

Factsheet

Ramadan Initiatives and Support for Muslim Migrant Workers

Religious advisories in Bengali

To ensure that the Muslim migrant workers in Singapore do not miss out on any important information, Muis facilitated the provision of:

- a. 12 translated infographics on Covid-19 and Ramadan
- b. 1 fatwa statement on precautionary measures in dealing with Covid-19
- c. 1 article on the theme and key messages, regarding the Muslim religious life during Covid-19
- d. 1 advisory on fasting and worship during Ramadan

Distribution of prayer mats

Muis, working with the Alliance of Guest Workers Outreach and Masjid Maarof, distributed 3,500 prayer mats to Muslim migrant workers staying in various factory-converted dormitories. Distribution of the prayer mats took place from 7 to 9 May.

Ramadan meals

Muis and mosques are stepping up support for Muslim migrant workers – sponsoring meals for breaking of fast for the last 10 days of Ramadan. Muis and mosques set aside \$84,000 for these meals which benefited 1,200 Muslim migrant workers staying in factory-converted dormitories – whom are not provided with meals by their employers.

An anonymous donor has also contributed \$42,000, adding another five days of sponsored meals to this initiative. In total, the breaking of fast meals will be provided for the last 15 days of Ramadan.

Online religious video content

To ensure the spiritual needs of migrant workers are met even as mosques are closed, Muis has been working with Bengali speaking Imams to provide online spiritual guidance this Ramadan. Dr Tousif Kabir, a consultant from Sengkang General Hospital provided medical advisories on fasting, in their native language.

In addition, Muis collaborated with Masjid Assyakirin and Masjid Maarof to produce short videos by Bengali speaking religious leaders carrying religious messages and messages of support to help Muslim migrant workers manage their religious life during this period. The videos are uploaded in SalamSG TV playlist dedicated for Bengali resources.

- a. 22 videos with English subtitles which featured Mufti and various asatizah as well as 20 videos on religious and health in Bengali can be found on SalamSG TV; some of these videos have been disseminated via WhatsApp

Videos can be accessed via this link: <https://bit.ly/2VvFjA9>