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Dollar A Day and BSCA Stood by the Helpless During Pandemic

Dollar A Day Charity and Bangladeshi Senior Citizen of Australia (BSCA) conducted the COVID 19 Food Hamper program with the support of the Canterbury-Bankstown City Council. On August 19, the BSCA and Dollar A Day Charity teams offered assistance by distributing gift food hampers to over fifty 'helpless' individuals in their Local Government Area.

It is really tragic to label thousands of individuals in this developed nation as "helpless," with the reason being that they are experiencing severe temporary poverty as a result of the current epidemic. People who have been living as refugees or as temporary migrants, such as foreign students, make up these categories.

Highlights:

Distributed Item:

COVID 19 Food Hamper.

Distribution Area:

Canterbury Bankstown City Council.

Total Beneficiaries:

Over 50.

COVID -19



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- STUDENT FROM USA

Nonetheless, temporary migrants were excluded from the Australian government's JobKeeper and JobSeeker assistance programs, which were launched in late March 2020. The government has made almost little attempt to evaluate COVID - 19's humanitarian effect on the hundreds of thousands of temporary migrants who remain in Australia. They may unmistakably be classified as members of the 'helpless' group.

Bangladeshi Senior Citizens of Australia and Dollar A Day have attempted to assist a handful of these temporary migrants by providing Gift Food Hampers, each of which can supply enough food for a couple for a fortnight. Desi Paikari Bazar, a well-known Lakemba grocery store, assisted with the packing of all the gift food hampers. This kind of assistance is in high demand right now. Only a small portion of the overall demand in the region was met by the team. They are grateful to the Canterbury-Bankstown City Council for their generous support of this worthwhile cause.

Every member of the community, as well as other organisations, should step up to assist these "helpless" individuals to the best of their abilities. We will be able to endure this difficult time of epidemic if we all attempt to grasp each other's hands. That is what all members of the BSCA and Dollar A Day Charity team expect from all Australians. None of us, as patriotic Australians, expected to hear something like that from this 29-year-old Master's student from the United States (Berg, L., and Farbenblum, B. 2020) :

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Reference:

Berg, L., & Farbenblum, B. (2020). As if We Weren't Humans: The Abandonment of Temporary Migrants in Australia during COVID-19. Available at SSRN 3709527.

