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# 'Aid projects show govt's ability'

**GOOD GOVERNANCE:**

Transformation policies have benefited the people, says PM

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VARIOUS aid programmes and cash assistance to improve the people's livelihood prove that the government has the ability to generate and manage its income efficiently.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak said it would be impossible for the government to distribute the aid continuously if it did not have strong and sustainable financial resources and profits.

To ensure strong financial growth, he said the government had embarked on the Economic Transformation Programme and the Government Transformation Programme, apart from implementing key performance indicators.

"All these transformation plans have helped stimulate and enhance economic growth. We recorded a gross domestic product (GDP) growth of 5.1 per cent last year, which can be described as positive considering the uncertainties in the world economy," he said when launching the 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB) Foundation's 1Malaysia Vitamin national-level programme at Dataran Pekan here yesterday.

Present were Menteri Besar



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak being greeted by the people after launching the 1Malaysia Development Berhad Foundation's 1Malaysia Vitamin national-level programme in Pekan yesterday. Pic by Luqman Hakim Zubir

Datuk Seri Adnan Yaakob, Felda chairman Tan Sri Isa Samad, 1MDB board of directors chairman Tan Sri Lodin Wok Kamaruddin and 1MDB Foundation programme director Datuk Dr Shamsul Anuar Sulaiman.

Najib said the RM105 billion additional investment recorded last year was also the highest over the past decade and the country's revenue had also increased to RM26 billion last year.

He said the high volumes of investment and revenue were im-

portant as they would enable the government to provide continuous assistance to the needy.

"The 'People first, performance now' slogan under the 1Malaysia concept should not be turned into a political rhetoric.

"It should be instead transformed into a reality which benefits the people.

"I want to emphasise here that the government belongs to the people and we will always look into their needs," he said.

On the 1Malaysia Vitamin Pro-

gramme, Najib said it was introduced to help boost the mental development and immunity system of poor primary pupils nationwide.

Under the programme, the 1MDB Foundation would provide free multi-vitamins to 516,472 pupils from 7,321 primary schools.

At the function, Najib also handed out assistance to fishermen, including boats, life jackets and fishing nets.

The aid was provided by 1MDB Foundation under its Ihsan

Samudera programme.

Najib also presented goodie bags to the Orang Asli under the foundation's Jalinan Murni programme.

Before leaving, Najib also handed out Chinese New Year *ang pow* to his Chinese constituents.

Najib and his wife, Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, later joined a *tahlil* (special prayers) programme for his late father and second prime minister, Tun Razak Hussein, at the Sultan Haji Ahmad Shah mosque here.