

# FEEDING THE NEEDY

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In the wake of Mount Agung's eruption and subsequent erratic behaviour, many people are wondering how to lend a helping hand to the Balinese people most affected by the volcano. While cash donations to relief organisations are highly encouraged, there are also a number of cafes and restaurants in Ubud that make contributing to the cause as easy as having cup of coffee, a meal or a glass of wine.

## Kahiyang Coffee House Arjuna

Located just behind Ubud's colossal Arjuna statue, Kahiyang Coffee is both a chilled out coffee house and the logistics hub of Agung Siaga, a cooperative at the forefront of the Mount Agung relief effort. Here you can donate goods and cash that will go directly to the camps that need it most, all while sampling rare varieties of coffee from around Indonesia that have been roasted in-house. Even better, the team at Kahiyang works closely with Indonesian coffee farmers to help them improve their crops and sell their harvest at fair prices, so each cold brew your drink or bag of beans you buy helps improve the lives of Indonesian farmers and their families.

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## Bridges Bali

You would be hard pressed to find a more scenic spot to dine and drink for a good cause than Bridges Bali. This chic wine bar and fine dining restaurant is perched on the side of a ravine overlooking the Wos River, and it consistently earns the title of Ubud's most romantic restaurant. Have a glass of vino and some tasty tapas at Divine Wine Bar before making your way to the open-sided dining room for traditional Balinese cuisine with a temporary twist. On your way out, you can make a donation to the Mount Agung refugees at the cashier. Bridges Bali delivers goods directly to the camps and also works with Soleman and Kopernik to raise much-needed funds for relief efforts.

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## Lovin Bar

Like the name suggests, Lovin is all about the love, especially for those in need of a helping hand. This restaurant and late-night jamming spot, is owned by Komang Merry, who also founded the Ginantri Foundation, a non-profit organisation that provides education, housing and healthy meals to underprivileged children in Bali. When Mount Agung erupted, the Ginantri Foundation and Lovin Bar began delivering supplies to refugee camps and supporting children who had been displaced from their homes. For every drink or meal that you buy at Lovin, a portion of the proceeds goes towards helping these children have a better standard of life and a shot at a brighter future.

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## Bali Direct

How brilliant is it that even here in small-town Ubud, we can go online and with just the click of a few buttons have groceries delivered right to our doors? Bali Direct is a home delivery service that works closely with local producers to bring us organic fruits and veggies, free-range meats, freshly baked bread, cold-pressed coffee, spices, beauty supplies and more. They recently partnered with Bumi Sehat to provide fresh vegetables, tempe and tofu to over 100 evacuees who are currently living at the Bumi Sehat clinic. You can also give the gift of fresh, healthy food by visiting Bali Direct's website to make a donation, and they will deliver it to Bumi Sehat on your behalf.

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## BetelNut

Although the Mount Agung refugees are top priority when it comes to relief efforts, many Balinese people in the hospitality industry have also been deeply affected by the volcano. In Bali NOW is a campaign that was formed to support and rejuvenate the tourism industry, and one of the ways they are doing this is with weekly meet-ups every Thursday evening at BetelNut. The goal is to bring together tourism professionals, disaster management experts and any other interested parties to brainstorm ideas on how to bounce back from the crisis. All are welcome to join the conversation. While you're there, be sure to sample some of BetelNut's vibrant Asian noodles, satays and salads.

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## 9 Angels Warung

When Mount Agung started billowing smoke and ash back in September, 9 Angels Warung was one of the first Ubud restaurants to respond by opening their kitchen to volunteers and cooking hundreds of meals every day to be delivered to the refugee camps. Although the volunteer kitchen has been put on hold for the time being, 9 Angels still hosts fundraisers and works closely with Agung Siaga to help raise money for fresh food and essentials for the refugees. Stop by for one of their fun open mike nights, hit up their healthy vegan buffet, and drop whatever you can afford in their donation box. After all, every little bit helps.

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