

## PM COVID 19 Funded-Ehsaas Emergency Cash disbursement commences to Job-loss affectees



May 18, 2020 -Islamabad: Ehsaas Emergency Cash disbursements to job-loss affectees through PM COVID-19 Fund began today. To inaugurate the disbursement process, Prime Minister Imran Khan visited an Ehsaas cash distribution site at Sports Complex, Islamabad where the first batch of job-loss/livelihood-loss affectees received cash assistance of Rs. 12,000 each through Ehsaas Emergency Cash system.

The Prime Minister inquired from beneficiaries about the financial impacts in the aftermath of the Covid-19 emergency. The first batch of jobless people apprised him of their issues and expressed gratitude for the financial support through the emergency cash program. “The government has taken different decisions to continue economic activities and has opened different sectors,” the Prime Minister said.

PM’s Special Assistant on Social Protection and Poverty Alleviation, Dr. Sania Nishtar, Minister for Industries and Production Hammad Azhar and other senior officials also accompanied the Prime Minister.

Dr. Nishtar briefed the PM about the entire process. Elaborating the process for identification of beneficiaries and payments through PM COVID-19 Fund, she explained, “The existing

principles and processes that have been deployed for Ehsaas Emergency Cash will be fully applied in the use of the Prime Minister's COVID 19 donor funds. Rule-based controls will be fully adhered to. Data analytics will be employed for the selection of beneficiaries." Further adding, Dr. Nishtar said, "The system of identification will be fully apolitical and free from human interference. Payments will be done after biometric verification. There will be full transparency in deployment of funds."

To-date, as many as 3.4 million applications have been received via Ehsaas Labour Portal since the PM launched it on May 2, 2020. When the portal came online, the PM had announced that the donations he is receiving in the PM COVID 19 Fund would be used to give Ehsaas Emergency Cash to deserving job-loss/livelihood-loss affectees. Ehsaas Emergency Cash of Rs. 12,000 will be given to these individuals.

More than Rs. 3 billion have been mobilized so far in the PM COVID 19 Fund and the pledges continue to be realized. The Prime Minister has committed that for each rupee donated by the donors, 4 rupees will be committed by the Government.

In the interest of transparency, tehsil level Bank disbursement and withdrawal details will be made public, just as in the case of Ehsaas Emergency Cash, under a separate Category IV and will be posted on [https://www.pass.gov.pk/ecs/uct\\_all.html](https://www.pass.gov.pk/ecs/uct_all.html) . Tehsil-wise number of beneficiaries, bank disbursement details, accounts credited, and money withdrawn will be posted on a real time basis.