

**BR1M Not Meant To Fish For Votes As Alleged By Opposition - Ahmad Shabery  
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KEMAMAN, Feb 2 (Bernama) -- The distribution of 1Malaysia People's Aid (BR1M) is not an effort by the Barisan Nasional government to fish for votes in the coming general election as alleged by the opposition but a gesture from a responsible government to assist the people.

Youth and Sports Minister Datuk Seri Ahmad Shabery Cheek said the issue of BR1M 2.0 distribution should not have been raised as it was a government's assistance to the people.

"On this note, I challenge the opposition to declare they will halt all gifts to the people such as BR1M and other assistance," he said.

Ahmad Shabery who is also the MP for Kemaman told reporters when commenting on the opposition's allegations that BR1M 2.0 was sweets dished out by the government to fish for votes, as reported by a news portal.

Earlier he presented BR1M 2.0 to 3,000 recipients from the Kemaman Parliamentary Constituency, involving RM1.5 million, at Dewan Berlian in the Kemaman Municipal Council, here, Saturday.

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