Sodexo - Stop Hunger offers emergency aid in COVID-affected communities

- Partners India Food Banking Network and Zomato Feeding India for community outreach
- Distribution of dry ration items and ready-to-eat packets among the daily wage earners and low-income families
- Initiative to cover 85,000 beneficiaries through the provision of more than 9,00,000 meals

Mumbai/India, September 7, 2020: The challenges currently being experienced as a result of Coronavirus (Covid-19) are unprecedented and sadly impacting many vulnerable people in our communities. Offering relief, Sodexo - Stop Hunger has joined hands with leading public service organizations – India Food Banking Network and Zomato Feeding India to offer aid to the daily wage-earners and low-income families in the local communities.

Under the initiative, Sodexo - Stop Hunger will supply dry ration kits and ready-to-eat packets to the partner organizations, who in turn will work with their NGO partners and local volunteers to make aid available to families which are impacted by COVID and lost livelihoods in Mumbai, Delhi NCR, Pune, Hyderabad, Bangalore, Chennai, Ahmedabad, Kolkata, Patna and Varanasi.

"Sodexo - Stop Hunger works with charities to donate time, skills and money to tackle hunger, support good nutrition and promote life skills in local communities. In the current difficult times, mobilizing food within the impacted communities has been an area of concern. By collaborating with major non-profit organizations - India Food Banking Network and Zomato Feeding India, Sodexo - Stop Hunger is helping to coordinate resources within communities to ensure people have access to essential food. We care about our stakeholders, and as a team, we work every day to make a difference. This is our way of playing the part and giving back to the society in a meaningful way", says Rohit Bahety, Country President – Sodexo India.

The association with India Food Banking Network involves distribution of a 15-kg dry ration kit including cooking essentials like rice, wheat flour, pulses, oil and spices to 26,625 beneficiaries, while Zomato Feeding India is focusing on distribution of 60,000+ meal packets to migrant labourers, daily wage earners and stranded people at in-transit points in Delhi and Mumbai. Each
meal kit contains water bottle, glucose biscuits, sattu (roasted gram or chana powder), chips, namkeen, roasted chana, soap strips and a face mask.

“We, at India Food Banking Network, are excited to double the quantum of our food assistance to families in need for greater impact during the National Nutrition Week. Thank you Sodexo - Stop Hunger for your generous support. With your help we are making a meaningful difference in the lives of 5325 vulnerable families by providing them with 80000 kgs of non-perishable staples. Together we are ensuring that they have enough food to eat, remain healthy and can dedicate themselves to rebuilding their lives,” says Vandana Singh, CEO - India Food Banking Network.

“Meal for Migrants has been designed to provide relief to migrant workers who have been on their journey home with no food or even means to it. We are happy to have joined hands with Sodexo which has a similar mission. Their contribution has been significant in ensuring that more people reach their destination safely and in good health, added Chaitanya Mathur, Head - Zomato Feeding India.

Sodexo - Stop Hunger along with partner organizations targets completion of this community service activity by mid-September 2020, in line with the National Nutrition Week campaign in the target cities, touching the lives of over 85,000+ beneficiaries with more than 9,00,000 meals.

About Sodexo

Sodexo Group
Founded in Marseille in 1966 by Pierre Bellon, Sodexo is the global leader in services that improve Quality of Life, an essential factor in individual and organizational performance. Operating in 67 countries, Sodexo serves 100 million consumers each day through its unique combination of On-site Services, Benefits & Rewards Services and Personal and Home Services. Sodexo provides clients an integrated offering developed over more than 50 years of experience: from foodservices, reception, maintenance and cleaning, to facilities and equipment management; from services and programs fostering employees’ engagement to solutions that simplify and optimize their mobility and expenses management, to in-home assistance, child care centers and concierge services. Sodexo’s success and performance are founded on its independence, its sustainable business model and its ability to continuously develop and engage its 470,000 employees throughout the world. Sodexo is included in the CAC Next 20, ESG 80, FTSE 4 Good and DJSI indices.

Sodexo in India engages in two business activities – Onsite Services and Benefits & Rewards Services. Sodexo On-site Services is a leading service provider of food and facilities management solutions that impact the Quality of Life of clients and its employees. With 100+ service offerings, a robust QHSE framework and a sustainable business model, we are touching the lives of over a million consumers daily in the Auto & Ancillary, Pharmaceutical & FMCG, IT & ITES, Industrial & Infrastructure and Diversified business segments; Oil & Gas; Healthcare and Schools & Universities. In 2019, Sodexo On-site Services has delivered food and facilities management solutions across 1100 sites for 450+ clients with its network of 46,000 employees, spread across 8 Regional offices and a Corporate office in Mumbai. For more details, visit https://in.sodexo.com/home.html

Sodexo Benefits and Rewards Services India is a 100% digital Employee Motivation & Benefits Services provider and partner to 11,000+ companies across the public and private sector. It offers a range of employee benefit solutions. The meal benefit offerings include the Meal Pass card and
Cafeteria Pass card. The company’s Gifting & Recognition offerings include the Premium Pass Celebrations card for festivals & special occasions and Premium Pass Rewards card for ongoing rewards and recognition programs. In 2019, Sodexo launched the Sodexo Multi-Benefit Pass that helps organizations deliver multiple employee benefits on a single card. Today, Sodexo reaches out to millions of consumers everyday across 1,700+ cities nationally.

Key figures (as of 31 August 2019)

- 22 billion euro in consolidated revenues
- 470,000 employees
- 19th largest employer worldwide
- 67 countries
- 100 million consumers served daily
- 9.5 billion euro market capitalization (as of 6 July 2020)

About IFBN
India Food Banking Network is creating a strong and efficient network of FoodBanks across the country. It is reaching out to various supportive organizations in order to broaden the alliance needed to address the challenges of hunger, malnutrition and food waste. The Network with 25 FoodBanks, over 150 NGO beneficiary organisations and more than 25 corporate partners is serving over a million meals every year in a sustained way and also distributing tons of surplus food to those in need.

About Zomato Feeding India
Zomato Feeding India is a not-for-profit organization, designing interventions to reduce the problem of hunger within the underserved communities in India. It has a growing network of 26,700 volunteers present across over 185 cities in India and has served over 114 million meals to those in need so far. In January 2019, Feeding India associated with Zomato to become a part of Zomato’s Global Feeding Foundation. It continues to be an independently driven non-commercial, volunteer lead, not-for-profit organisation.

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