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Ministry of Entrepreneur Development and Cooperatives

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **MEDAC AND AGENCIES HANDED OVER CLOSE TO RM700,000 WORTH OF ASSISTANCE TO STUDENTS, FLOOD VICTIMS, ASNAF IN SANTUBONG**

Kuching, 30 January 2021 – The Entrepreneur Development and Cooperatives Ministry (MEDAC), via its agencies Bank Rakyat and The Cooperative Commission of Malaysia (SKM), handed over close to RM700,000 worth assistance of to the needy groups in Sarawak.

Its minister Dato Sri Dr. Haji Wan Junaidi Tuanku Jaafar said in trying times like this, all forms of assistance from all parties are much welcomed to help lighten the burden faced by those who are in need.

“I would like to applaud both Bank Rakyat and SKM for participating in this charity drive. Act of kindness from corporate entities and organisations, regardless of the form or value, would certainly help make a difference to those in need,” he said.

In this joint charity drive, SKM has set aside RM402,500 worth of assistance, both in cash and kind, to the recipients. Details are as per below

	<b>Category</b>	<b>Amount</b>
1	Donation of essential food item to 300 flood victims	RM22,500
2	Special Cooperative Emergency Flood Relief to cooperatives affected by the flood <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Koperasi Sri Muara Kuching Bhd (RM30,000)</li> <li>b) Koperasi Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Toh Puan Datuk Patinggi Hajah Normah Daro Berhad (RM17,000)</li> </ul>	RM47,000
3	Cooperative Enhancement Programme	RM333,000

	<p>a) Koperasi Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Bako Kuching Berhad (RM50,000)</p> <p>b) Koperasi Usahawan Gading Mekar Berhad (KUSGA) (RM75,000)</p> <p>c) Koperasi Sri Muara Kuching Berhad (RM49,000)</p> <p>d) Koperasi Kojaksa Sarawak Berhad (RM54,000)</p> <p>e) Koperasi Nelayan Semariang Berhad (105,000)</p>	
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The Cooperative Enhancement Programme is an initiative by MEDAC to assist cooperatives, with potential to further expand their business operations, that are affected by Movement Control Order (MCO).

Meanwhile, Bank Rakyat donated RM112,000 worth of back to school items to 700 under privilege students in Sarawak. This is part its nationwide “Back to School” CSR drive, where it is setting set aside some RM1 million to help provide school supplies, including uniforms, to 6,000 students all over the country

The bank and its subsidiary Zakat Rakyat Holdings also handed over RM21,500.00 and RM154,350.00 zakat, respectively, to more than 1,000 asnaf families in Santubong parliamentary area.

Dr. Wan Junaidi pointed out that the B40 groups, including micro and informal enterprises, are most affected by MCO as many are daily wage earners. They also do not have sufficient savings that would provide them with a comfortable financial buffer during this trying times.

“For this group, working from home is not an option. Their livelihood is severely affected by the MCO. I hope everyone would take this seriously and play their part in containing the spread of the pandemic by strictly adhering to the SOPs,” he added.

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