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PARENTS ARE IMPORTANT TO SQUATTER RESIDENTS, FAMILIES

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 3 (BERNAMA) -- A research by the National Population and Family Development Board on squatter residents has found family bonds intact despite extended families living separately.

The research entitled "Squatter Residents and Families" involved 1,038 female respondents, above the age of 15 and with families, from squatter areas in Kuala Lumpur, Petaling Jaya, Johor Baharu, Ipoh and Sungai Petani.

"Although 90 per cent of parents and their married children live separately, the research shows that children usually return to care for parents who are in need," according to a statement issued by the board here today.

Eighty of the correspondents also claim they often give money to their respective parents, the statement said.

"Strong bonds and family values were clearly evident from this research which showed respondents visiting their aging parents very often," it said.

The research findings was expected to help the government achieve its objective in the "Family First - Increasing Love By the Day" campaign, launched By the Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on July 31.

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