

Factsheet

Initiatives for Muslim Foreign Workers

Distribution of prayer mats

Muis, working with the Alliance of Guest Workers Outreach, 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 and also involved the Ministry of Manpower and Masjid Maarof. The last 300 pieces of prayer mats were distributed today at a factory-converted dormitory in Kian Teck Ave, by Minister of State, Ministry of National Development and Ministry of Manpower, Mr Zaqy Mohamad and Deputy Mufti, Muis, Dr Mohammad Hannan Hassan.

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 are setting aside \$84,000 for these meals which will benefit 1,200 Muslim migrant workers staying in factory-converted dormitories – whom currently are not provided with meals by their employers.

An anonymous donor has also stepped in to contribute \$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 content

Going through Ramadan during this circuit breaker period is challenging for Muslim migrant workers. And given their current situation, Muis ensures that their spiritual needs are met even as mosques are closed. Muis has been working with Bengali and Tamil speaking Imams and doctors to provide online spiritual guidance as well as medical advisories related to fasting, in their native language.

In addition, Muis collaborated with Masjid Assyakirin 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. Videos can be accessed via this link: <https://bit.ly/2VvFjA9>