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GERAKAN DESA WAWASAN TO COVER MORE AREAS

MARANG, June 16 (Bernama) -- The Gerakan Desa Wawasan, a movement to ensure the well-being of the rural folk, will cover another 600 villages under its third phase to be launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad next month, said Rural Development Minister Datuk Annuar Musa.

This follows the recent completion of the second phase of the movement covering 1,200 villages, he said.

The ministry would intensify the implementation of the programme to cover the remotest of areas including Orang Asli villages, he said at the launching of the movement at Kampung Kelulut here yesterday.

"We are going down to the field to see for ourselves its implementation and to ensure allocation for the programme," he said.

Under the movement, villagers are encouraged to be involved in programmes implemented in their villages by government departments and agencies to enjoy the benefits of the nation's development.

Annuar said that in the wake of the economic downturn, the movement had been effective in ensuring that the rural folk were self-sufficient by growing their own food and reducing their spending.

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