

BUDGET: Felda To Build 20,000 Houses In Five Years Under Its CSR Programme
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KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 28 (Bernama) -- Felda will implement and complete new generation housing projects amounting to 20,000 houses for a period of five years on 2,023.4 hectares of land in Felda areas, involving an allocation of RM1.5 billion.

This is among the programmes to be implemented by government-linked companies (GLCs) to support the government's efforts to intensify corporate social responsibility (CSR) activities, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said when tabling Budget 2013 in the Dewan Rakyat here Friday.

He said Felda would also allocate RM60 million to revive traditional village houses in Felda areas and RM100 million a year for education and skills training programme, as well as scholarships for 5,000 new generation of Felda.

"The government hopes that the private sector, corporate bodies, as well as GLCs, will play a bigger role in the development and the well-being of the rakyat through CSR," he said.

The prime minister said the 1Malaysia Development Berhad would also allocate RM300 million to provide education grants and financial assistance to build 'rumah arau' (halfway-houses) for pre-school children in the interior of Sarawak, 1Malaysia mobile clinics and to repair houses for the poor.

He said the government-linked investment companies (GLICs) and GLCs would also allocate about RM500 million for CSR activities in community development, scholarships, education, sports and environment.

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