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RM7.55b boost to include construction of new hospitals

HEALTH SERVICE

THE Government is allocating RM7.55 billion to improve health facilities next year, an increase of nearly 20 per cent over this year.

Of this, RM5.76 billion is for operating expenditure and RM1.79 billion for development expenditure.

Several new projects will be implemented including the construction of 25 new hospitals and the upgrading of 47 hospitals, 383 rural clinics and 81 health clinics.

For rural health services, a sum of RM289.7 million will be provided for the construction of 76 rural clinics including the upgrading and repairing of existing facilities.

Several new facilities will also be fully operational, including eight hospitals, 13 health clinics, 60 rural clinics and two training schools for nurses. In his Budget presentation today, Finance Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said attention will be given to public health services to improve the health of women, children, youth, the aged and disabled.