

**Ministry Allocates Fund For Rakan Muda Programme During Ramadan  
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KEMAMAN, July 23 (Bernama) -- The Youth and Sports Ministry has allocated RM1.265 million to 600 mosques and surau nationwide to carry out the Rakan Muda programme during Ramadan this year.

Its minister, Datuk Seri Ahmad Shabery Cheek said 24,200 youths were expected to take part in the programme arrayed such as tarawih prayers and learning the Quran.

"It is hoped that this programme will imbue a culture based on the Quran among participants to prevent them from getting involved in social problems.

"The Rakan Muda Ramadan should not focus only on worship, but also community activities such as cleaning up mosques and helping mosque committees to prepare food for the breaking of fast," he told reporters after launching the national-level Rakan Muda Ramadan programme at the Geliga Mosque here last night.

Ahmad Shabery later handed cheques to directors of state youth and sports departments for the programme in which five mosques and surau from each district were chosen. He also gave away eyeglasses to 120 people from the Kemaman constituency and distributed 'bubur lambuk' to the local community.

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