

Humanitarian crisis: What can I do to help

Developing a food delivery app

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Abstract

This paper describes my actions regarding my contribution to society during the difficult times of the novel coronavirus plague, with the development of a freelance-driven app for food delivery.

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1 The cause and the beginnings

Ever since the first infection with the new coronavirus in Slovenia, many people have known that difficult times await them. With constant warnings from the media and increasingly stringent measures, the Slovenian people closed in on themselves. During lock-down, many are suffering from the lack of food supplies as they are unable to buy them on their own. That's why me and many other enthusiasts from the *front page of the Internet*, reddit, came up with an idea to relieve distress by facilitating the supply of food with deliveries, powered by the community itself.

2 The idea

Our goal is to provide a platform, where anyone can contribute to the local food deliveries by buying essentials for the people in need instead of them. We're of course planing on integration of different plans for freelance deliverers in terms of delivery pricing, but, currently, all financial configurations have to be taken care of by the buyer and the deliverer, not the developers of the app, which would, when the app would be ready and released, allow us to focus and give more dedication to the development itself, and also rid us of all legal problems, as the app would be working in a fully distributed manner, without a central party involved. Even our team does not plan to earn anything from this idea, it's agreed to be more of a hobby or an experiment than a money-making machine.

3 Future plans

Many days of development still follow us before the application is released in test format to the general public. We're also worried about law issues and rely on the fact that the application is released and used without any warranty and *as-is* to the users. We are strictly against any ownership of the program and have no intention of selling it. It is to be used by any private firm at no cost for them, but selling it would probably be prohibited.

4 Conclusion

As much as any of us affected by the virus try to think about the positive effects of it, we all still hope that the global panic and the virus are going away soon. Temporary fixes such as this idea are always welcome, but in order to beat the virus, we have to stay together by keeping distance, staying at home and exercising regularly.