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The Orang Asli in Bukit Tampoi Dengkil, Selangor have benefited from the Grey Oyster Mushroom Project.

Initiated by Islamic Relief Malaysia, it was implemented in collaboration with MRA International Sdn Bhd and SK Bukit Tampoi.

The project aims to raise economic standards and provide sustainable livelihood for the Orang Asli as well as equipping them with new agricultural knowledge.

"The IRM oyster mushroom cultivation program not only focusses on educating native adults, but is also meant to attract and encourage SK Bukit Tampoi Asli students to go to school in a new and exciting environment," said Kamarul Halim Sakrani, Director Partner Care of Islamic Relief Malaysia.

The oyster mushroom was chosen because it is becoming increasingly popular within the community and is widely cultivated around the world. Its distinctive flavour, enhanced with the benefits of protein, fibre, vitamin E, selenium, iron, calcium and magnesium, have seen its demand grow in the global market.

All the participants were equipped with crop and mushroom care knowledge and skills through courses and training.

"I feel very excited participating in this program. For me, it is an opportunity and it only comes once. Mushroom-growing is something new for my community but it will bring us a step forward in the future." – Hardi Epok, participant of Oyster Mushroom Education project.

From observation, this project has great potential to be developed on a larger scale, as a platform for economic empowerment for the Orang Asli community.



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RURAL PEOPLE IN SABAH SUPPORTED

The cooperation between Islamic Relief Malaysia (IRM) and Islamic Science University of Malaysia has been further strengthened through the WASH-Taharah Program and the Aqua Project introduced at Kampung Tagupi Laut, Lahad Datu, Sabah.

With the objective of educating the villagers by providing basic knowledge, the three-day program from April 5th to April 7th covered various areas and included exciting activities such as healthy nutrition, fiqh taharah seminars and the Aqua Project launches.

"IRM hopes this program will continue into the future because if these children succeed, they will return to serve their community and thus increase their sustainable livelihood," said Mohammad Syakir Mohd Sarib, Senior Officer, Domestic Programme of Islamic Relief Malaysia.



The program was also joined by celebrity Diana Amir who is also IRM's Humanitarian Icon.

"Every parent wants to give the best for their children. I hope that they will be successful, and God will help them out of the difficulties they face," shared Diana.

The three-day program ended with the launching of the new water well (Aqua Project) which will benefit 3,000 villagers including several other facilities such as mosques, plantations and livestock as well as other areas through clean and disease-free water sources.



INCREASING HEALTH AWARENESS AMONGST THE ORANG ASLI

51 Bachelor of Science (Nutrition and Community Health) students from the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences (FPSK), Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) in collaboration with Islamic Relief Malaysia (IRM), conducted a health screening program at SK Bukit Tampoi Asli , Dengkil , Selangor.

The program aimed to increase awareness of maintaining cleanliness and encourage the Orang Asli community to live a healthy lifestyle and eat a balanced diet.

The basic health screening consisted of weight and height measurement, arm circumference and head lice treatment. In addition, they were also given a demonstration on how to wash hands correctly using seven steps.

There were many interesting activities, some using song approaches and quizzes were also held during the health sharing session.

This programs was well-received by SK Bukit Tampoi's students. They looked very committed and were eager to participate in all activities.

Among other benefits that can be seen from the program implementation are that all parties involved would be able to recognize disease or problems faced by the students in advance and subsequently facilitate an intervention process.

IRM hopes the program would enable us to identify any disease or problem that they face to facilitate immediate action.



SPORTS DAY BOOSTS TEAMWORK EFFORT



Islamic Relief Malaysia (IRM) celebrated students of the Refugee Intellectual Skills and Excellence (RISE) through their Annual Sports Day 2019 to develop and inspire interest in sports.

The programme was also aimed at inculcating the spirit of sportsmanship and teamwork while promoting a healthy lifestyle through activities organised for the day.

The sports event involved a total of 38 children who were given exposure to a real sports day similar to other schools in the country.

In addition, it was an attempt to foster good relations between students, teachers, as well as IRM that has been striving hard to uplift the status of vulnerable people in Malaysia.



IRM CHARITY SHOPPE HELPS THE NEEDY

Islamic Relief Malaysia (IRM) organized a Mega Sale Aidilfitri at Charity Shoppe IRM to encourage contributors to continue their generosity which is essential for social and community development.

This event not only focussed on selling goods but also offered a platform to anyone who wanted to do good.



"Our Charity Shoppe is like a gateway for every visitor. The door is open to everyone who want to do amal jariah while buying and donating something. In addition to emphasizing the concept of buying and selling, we are also want to spread humanitarian stories and highlight issues to those who support this program, said Zairulshahfuddin Zainal Abidin, Chief Executive Officer of IRM.



Furthermore, the Mega Sale Aidilfitri acts as a bridge to link visitors and contributors to beneficiaries.



Various interesting activities included hijab and makeup tutorials conducted by IRM's Humanitarian Icon, Irma Hasmie and Elfaeza Ul Haq, ketupat weaving competitions, sale of preloved goods from celebrities and also a happy hour which offered goods at low prices .

Hundreds of visitors who came early received souvenirs from IRM as tokens of appreciation for their support.



LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND PROGRAM CELEBRATING WITH 50 HEARING IMPAIRED PEOPLE

A total of 50 beneficiaries with hearing disabilities were celebrated through the Leave No One Behind program.

The program, organised by Islamic Relief Malaysia (IRM), also received the support of the Malaysia Federation of the Deaf (MFD), volunteers and IRM sign language staff as well as Islamic Science University of Malaysia, and Friends of Faqeh.



Among the activities that were carried out were meeting the cartoon character mascots of Omar & Hana and Sahabat Faqeh, shopping for clothing for disabled children, Duha prayers, takbir recording and singing as well as donations of food boxes.

"This is the first contribution of Omar & Hana to IRM. I'm so grateful the project ran smoothly and reached the target of 50 food packs for distribution. Hopefully this cooperative effort will continue for future missions and that Omar & Hana would be able to spread its reach not only to children but also to all Malaysians," said Fadilah A. Rahman, Producer of Omar & Hana.



Meanwhile, Communication and Campaign Division Director, Siti Fadilah Mohd Hood said that this assistance is anticipated to enable every family elected to celebrate in the month of Syawal.



COURTESY VISIT TO SENIOR CITIZENS IN MYSINGGAH RAMADAN

Islamic Relief Malaysia (IRM) collaborated with Pusat Jagaan Nur Hasanah to pay a courtesy visit to senior citizens as part of showing appreciation and to celebrate them in the month of Ramadan.

"The MySinggaH Ramadan program aims to help those who are marginalized, who have lived as homeless people in the streets, living lowly, displaced in hospitals without any attendees and those with chronic illness without proper care and treatment," said Zairulshahfuddin Zainal Abidin, Chief Executive Officer of IRM

There were interesting activities such as cooking demonstration by Celebrity Chef, Chef Nabil Salleh and Chef Imelda Harris, performance by Saujana and psychosocial activities with Dr. Aizan Sofia, one of IRM's Humanitarian Icon. These were achieved with the help of Kelab Sukarelawan Zakat (SUZA) from Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) Melaka. The event was made merrier with the presence of celebrity chef, Dato' Fazley Yaakob and tazkirah by Ustaz Ashraf Suarin.

In addition, the program received support from Lembaga Zakat Selangor (LZS) and Bangi Resort Hotel (BRH). IRM and SUZA took the opportunity to give out souvenirs and spent time for breaking fast with the residents of Pusat Jagaan Nur Hasanah.



MYSINGGAH RAYA LAUNCHES DWAS 2.0



Islamic Relief Malaysia (IRM) continued its open house tradition during the month of Syawal together with beneficiaries, sponsors, IRM humanitarian partners, donors, IRM Humanitarian Icon, media partners, volunteers and public.

Among the beneficiaries who attended the event were groups of orphans, old folks, disabled, etc. from Refugee Intellectual Skills & Excellence (RISE), Persatuan Orang Pekak Islam Malaysia (PRISMA), Persatuan Orang Kurang Upaya Anggota Melayu Malaysia (POKUAM), Pertubuhan Kebangsaan Orang Kerdil Malaysia (PKOKM), Persatuan Orang Cacat Penglihatan Islam Malaysia (PERTIS), SK Bukit Tampoi, usahawan Bukit Tampoi, as well as recipients of Gift of Hope (GOH) and Program Sejahtera.

IRM also launched its Dana Wakaf Air Somalia 2.0 campaign in an effort to provide long-term solutions to the hungry people of Somalia whose lives have bordered on starvation since 2011.

"The DWAS 2.0 campaign targets to raise funds amounting to RM3.3 million to build two more units of water wells with water storage tanks, power generation sets, water pumps, piping systems and water drainage.

These will be implemented by Islamic Relief Somalia (IR Somalia) which has been there since 2006," said Zairulshahfuddin Zainal Abidin, IRM Chief Executive Officer.

The launch of DWAS 2.0 was officiated by IRM Trustee Board Chairman, Prof. Dr. Azni Idris and was witnessed by IRM Chief Executive Officer, Zairulshahfuddin Zainal Abidin. Also present was the Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Somalia, HE Abukar Abdi Osman.



In addition, this year's MySinggah Raya IRM also included various exciting activities, singing performances by Afad & Friends, Saujana Group, IRM Humanitarian Icon, volunteer, poetry recital, coloring and face painting activities for the children, sales of 'Mega Sale Raya' at Charity Shoppe, souvenirs and cash prizes.

IRM ACTIVITIES

April

- 2 - 8:** Aqua & WASH Taharah Gap Year Usim Volunteerism
- 7:** Sharing session on Somalia Menangis
- 16:** Emergency Response - Kg Air, Batu Sapi, Sandakan
- 16:** Courtesy Visit to Malaysia External Trade Development Corporation (MATRADE)
- 21 & 23:** Wash or Ramadan Charity Project
- 23:** Volunteer Induction Course & Sharing on Somalia Mission at UPM
- 24:** Sharing Session: Somalia Mission 2.0 – A One Way Ticket at UPM
- 25:** Sharing Session: Somalia Mission 2.0 - Kembara Tanduk Afrika dan Kisah Benar 'Guru Kesabaran'
- 25:** Sharing Session: Introduction to IRM & Somalia Mission 2.0 at Adni Bangi School
- 25:** Sharing Session: Somalia Mission 2.0 "Somalia: Bumi Puasa Sepanjang Tahun"
- 25:** Footrace & Cycling: Charity Fundraising
- 28:** Kurma Packaging Day

May

- 3:** Session: How To Serve OKU & Fundraise for Wakaf Kitab Braille Campaign
- 4:** Ramadhan Relief
- 10:** Kurma Distribution at LRT Glenmarie KL
- 11:** Volunteer Induction Course
- 12:** MySinggah Ramadan
- 14:** MOU Signing Ceremony IRM – WARNA POPS
- 17 - 18:** Kurma Distribution at LRT Maluri and LRT Seri Rampai
- 17:** Meet & Greet with Omar Hana & IRM Humanitarian Icon at Bangi Resort Hotel
- 18:** Mega Sales Aidilfitri
- 23:** Sharing Session: Ramadan Care4Hunger Campaign at Masjid Al Ikhlas, Sg Buloh & Ceria Aidilfitri Bersama SME Bank
- 24:** Meet & Greet with IRM Humanitarian Icon at Bangi Resort Hotel
- 25-26:** Leave No One Behind - Sign Language Volunteers Sharing & Food Pack Distribution
- 17 & 25:** Busking Care4Hunger at LRT Sri Rampai
- 24:** Donation Giving Ceremony at Sri Ayesha Islamic School
- 25:** Sharing Session: Story of People Fasting for the Whole Year, Ramadan Care4Hunger & Sentuhan Kasih Festive with Yayasan Petronas
- 27:** Donation Giving Ceremony at PETRONAS Research Sdn Bhd (PRSB)

JUNE

- 3:** Volunteer Induction Course at KPTM Bangi
- 9:** Disability is Diversity, Idrissi International School, Setia Alam
- 25:** Emergency Response - Kg Karamunting, Sandakan
- 28:** Sharing Session: Kuliah Jumaat DWAS 2.0, Qurbani & Hero Cilik

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