

**Federal Government Spent RM102.5 Million To Help Poor In Selangor This Year -
Shahrizat
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KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 18 (Bernama) -- The Federal Government through the Welfare Department spent RM102.5 million to help the poor in Selangor this year, said Women, Family and Community Development Minister Datuk Seri Shahrizat Abdul Jalil.

She said this was many times more than the RM13 million spent for the same purpose by the PKR-led Selangor government.

Shahrizat, who is also Barisan Nasional (BN) Wanita head, said the Federal government sympathised with the needy in Selangor irrespective of their political ideologies as they were not getting much attention from the state government.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak constantly reminded all ministries and federal agencies to look after the welfare of the people irrespective of their political leanings and to make this the main agenda of the BN government, she said after attending a Christmas function organised by Wanita PPP and Wanita BN in Puchong near here Sunday.

Shahrizat said the federal government through the 1Azam programme had also helped 57,905 people get jobs or start businesses in its efforts to eradicate poverty.

On another matter, Shahrizat urged employers, particularly in the private sector, to provide part-time job opportunities for housewives as this could also contribute to the nation's economic growth.

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