

**Don't blame the government, says Shahrizat  
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KUALA LUMPUR: Women, Family and Community Development Minister Datuk Seri Shahrizat Abdul Jalil said today that it is not right for groups and individuals to blame the government whenever any one in need fails to get assistance.

She said the ministry had allocated RM1.26 billion to help about half a million people.

Through the Social Welfare Department, it gave assistance to the target groups every month, Shahrizat told reporters here.

This did not mean that others, especially family members, including divorced or separated spouses, should forget their own responsibilities, she said.

Shahrizat was commenting on a report in a local daily that said the ministry was responsible for distributing RM1.2 billion to help 450,000, but none of it went to a Muslim single mother who had to obtain food from a church.

Earlier, Shahrizat presented food for breaking of fast and Hari Raya money ' to 325 needy people, including single mothers and senior citizens, at Taman Kepong Tambahan in Bandar Manjalara here. – Bernama

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