



# Workers' Dhaba in New Delhi

In the wake of the health and subsistence crisis triggered by the rapid spread of Covid-19 in India, the Workers' Dhaba initiative aims at distributing food to working class families and stranded workers in various areas of Delhi NCR. This is a collaborative endeavour of the Citizen's Collective for Humanitarian Relief and the Centre for Education and Communication (CEC) in solidarity with the working people of Delhi.

## Cooked food and Dry Ration distribution in Delhi NCR

The first Dhaba, opened on 28 March on the North Campus of Delhi University, has been mostly run by students, faculty, research scholars and activists, to support the workers of North Delhi in the severe crisis they faced during the lockdown.

From the beginning, we aimed at building these kitchens together with workers and their families, and therefore to set them up directly in the neighborhoods where food was being distributed. Two additional Dhabas were opened in Subash Camp (21 April) and in the Wazirpur Industrial Area (30 April).

In order to respond to different needs, we also started to make and distribute dry ration kits in different areas of Delhi.

## Keep the Workers' Dhaba running

Unable to sustain themselves in the city, hundreds of thousands of workers and their families have endeavored to return to their villages since the beginning of the lockdown. In areas such as Wazirpur and Britannia Chowk, Anand Parbat or Pulbangash, where the Workers' Dhaba has been active, thousands of workers remain. Many lacked the resources to leave the city, while others simply do not have a village to return to.

In these areas, the need for food distribution is as dire as ever. Therefore we must keep the Workers' Dhabas going, until the lockdown is lifted, and beyond, depending on the way the economic and subsistence crisis unfolds.



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## What we have done so far

Between **28 March** and **15 May** the Workers' Dhaba distributed

- **88,960** food packets prepared at our kitchens
- **18,000** packets contributed by partner organisations

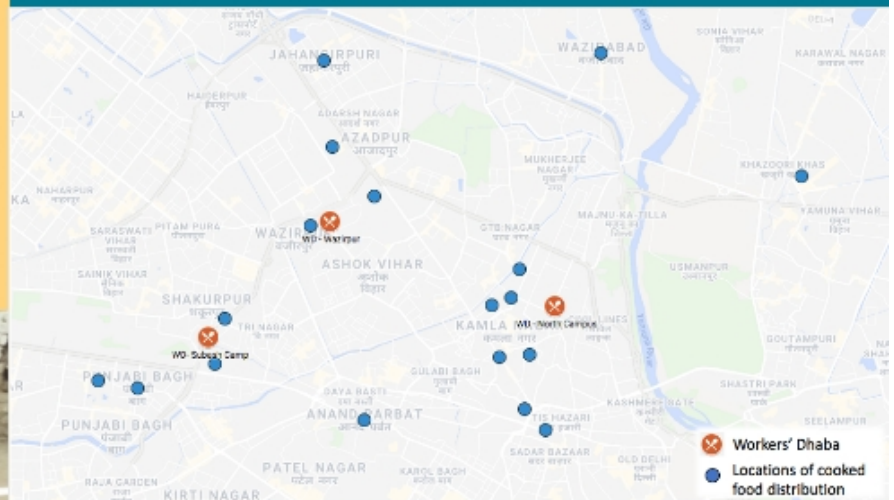
With three dhabas now running we are able to reach between **2,600 to 2,900** people everyday.



**More than 2,700 meals distributed daily**

# Running Workers' Kitchens in North Delhi

Our aim is also to develop a network of community kitchens in different working class neighborhoods of North Delhi.



## Workers' Dhaba - Subash Camp

This kitchen is run by the residents of two nearby *jhuggis*. Most of them are migrants and work as waste workers, construction workers and in the hospitality industry. The food cooked here is distributed by volunteers in different neighbourhoods and *jhuggis*, including: Subash Camp, Ragpickers Colony (Britannia Chowk), Punjabi Bagh, Madipur and Fire Station Jhuggi.

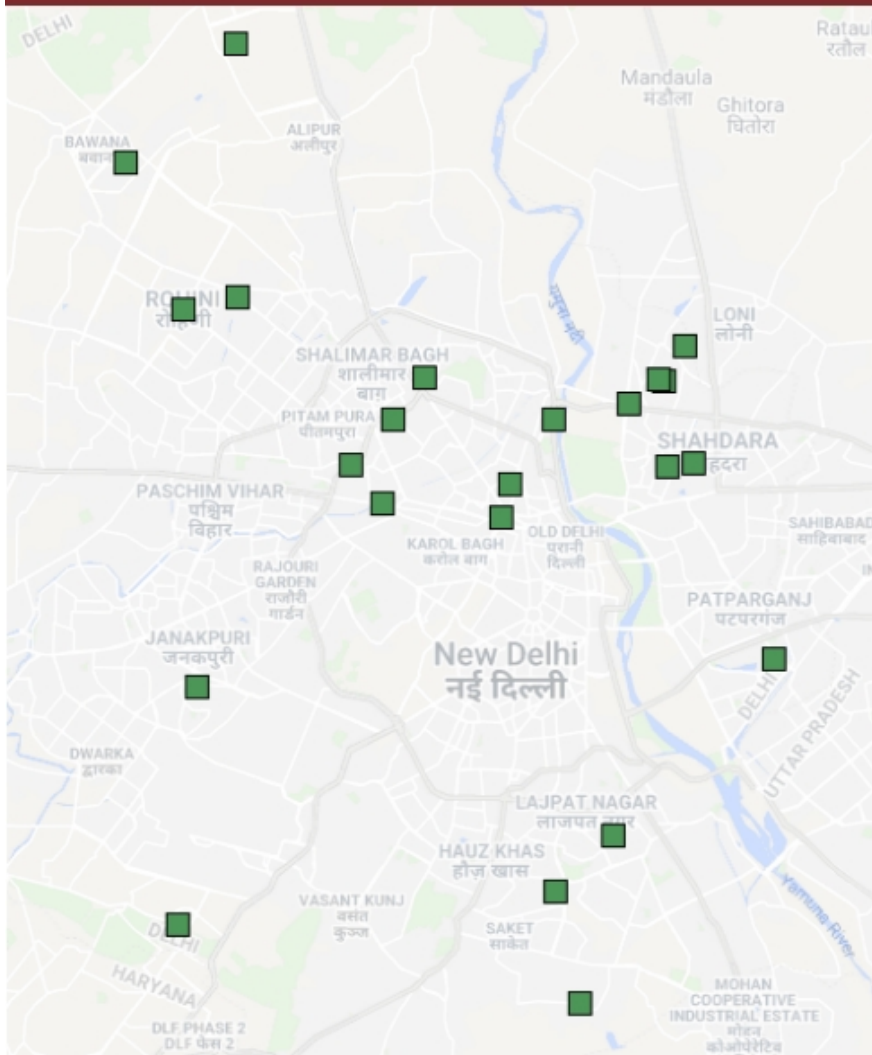
## Workers' Dhaba - Wazirpur Industrial Area

The workers living in Wazirpur used to be employed in the area's steel rolling mills, or as rickshaw pullers, construction workers, and mechanics. Most families lost all sources of income following the lockdown introduced on 25 March. The food is prepared and packed during the day by local volunteers, and distributed every evening in the locality.

## The Demand for Dry Rations

Since the beginning of April, we have delivered over **1,150 dry ration kits** to the stranded workers and working class families. We also arranged for the delivery of dry rations provided by the State government.

We covered various areas of Delhi NCR (in green on the map), from Bawana and Narela in the North to Kapashera in the South, Khajuri, Kalyanpuri and Jaffrabad across the Yamuna, as well as different workers' colonies spread over the city(Khanpur, Azad Market and others)



### Each Dry Ration kit contains:

One kit costs about Rs. 700 and can provide for the basic need of a 5-person family for a week

- rice (5 kg),
- flour (5 kg),
- dal/lentils (2 kg),
- sugar (1 kg),
- salt (1 kg),
- oil (1 ltr),
- tea (250 g),
- sanitary napkins (15 pcs) and soap.

# Support the Workers' Dhaba

## Online Donations

<https://www.ketto.org/fundraiser/stand-with-workers-support-workers-dhaba>

OR

<https://www.ourdemocracy.in/Campaign/Supportworkersdhaba>

(only for Indian citizens)

## Bank Transfer

### INDIAN CITIZENS :

Centre for Education and Communication

Corporation Bank

SB Account No: 520101261257941

IFSC Code: CORP0000286

Branch: Greater Kailash, New Delhi

### FOREIGN NATIONALS:

Centre for Education and Communication

State Bank of India

Current Account No: 10786724071

Swift Code: SBININBB710

Branch: Green Park Extension, New Delhi

Once the transfer is made, please send us an email with your **NAME** and **ADDRESS** at..

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