

## **70 Percent 1Azam Participants Succeeded In Raising Income**

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KEPALA BATAS, March 30 (Bernama) - More than 70 percent of the 106,967 1Azam (poverty eradication programme) participants since 2011 have managed to raise their income.

Head of Raising Living Standard of Low Income Households, National Key Result Areas (NKRA), Hazmi Samsudin said the participants income went up by at least RM300 monthly.

"The government spent about RM1.2 billion for the 1Azam programme from 2011 to January 2013. The government goal via the Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development, is to improve the quality of life of the low income group," he said told reporters after 'Program Karisma Teman 1Azam Kepala Batas, here Saturday.

At the event opened by former prime minister Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, who is also the MP for Kepala Batas, 46 participants received items to start business. Hazmi said that besides the business start-up items, his office also provide courses, tutoring, mentoring and monitoring of 1Azam programme participants.

The 30 percent 1Azam participants failed to raise income because they did not put the items to good use and were inconsistent.

This year, the government allocated RM400 million for 35,000 1Azam programme participants nationwide via several new packages.

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