

2,000 HOUSING UNITS FOR FAMILIES IN NEED

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Rumah Ikram
Keluarga Malaysia
meant to assist
those affected by
pandemic, says PM

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THE government will provide 2,000 housing units for families affected by the Covid-19 pandemic under the Inisiatif Kediaman Rumah Keluarga Malaysia, or Rumah Ikram Keluarga Malaysia.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob said the Rumah Ikram Keluarga Malaysia would benefit at least 10,000 households in need.

"The Rumah Ikram Keluarga Malaysia is a shelter for Malaysian families who have lost or lack income, lost their jobs and could no longer afford to pay high rent.

"There are also those who are desperate and have to stay at

their relatives' houses.

"I am optimistic that this initiative will benefit recipients of the Rumah Ikram Keluarga Malaysia," he said at the launch of the initiative here yesterday.

Present were Housing and Local Government Minister Datuk Seri Reezal Merican Naina Merican and his deputy, Datuk Seri Ismail Abdul Muttalib.

Rumah Ikram Keluarga Malaysia will be provided at 11 People's Housing Projects (PPR) around Kuala Lumpur, Selangor, Kedah, Kelantan and Johor.

Ismail Sabri also announced that all Rumah Ikram Keluarga Malaysia beneficiaries would get a rental waiver for up to six months from date of key collection.

He said payment exemption would be borne by the government with an allocation of RM3 million.

"This is to ensure that beneficiaries, especially heads of households, can focus on boosting the family economy."

The government, he added, would also extend the moratorium on rent payments to existing occupants of PPR managed by the Housing and Local Government Ministry until the end of next year.

"*Insyallah* (God willing), this

would benefit at least 10,000 heads of households or 50,000 PPR residents with an allocation of RM18.84 million.

"This is part of our efforts, our initiative, our endeavour for Keluarga Malaysia in need."

Ismail Sabri said the government would make the Housing Agenda its main focus, particularly in providing affordable homes through programmes such as PPR, the 1Malaysia Housing Scheme and Malaysia Civil Servants Housing Programme.

"I am confident that the ministry will look at the strategic planning and implementation of these housing programmes so that they (housing units) can be built within a short period of time and are also affordable.

"In keeping with the spirit of Keluarga Malaysia, we will help the vulnerable as well as young people to own homes, in line with the Liveable Malaysia agenda.

"*Insyallah*, the details will be shared in the announcement of the 12th Malaysia Plan and the tabling of the 2022 Budget.

"To all Rumah Ikram Keluarga Malaysia beneficiaries, I pray that all your affairs will be eased, and the government will continue to be with you."