

**RM306.4 Million Allocated For Kemas Pre-school Education - Shafie
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SUNGAI BULOH, Feb 14 (Bernama) -- Rural and Regional Development Minister Datuk Seri Mohd Shafie Apdal said the federal government had allocated RM306.4 million through the Community Development Department (Kemas) for pre-school education in the country this year.

A grant per capita of RM32.4 million of the allocation is for Kemas' Tabika (396,166 children) and RM936,000 for Kemas Taska (11,520 children), he said at a media conference after launching A Kemas carnival at Kampung Paya Jaras Hilir here Tuesday.

Mohd Shafie said RM70 million was for physical and infrastructure development of the tabika while RM203 million was for their management under the National Key Result Areas (NKRA).

He said the ministry would set up 1,000 pre-schools throughout the country this year, of which, almost 50 percent would be in Sabah and Sarawak.

Meanwhile, Mohd Shafie said the government would spend RM12,000 to help rehabilitate two houses and build 17 new units costing RM40,000 each in the constituency.

He said RM500,000 has also been approved for drainage works in the area, particularly the Paya Jaras state constituency, while RM4 million has been allocated for the hardcore poor housing programme in Selangor.

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