

Media Release

Hon Jacinta Allan MP
Premier



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LABOR DELIVERS FOOD RELIEF FOR FAMILIES DOING IT TOUGH

Labor is delivering an immediate \$2.7 million food relief package to help families doing it tough right now.

Victorian families are being hit hard by rising prices and organisations who support them are facing rising costs.

No family should ever have to worry about where their next meal is coming from.

That's why Foodbank Victoria will receive \$900,000 to keep food moving to the frontline services that need it most.

Another \$1.1 million will support seven regional foodshares in Geelong, Bendigo, Shepparton, Mildura, Warrnambool, Wodonga, Moira Shire, and the Regional Food Security Alliance.

SecondBite and FareShare will share \$200,000 to rescue and redistribute surplus food.

OzHarvest will also receive \$200,000 to deliver more meals to families in need.

Sikh organisations are already on the ground providing much-needed food relief to local families.

Victorian Sikh Gurdwaras Council, Sikh Volunteers Australia, Gurduara Council of Victoria and Australian Sikh Support will share in \$200,000 to continue their services.

Community Information & Support Victoria (CISVic) are often a first port of call for families who need support and they'll receive \$100,000 to keep supporting families.

This is on top of the Allan Labor Government's record investment in food relief in last year's Budget.

This won't solve every problem facing families.

But it's immediate relief to help Victorians right now while we keep working on new solutions to help with cost-of-living.

Quotes attributable to Premier Jacinta Allan

"No family should ever have to worry about where their next meal is coming from."

"This funding is going straight to the frontline, right now."

"It won't solve every problem but it's immediate help we can provide right now to people who need it most."

Quotes attributable to Minister for Carers and Volunteers Ros Spence

"Food relief organisations are doing extraordinary work and Labor is proud to back them."

Quote attributable to Minister for Multicultural Affairs Ingrid Stitt

"I'm proud we're backing in our selfless Sikh community who are always there to support others in times of need."

Quote attributable to Member for Northern Metropolitan Region Enver Erdogan

"This means these organisations can keep doing what they do best – showing up for people when they need it."

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