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Islamic Relief Malaysia (IRM) is thrilled to embark on new a journey to further uplift humanitarian world through the Care4Hunger campaign in efforts to reduce starvation cases.

IRM Chief Executive Officer, Zairulshahfuddin Zainal Abidin said that IRM plans to materialise the Care4Hunger campaign as aligned with our vision to help those who suffer from starvation.

He also notes that the people who suffer from starvation are not in any favour for the cause but we as human are responsible to do something in relieving the case.

Apart from Care4Hunger, IRM will continue its main campaign namely Ramadan Food Pack, Cheer to School and Emergency Winter Appeal.

Besides, Somalia Water Waqaf Fund (DWAS) 2.0 campaign will be launched soon this year.



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IRM Appreciates Humanitarian Volunteers

93 humanitarian volunteers of Islamic Relief Malaysia (IRM) from various backgrounds were celebrated through Volunteer Appreciation Day 2018 at Bangi Golf Resort for their hard works and sacrifices in developing an integrated humanitarian world.

The programme was established to acknowledge the efforts shown by all volunteers in uplifting humanitarian activities as well as creating a caring world to show their concern towards humanitarian issues either local or international.



The Volunteer Appreciation Day 2018 organised by IRM Volunteer Development Unit is also a symbol of honour for the International Volunteer Day celebrated on December 5th every year.

The main focus of this programme is to share every humanitarian activity of IRM this year so more volunteers are enticed to work hand-in-hand alongside IRM towards a more integrated volunteer environment as well as foster a better relationship between volunteers and IRM family,



The program which celebrated a line of humanitarian volunteers also earned pleasant support from Humanitarian Icons of IRM. Saujana, Dr. Aizan Sofia Amin, Ashraf Muslim and Irma Hasmie were among the icons who came to enliven the ambiance.

Last year, IRM conducted 32 programmes for volunteers. Through these programmes, 839 volunteers have been recruited, 195 volunteers have participated in trainings, and 558 volunteers have involved in our programmes. To date, IRM has over 3,000 registered volunteers in Malaysia who are ready to act for humanity.



30 Special Students Served

30 special students from Sekolah Agama Pendidikan Khas Johor Bahru, Johor were aided with school necessities through Cheer to School programme organised by Islamic Relief Malaysia (IRM).

The programme which involved students with hearing disabilities benefitted them with basic school expenses in hopes they would be more enthusiastic to continue learning at school.

School teachers from the particular school also fully supported the programme in helping to alleviate the burden shouldered by the students' family.



Head Mistress of Sekolah Agama Pendidikan Khas Johor Bahru, Norhafizah Suhaimi said, "Honestly if we try to blend ourselves with the community, the rizqi is doubled. It is also our rizqi. Thank you very much to IRM for aiding the students. The programme is as if a present for them to feel blessed just like how the normal kids outside do."

"It also opens up more opportunities and eyes for the public to be aware of their existence and I compassionately believe that the sense of responsibility is there when we mingle around with them."

All students were brought to Mydin Johor to buy basic necessities for educational purposes such as school uniform, a pair of shoes and socks.



D2G Helps Entrepreneurs Grow towards a Global Level



15 entrepreneurs selected from the Dare to Grow, Road to Global (D2G) programme will expand their products through partnership with Islamic Relief Malaysia (IRM).

Inspired by the concept of sustainable livelihood, the D2G programme emphasises economic and social development factor to generate balanced income and social justice.

The D2G programme comprises of entrepreneurial training development, counselling session and monitoring, business matching, product development, business development and product exhibition.

The programme is regarded as a responsibility held to lead each entrepreneur to be more successful in the future.

Entrepreneurs in the D2G programme are hoped to be successful and able to take their products to global market and help others to be on the same track.



There are three key principles in business namely governance, innovation, and impact in driving the business towards success.

The opening ceremony was also rounded out with a handover of Certificate of Submission to entrepreneurs as well as Letter of Cooperation to enterprises as programme partners.



Share the Joy Shares Happiness with 70 Beneficiaries

70 beneficiaries at a nursing centre, Lovely Nursing Centre, Kelana Jaya, Selangor were served by Islamic Relief Malaysia (IRM) through Share the Joy programme.

The programme which is an annual event of IRM gathered all beneficiaries from various background to feel the joy of Chinese New Year celebration.

Share the Joy is organised every year as in line with the mission of IRM that places an emphasis to serve beneficiaries without looking at their skin colour, faith and age.

One of the main focuses we host such programme is to foster a better relationship between Chinese communities and IRM personnel including our volunteers as to create a harmonious environment as Malaysia is a nation comprising of a multitude of unique races.

The event involved single mothers, orphans, senior citizens, critically ill-patients, people with disabilities (OKU) and other eligible beneficiaries at the care centre.

The residents of the house comprise of many different races that include Chinese, Indian, and Malay aged between 23 to 94 years old.

Throughout the programme, it was also filled with many exciting activities including manicure, haircut for men, origami, bowling, muffin cake decoration, Chinese calligraphy and beauty activities.



IRM Kicks off a Humanitarian Mission in Somalia

Islamic Relief Malaysia (IRM) once flew to Somalia to pay a visit to their sponsored project around two years ago, The Water Wells Project in Balcad.

The humanitarian mission is part of our responsibility to ensure our humanitarian aid, the Water Wells Project in Balcad, Central Shabelle to the Somali population will be materialised perfectly and to give them new hopes for survival.

Through the mission, the visit to Somalia is among the initiatives of IRM in gathering information directly from the location on the extreme long drought including other information involving the Care4Hunger campaign this year.

IRM has also identified that Somalia displays different critical needs in certain areas and will entrust IR Somalia to provide proposals for sponsored projects.

The arrival of IRM in Somali is warmly welcomed by the Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and the Somali Disaster Management.

The humanitarian mission gathers eight IRM delegates including a media representative and humanitarian icon of IRM, Elfaeza Ul Haq.



1.7 Million will get Benefits through Ramadan Campaign



1.7 million people in 34 countries across the world will be served through Ramadan Campaign under Care4Hunger Campaign by Islamic Relief Malaysia (IRM).

The campaign which has become an annual programme aims to help vulnerable people to survive in the coming holy month aside from raising public awareness regarding humanitarian issues at global level.



The Ramadan Food Pack 2019 will help people in 34 countries across the globe. Islamic Relief (IR) in general will estimate a total number of 311,346 food packs that will serve at least 1.7 million people.



IRM also aims to raise a total fund of RM10 million to fulfil Care4Hunger campaign consisting of many different sectors including Food & Nutrition, Emergency & Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR), Water & Health, Education, Livelihood and Seasonal Programme.

For Ramadan project this year, IRM launches a package of donations for as low as RM150 and RM300 starting from March 8th 2019 until June 4th 2019.

Orang Asli Community To be Empowered



Seven participants from Kelas Dewasa Asli Pribumi (KEDAP) and Sekolah Kebangsaan Bukit Tampoi were given the opportunity and exposure regarding mushroom preservation at NAS Agro Farm.

The effort is one of the initiatives by Islamic Relief Malaysia (IRM) in serving the Orang Asli to improve their standard of living in the future.

It is also in line with the mission of IRM that wants to promote integrated development and environmental custodianship with a focus on sustainable livelihoods.



On that day, the participants were exposed to approaches on sustaining mushroom in a block as well as learning how to prepare mushroom blocks and ways to pick up mushroom accurately.

IRM ACTIVITIES

January

- 5** - Flash Sale Charity Shoppe
- 16 - 18** - Fire Relief 1st Series
- 17** - Icon Induction Course
- 18** - Visit from IR Canada
- 20 - 25** - Fire Relief 2nd Series
- 21** - Cheer to School, Tenom Sabah
- 23** - Cheer to School, Johor Bahru
- 27** - Volunteer Appreciation Day

February

- 2** - Special Deal Charity Shoppe
- 10** - Chinese New Year Celebration, Kinarut Sabah
- 11** - Be a Responder
- 12 - 14** - Chinese New Year Celebration, Sri Aman, Sarawak
- 16** - Bootcamp & D2G Launching
- 22** - Market Research Training
- 23** - Share the Joy, Petaling Jaya
- 24** - Festival Nasyid UKM
- 25** - Program Sejahtera MBSB Bank

March

- 1** - Delegasi IRM Berlepas ke Somalia
- 2** - Malaysian Career & Training Fair 2019
- 8** - Kursus Cendawan, Nas Agro Farm
- 16** - Kaedah Menyantuni OKU Penglihatan
- 23** - GENIUS
- 24 - 28** - Inspire Programme

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