

# MAIWP GIVES OUT RM39M TO AID 75,210 PEOPLE

THE Federal Territories Islamic Religious Council (MAIWP) has allocated RM38.88mil as special zakat funds for the welfare of underprivileged people.

MAIWP chairman Datuk Dr Mohd Daud Bakar said the special zakat funds under the MAIWP Prihatin Kasih Asnaf 3.0 programme would cover 75,210 recipients.

"Since Covid-19 hit the country last year, MAIWP has implemented various initiatives to reduce the burden of not only the underprivileged (*asnaf*) group but also the B40, who are all impacted by the pandemic," he said.

With the implementation of full lockdown under MCO 3.0, MAIWP will come to the aid of poor communities in Kuala Lumpur, Labuan and Putrajaya whose livelihood has been affected.

Mohd Daud said RM1.75mil would be distributed to help 3,500 taxi drivers (RM500 each) which would be channelled to them through Gabungan Pertubuhan Teksi, Kereta Sewa, Limosin dan Teksi Lapangan Terbang SeMalaysia (GTSM).

About RM2mil special zakat will go to 4,010 disabled people (RM500 each).

Of the recipients, 2,250 are Muslims, and the rest non-Muslims.

"For this initiative, MAIWP will be collaborating with Yayasan Kebajikan Negara (National Welfare Foundation) to identify the targeted disabled people," he shared.

Funds amounting to RM1.2mil will be channelled to help 2,400 school canteen operators and workers, with the co-operation of the Persatuan Pengusaha Kantin Sekolah Malaysia (Malaysian School Canteen Operators Association).

Additionally, RM400,000 will be used to help 800 school bus and van drivers and operators, which will go through Persatuan Pengusaha Bas Sekolah Bumiputra Kuala Lumpur dan Selangor (Kuala Lumpur and Selangor Bumiputra School Bus

Operators Association).

"Some 2,000 security guards will receive RM500 each through RM1mil special zakat allocated for them, which will be distributed through the Security Industry Association of Malaysia (PIKM)," he said.

MAIWP will give out RM2.5mil financial aid to 5,000 pasar malam traders, which will be channelled to them through the Federal Territories Ministry, with joint coordination with KL City Hall, Putrajaya Corporation and Labuan Corporation.

Besides that, Mohd Daud said that a one-off RM500 Covid-19 emergency aid each would be distributed to groups in Kuala Lumpur, Labuan and Putrajaya whose income has been adversely impacted by the pandemic.

"This automatic payment for Covid-19 emergency aid will involve 15,000 recipients, with a total allocation of RM7.5mil," he said.

Mohd Daud said RM2.5mil has been allocated for online application which will open in mid-June.

"This is also for lower-income people whose earnings are impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic. It is open to 5,000 applicants."

He said RM9mil special zakat will go to 30,000 beneficiaries as a one-off additional payment, on top of their monthly financial aid.

Free petrol will be given to 2,500 food and items delivery riders in Kuala Lumpur, Labuan and Putrajaya, with the co-operation of Petroleum Nasional Bhd (Petronas) at selected petrol stations.

An allocation of RM20,000 has been set aside for this initiative.

Some 5,000 heads of *asnaf* families will see their children enjoying free laptops, with the special zakat of RM9mil allocated for this purpose, said Mohd Daud.

He added that MAIWP has approved RM2mil donation to ease the plight of Palestinians.