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Pakistan: The Labour Relief Campaign has entered its second month — Rations distributed among 2500 families in Nine Cities

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The Labour Relief Campaign, initiated by Pakistan's Left and Progressive movements, has entered its second month. The effort was initiated with the objective to provide monthly rations to working class families affected by the coronavirus-induced lockdown. Door to door rations have been provided to more than 1800 families in nine cities across Punjab, including Lahore, Faisalabad, Okara, Sheikupura, Toba Tek Singh, Pakpattan, Gujranwala, Quetta and Qila Saifullah.

Political workers, trade unionists and students from different social and political movements are volunteering with the Labour Relief Campaign. The funds are generated through sympathizers and active supporters of the collective Left project in Pakistan. This campaign's initial objective was to provide relief packages to 500 working families, but with the support and help pouring in from home and abroad, its scope and reach was extended. The selection of recipient families for rations are carried out by worker unions in each city, and rations are then prepared and delivered by volunteers. As the lockdown has affected many working families, this campaign aims to extend its reach farther.

The origins of the Labour Relief Campaign begin in the aftermath of the deadly earthquake of October 2005 in Pakistan. Our political workers prepared relief trucks loaded with rations and necessary equipment and sent them to the areas affected by the earthquake. Relief camps were also set up for the earthquake victims. Similarly, the relief campaign continued during the devastating floods of 2010 and 2012 in Pakistan. The campaign does not have a permanent secretariat or any salaried employees. All arrangements are carried out voluntarily with the support and help of progressive social and political movements.

This year, the campaign was re-launched by Haqooq-e-Khalq Movement, with the help of Progressive Students Collective, Progressive Academics Collective, Labour Education Foundation, Folio Books, Aurat March, Progressive Labor Foundation and Pakistan Kissan Rabta Committee.

You can extend your solidarity in the form of a much-appreciated contribution to Labour Relief Campaign. Young, healthy volunteers are also encouraged to help source and distribute the rations to the laid-off workers and their families, while wearing protective gear.

Labour Relief Campaign

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Account Title: Labour Education Foundation
Bank Name: Silk Bank, Main Branch, Egerton Road, Lahore
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