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Yayasan Azman Hashim contributes food supplies to Orang Asli villages in Bentong



BENTONG: Yayasan Azman Hashim (YAH) via its “Program Makanan Orang Asli” has reached out to more Orang Asli communities in Bentong, Pahang as part of its effort to provide targeted assistance to those impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The food supplies were delivered by staff of Amcorp Perting 6MW Mini Hydro Power Plant on 27 August 2021 and 28 August 2021 to five Orang Asli villages, namely Kg Orang Asli Aji Kubur (65 families), Kg Orang Asli Chinta Manis (83 families), Kg Orang Asli Sg Merjuk (36 families), Kg Orang Asli Sungai Dua Olak (39 families) and Kg Orang Asli Sg Dua Hulu (75 families). The 298 families were identified by the Jabatan Kemajuan Orang Asli (JAKOA) Bentong as families in need.



The Orang Asli communities are badly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic as most of their daily source of income came from the sale of agricultural products to traders from Klang Valley. The Movement Control Order (MCO) prohibits interstate travelling, rendering the traders unable to make it to Bentong to purchase the Orang Asli’s products. Sale of these products to local market yields lower price due to saturation and low demand. Some Orang Asli who were working in Bentong area are also affected by layoffs as businesses are not able to operate.

YAH is a non-profit charitable organization founded by philanthropist entrepreneur Tan Sri Azman Hashim in 1991 with the ultimate goal to give back to the society and alleviate human suffering. Its core activities focus on improving education to transform lives. Last month, food aid was also delivered to 2 other Orang Asli Villages in Pahang, namely Kg Dabong and Kg Lebak where 197 families benefited from the contribution.



YAH in its effort to help out communities affected by the Covid-19 pandemic also made a donation of food and essential items to 2,000 families in Sibu Jaya and 100 families affected by floods in Raub.