most welcoming responses to refugees (RCA, 2020). So, the number of refugees is also not negligible. But in terms of employment, these two parties are quite weak. Most do part-time or casual jobs. Consequently, they are the first to lose their jobs in any economic disaster and in such a situation as we have witnessed during this pandemic in Australia.

Prime Minister Scott Morrison also told tourist visa holders and international students in April that the time had come for them to return to their home country as the corona-virus pandemic continues. After this announcement from the Australian Prime Minister these people began to feel more helpless.

Such families found themselves in a great economic precarious condition as a result of losing their jobs and not being able to return to their countries due to no international flights during this pandemic. Many of them have lost the opportunity to even buy daily food because of decreasing income. And that is why Dollar A Day Charity has come to their assistance, as do other charities in Australia.

Dollar A Day helps these vulnerable groups of people in Australia during Australia's peak affected time. It kicks off the appeal for 'COVID 19 Food Hamper' in April 2020 and completed food hamper distribution by the end of June 2020.

3. TYPES OF DONATION:

Dollar A Day is calling on its donors to come forward and support the Coronavirus pandemic victims. Most of the intended beneficiaries are the victims of this present dysfunctional situation, so it would be difficult for Dollar A Day to decide whether they are eligible for ZAKAT or not.

To stay in the safe side, Dollar A Day asks donors to submit only SADAQA to offer as gifts to the Australian recipients of this project. Alhamdulillah, a number of donors, many from various parts of Australia, came forward to give their Food Hamper gifts to the victims of the Corona-virus pandemic under the Dollar A Day appeal.

4. PRODUCT AND SERVICES

Dollar A Day distributes Food Packs loaded with different daily food items as is required. Every pack has enough things for a month to support a family of two. The food packets are packed with a mix of the following items, depending on the recipient family's ethnic background:

Food Pack Contains Mixture of These Items	
1. Rice – 5 kg	7. Plain Flour – 1 kg
2. Red Lintel – 2 kg	8. Raw Sugar – 1 kg
3. Tomato Paste – 1 can	9. Cooking Salt – 1 kg
4. Chickpea – 1 kg	10. Rice Puff – 500 gm
5. Maggi Soup – 1 pack	11. Cooking Oil – 2 ltr
6. Long-life Milk – 1 ltr	12. Dates – 500 gm

5. TARGETED BENEFICIARIES:

Dollar A Day comes to the assistance of those in Australia deprived of Centrelink coverage or government grants. Hence, our key focuses are people from two wider backgrounds: International Students and Refugees. Dollar A Day conducts campaigns required to get requests from these two categories.

Via our website (www.dollaraday.com.au), online media partner (www.ausbulletin.com.au) and email (info@dollaraday.com.au), we received numerous requests. Dollar A Day received applications from four Australian states and territories: mostly from New South Wales, a few from Victoria, a small number from Northern Territory and Queensland.

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Other bigger charities like Brothers in Need & The Quran Project have stretched out their hands to help Dollar A Day. One of the modest and enthusiastic brothers, AKM Safat Shahin, supports Dollar A Day in providing support for Food Hampers distribution in Victoria.

6. IMPACT ASSESSMENT:

The International Students and Refugees in Australia received Dollar A Day charity gift Food Hamper; they are not typical underprivileged people like those all over the world. Almost all of them are the victims of this Corona-virus pandemic and are excluded of Centrelink coverage or Australian government funding because they are not Australian citizens.

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STATES & TERRITORIES OF REQUESTS	EITHNICAL BACKGROUND
1. New South Wales;	1. Bangladeshi;
2. Victoria;	2. Indian;
3. Queensland;	3. Pakistani;
4. Northern Territory.	4. Nepalese;
	5. Lebanese;
	6. Malaysian.

Dollar A Day as a small charity organisation does not have sufficient capacity to serve the community outside of its operating state, New South Wales.







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They are also the first to lose their casual and part-time work. During this difficult time, they do not even have the opportunity to return to their home country.

Since they are not like the typical underprivileged people, they felt very shy to seek help from various donor organisations. We saw very few direct in-person requests for Food Hamper, but an overwhelming number of online requests seeking some form of support. This allowed us to acknowledge the reality of the situation of those victims.

Dollar A Day received several similar phone calls where the recipient's message was:

'.....please ask the deliverer to leave the 'Food Hamper' outside the doors! In fact, I don't feel comfortable meeting in person!'

We followed every request and did not collect the receiver's details. Alhamdulillah, Dollar A Day's efforts have benefited over 300 people in various parts of Australia.

Dollar A Day offered Food Hampers to different institutions of higher education where they have many students from around the world. They distributed those Food Hampers to their International Students. Institutions like the Crown Institute of Higher Education sent their special thanks to Dollar A Day for supporting the international students during this time of crisis.

7. CONCLUDING REMARKS:

Dollar A Day would like to express their heartfelt appreciation to all donors in extending their helping hands to the Australian Coronavirus pandemic victims. During this 3-month duration of this 'COVID -19 Food Hamper Project' the good will of all its donors allows Dollar A Day to meet around 300 people across 4 states and territories. Your desire to stay next to someone who is in need as Dollar A Day continues to assist the needy would help us to move forward together in the near future.



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" indeed, that was an amazing experience. All the enthusiastic volunteers made it a success ... Sincere appreciation to all the donors also for staying with Dollar A Day"



- Dr Fazle Rabbi,
CEO, Dollar A Day

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