

**Parliament: Sabah, Sarawak Benefit From Rural Infrastructure Projects**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, July 3 (Bernama) -- The government has allocated RM2 billion to implement 79 basic rural infrastructure projects in Sabah and Sarawak, the Dewan Rakyat was told Wednesday.

Rural and Regional Development Minister, Datuk Seri Mohd Shafie Apdal said 52 of the projects, valued at RM1.3 billion, were being implemented in Sarawak.

"Furthermore, since 2010, the government has, through the National Key Results Areas (NKRAs), built 911.87 kilometres of rural roads in Sarawak, connected water supply to 71,064 homes, built 18,301 houses and installed 24-hour electricity supply to 46,457 homes," he said in reply to a question from Datuk Aaron Ago Dagang (BN-Kanowit).

Aaron Dagang had wanted to know of the plans for rural development, particularly in Sabah and Sarawak, in resolving the problems associated with infrastructure amenities and economic development in the rural areas.

Mohd Shafie said that to raise the income of the rural people, the ministry would implement the 21st Century Rural Programme which involves the Rural Business Challenge and Sustainable Rural Programme initiatives.

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