

140,296 Poor Participate In 1Azam Programme

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MUKAH, March 24 (Bernama) -- Up to early this month, 140,296 people took part in the 1Azam programme implemented since early 2011 specifically to help increase the income of the poor.

Women, Family and Community Development Minister Datuk Seri Rohani Abdul Karim said about 65 per cent of the participants were women.

She said that besides launching a range of activities to improve skills and increase the income of the low-income group, the participants were told that more programmes were continuously planned by the Barisan Nasional government to build excellence.

"In Sarawak, some 25,621 participants took part in the 1Azam programme," she told a press conference after the launch of a food-processing course at the community hall in Kampung Telian Ulu here today.

The 1Azam programme is divided into six initiatives, namely AZAM Tani (agricultural and agro-based activities), AZAM Niaga (small business), AZAM Kerja (job matching/placement), AZAM Khidmat (services, self-employment) and 1AZAM Sabah and 1AZAM Sarawak (comprising all of the initiatives).

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