**Another Deliveroo Rider Narrates Covid 19 story**

I am a student who has completed my course of studies and currently in my search year. The coronavirus has severe repercussions for my work as a freelancer working with Deliveroo company. There is fear in my heart because of the coronavirus, but the orders with fees keep on tempting me. I am in a dilemma – my life and survival in The Hague as a migrant student depend on paying my bills, family responsibilities from abroad, upkeep, and my health, another dilemma. Unfortunately, the fees which kept on tempting me from staying safe at home started vanishing due to the low level of customers ordering food from the restaurants. The small orders usually result in Deliveroo lowering the fees for riders in other to also make a profit and to satisfy the number of cyclists on the road.

The big blow of the coronavirus to me was when Deliveroo realizes that there were fewer riders on the road and introduced the free login system, which is contrary to the booked sessions system where cyclists booked sessions to work every week. Contrary to the free login system, a rider can now work any time from 9:00 am to 12:00 am. The free login system allowed many Deliveroo-riders into the system coupled with the coronavirus, which makes the earnings very low for me and other riders in the business. As people are at home and not having money, and do not order, the number of cyclists on the road makes earning worse since many riders are competing for few orders. There are many days, especially from Monday to Wednesday that I can go out in the morning till evening and hardly earn 50 euros. Customers orders are low on these days. My colleagues and I usually sit or stand at The Hague center. I used to earn 100 euros a day before the coronavirus. Now I have to struggle before I can make 50. Hence, my earnings have suddenly reduced, and out of the 50 euros, I have to remit to my family abroad, pay tax, pay bills among other things. Due to the effects of the coronavirus on my earnings, I wish I had gotten some financial support. However, it is tough to receive support. Many clauses are attached to the financial support scheme, and as a migrant worker, it is challenging to access it. Though I face lots of difficulties in these trying times, I have not gotten any support from anybody.

Deliveroo is my only source of income. It is difficult for me to find a job because I don't understand Dutch. I attended some interviews, but the Dutch Language is always my barrier. Though there is a lockdown, I still gamble with my life to survive. I cannot stay indoors, as starvation is staring me in the face. Worse, I can quickly be evicted from my abode, if I don't work amid the lockdown.

As the saying goes, "after every storm, there is always calm." Hope dwells in me that sooner or later coronavirus shall be history. Everything has its season, and I firmly believe Allah will see the whole world through this period of despair. There is no antidote to this predicament, and no country has gotten the nerves to secure a cure for this deadly disease. That means it is only Allah who can see us through this storm, and prayer is a weapon to the pandemic.