

## **PARTNER OF LABOUR MOVEMENT**

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*Nominated by the Migrant Workers' Centre.*

H A Saeed has been volunteering with the Migrant Workers' Centre (MWC) as an ambassador since 2010. Given his strong ground connections, he is also one of the few ambassadors MWC approaches to conduct ground sensing whenever needed. When COVID-19 struck, and migrant workers were affected by the lockdown, MWC received an overwhelming number of calls on our Helpline. Most of these calls were from workers severely distressed at being isolated for prolonged periods. These calls were from workers at the gazetted dormitories and those who had moved to Community Care Facilities and Community Recovery Facilities.

MWC embarked on a Careline initiative to supplement our existing pool of case officers. A select handful of ambassadors were temporarily housed at the Settling-in Programme centre at Soon Lee to return such calls and offer comfort and solace to distressed workers and migrant worker patients. Brother Saeed was among the few selected for the role, and he showed no hesitation in quickly accepting and embarking on the assignment. Thanks to his efforts, MWC could handle and manage workers stressed by their isolation.

As part of the nationwide efforts to curb the spread of the virus, Brother Saeed volunteered to work with the Ministry of Manpower and MWC to implement the Safe Management Measures. His role included joining the agencies in regular walkabouts at Little India to remind crowds about maintaining the one-meter distancing and returning to their dormitories when they were done with their essential errands.

Beyond the outbreak, Brother Saeed continues to exemplify his commitment by encouraging workers to consider upgrading their skills to increase their chances at better work prospects or to strengthen their relevance to their companies.

Brother Saeed also helps his peers safeguard their wages by encouraging them to apply for casino self-exclusion and even personally facilitates the application.