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MEDAC AND AGENCIES OFFERING MORE THAN RM700 MILLION MORATORIUM AND TARGETED ASSISTANCE FOR SMES

Putrajaya, 17 June 2021 – The Ministry of Entrepreneur Development and Cooperatives (MEDAC) and its agencies are offering moratorium and other targeted assistance with an estimated value of RM746.79 million for the SMEs to help cushion the impact of the nationwide lockdown order.

The assistance offered is expected to benefit a total of 734,707 borrowers and tenants of the agencies, which also include micro enterprises as well as informal businesses – those in the B40 category.

Minister Dato Sri Wan Junaidi said the SMEs, particularly micro and informal businesses, are among the groups severely affected by the third nationwide movement control order (MCO 3.0) and require all the help that they can get to stay afloat.

Based on a survey conducted by MEDAC in February to gauge the impact of MCO 2.0 on SME sector, more than half of the respondents said that they are uncertain of the future and can only sustain their businesses for three to six months should the lockdown order continues.

“Many of these small businesses do not have much savings to fall back to and because of that they need all the assistance they can get to survive. We hope the moratorium and targeted assistance provided by agencies under MEDAC would help them in these trying times,” he said.

The agencies providing the moratorium and targeted assistance are Bank Rakyat, SME Bank, TEKUN Nasional, SME Corp, Perbadanan Nasional Berhad (PNS), Cooperatives Commission of Malaysia (SKM) and UDA Holdings. Details of the assistance are as follows:-

	Agency	Types of assistance	Value	Number of beneficiaries
1	Bank Rakyat	i. 3 months moratorium ii. 50% reduction in monthly instalment for 6 months	RM550 million	600,000
2	SME Bank	i. 6 months moratorium ii. 12 month financing extension iii. 100% rental moratorium for 7 months	RM28.67 million	2,055
3	TEKUN	i. 3 months moratorium ii. 50% reduction in monthly instalment for 6 months	RM94.94 million	126,170
4	SME Corp	i. Payment rescheduling of loan/financing ii. 3 month moratorium iii. 50% reduction in monthly instalment for 6 months	RM1.5 million	228
5	PNS	i. 3 months moratorium ii. 30% rental discount for 6 months	RM4.67 million	388
6	SKM	3 months moratorium	RM45 million	1,056
7	UDA Holdings	Up to 50% discount on rental	RM22.01 million	4,810

Meanwhile, Dr Wan Junaidi said MEDAC is currently embarking on another survey to gauge the impact of MCO 3.0 on the SME sector, which include micro enterprises as well as informal businesses.

Since more than 80 percent of the SMEs provides products and services that are in the non-essential services, he said many of the industry players will be affected the lockdown this time round, which is more stringent that the previous. One.

Based on an earlier survey, aside from financial aspect, many entrepreneurs admit that they are also suffering from COVID-19 fatigue following the many uncertainties particularly on operational SOPs.

“From the survey, we hope to be able to assess the situation better and subsequently help us in coming up with a more targeted assistance and programmes that would best suit the SMEs,” he added.

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