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TONG ENG GROUP APPEAL TO INDUSTRY WITH FUNDRAISING DRIVE OF \$50,000 DONATION TO CATER MEALS FOR MIGRANT WORKERS SUPPORTED BY ITSRAININGRAINCOATS, VIA PROJECT BELANJA.

Singapore property developer group, Tong Eng group, has donated \$50,000 to Project Belanja to support the work of ItsRainingRaincoats and would like to appeal to local property industry players to support this cause. Project Belanja was championed by Senior Minister of State Ms Sim Ann and supported by Blossom World Society and the Restaurant Association of Singapore (RAS).

The project was originally conceived as a meal voucher programme for those from the lower-income group and migrant workers. Given the current crisis, at this time and until further notice, all donations to Project Belanja will be exclusively used for the purpose of catering meals for migrant workers supported by ItsRainingRaincoats.

Migrant workers form a big part of the property industry and many of them have reached out to ItsRainingRaincoats. ItsRainingRaincoats is founded by Dipa Swaminathan (a Harvard-educated lawyer) and run by an able group of volunteers with zero overheads. They are a group of professionals managing their own day jobs while remarkably dealing with a huge number of unprecedented issues that Covid-19 is presenting Singapore's migrant workforce.

While the government is supporting workers in gazetted dorms with catered meals, there are hundreds of thousands of workers outside such dorms in a variety of lodging accommodations. Their employers are required to support the workers with meals but in reality not all do. Some workers have advised IRR that they have not received meals for 2 days and sent them heart-wrenching pleas for help. In some other cases workers who have received some food may have found the amount of food to be insufficient or the type of food too alien for them to eat.

"It is a very difficult period for many Singaporeans and one of the many groups that are suffering are the migrant workers who are the unsung heroes that have built many of our homes and buildings."

"I would like to appeal to fellow developers and the construction companies to support this worthy cause now and this amount will definitely help these migrant workers, especially during this Covid Pandemic."

Eunice Teo, Assistant Manager Business Development of Tong Eng Group.

Those who would like to contribute can visit [giving.sg](https://www.giving.sg) to donate to the Project Belanja fund:

https://www.giving.sg/blossom-world-society/project_belanja_start_a_food_chain_of_good

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