

## **Six Million BR1M Applications Approved**

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KUALA LUMPUR, March 20 (Bernama) -- Some 8.1 million applications for 1Malaysia People's Aid (BR1M) have been received, including six million that have been approved, which involved an allocation of RM3 billion.

A total 2.1 million applications were still being processed as of last March 3.

Deputy Finance Minister Datuk Ahmad Maslan said, of the total approved, 3.8 million were household recipients while the balance 2.2 million were singles.

"A total 7.9 million recipients are expected to benefit from BR1M this year with an estimated allocation of RM4.5 billion," he said when replying to a question from Mohamed Azmin Ali (PKR-Gombak) at Dewan Rakyat sitting here Thursday.

Ahmad said the number was an increase compared to 6.8 million people with an allocation of RM3 billion in 2013 and 4.2 million people in 2012 with an allocation of RM2.1 billion.

The BR1M aid, being given to those qualified, had helped to lighten the burden of the low-income earners, especially in the payment of utility bills, medicine, clothes and purchase of essential items.

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