

**GTP 2.0 Surpasses Overall Target - Najib
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KUALA LUMPUR, May 12 (Bernama) -- The Government Transformation Programme (GTP) 2.0 has achieved 104 per cent success out of the overall target in 2013 with a significant outcome in the economic empowerment of the individuals and community.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said a high standard had been placed on the GTP 2.0 initiative which had challenged the NKRA (National Key Result Area) implementing team compared to the GTP 1.0 outcome.

"In short, only by placing targets that are outside the normal ones can we continue to create success and maintain the momentum of transformation," he said.

The Prime Minister said this when launching the GTP and Economic Transformation Programme (ETP) Annual Report 2013 at the Auditorium Perdana, Angkasapuri, here tonight.

Najib said the fact of this success could be seen from the various significant benefits enjoyed by the people, including through the granting of the additional BR1M 2.0 involving an allocation of RM2.91 billion which had benefited more than 4.8 million low-income households.

Under the NKRA to tackle the people's cost of living, almost two million bachelors aged 21 years old would benefit when the government widened the scope for granting the BR1M to this group involving an allocation of RM500 million, he said.

Phase two of GTP 2.0 also saw 1.2 million students of public and private institutions of higher learning as well as 5.2 million primary and secondary school students being assisted through the giving of the 1Malaysia Book Voucher worth RM250 and RM100 each.

"To reduce the burden of the individuals and entrepreneurs, the government had increased another 40 units of Kedai Rakyat 1Malaysia (KR1M) to 125 shops which would benefit the majority of the people," he said.

Meanwhile, the creation of 254 1Malaysia Clinics had raised access to basic medical treatment for the community, and at a cost of RM1 per patient, it had succeeded in tackling more than 10 million health cases since its launch in 2010.

Najib said that during this phase, the government had emphasised on housing where RM2.1 billion had been allocated this year to build 133,000 affordable homes implemented by government agencies such as PR1MA, the National Housing Department and Syarikat Perumahan Negara Berhad.

The Prime Minister said through the NKRA Raising the Standard of Living of the Low-Income Households, the implementation of programmes under the GTP had made it possible for the poverty rate to be reduced to 1.7 per cent in 2012 compared with more than 60 per cent about six decades ago.

"While hardcore poverty is now almost zero," he said while sharing the success story of a foodstall operator in Bandaraya Melaka, Chandrasekaran, who had come out of the clutches of poverty after participating in the 'Azam Tani' Programme, under Programme 1Azam.

So far, more than 168,000 individuals had succeeded to raise their income through the 1Azam Programme, he said.

In efforts to Enhance Rural Development and ensure that the people living there were not left out of the mainstream of development, the government had provided infrastructure in the remote areas by constructing paved roads totalling more than 700 kilometres throughout the country.

"Between 2010 and 2013 alone, we have built 4,068 kilometres of rural roads, and its total length is about five times the journey between Johor Baharu and Perlis," he said.

He said in transforming existing villages into growing economic centres, phase two of the GTP also introduced the 21st Century Village Programme (KA21).

The programme consisted four initiatives which would see integrated efforts through the cooperation of fruit orchards and vegetable farms driven by the private sector, he said.

Najib said that in Enhancing Urban Public Transport, improvements in the core system of the KTM Komuter services had improved performance in the service to 94.6 per cent.

"The improvement saw the frequency of service for the KTM Komuter to arrive at the stations every 15 minutes during the peak hours (morning), a significant improvement compared with the frequency of 30 to 45 minutes previously," he said.

The implementation of GTP 2.0 through the NKRA to Ensure Quality Education had seen the increase in enrolment of pre-school children to 82 per cent for the four to six year-old cohorts in 2013 compared with 67 per cent in 2009.

From the NKRA outcome, 24 primary and secondary schools had been granted the status of High Performance Schools, raising the total to 115 schools nationwide.

Najib said that through the Crime Reduction NKRA, the capacity of the Royal Malaysian Police had been raised through amendments in the Crime Prevention Act 1959 which gave wider power to the police to tackle organised and violent crimes.

In 2013, there was an overall reduction of 6.5 per cent in incidents of house-breakings

while the 'Cantas Khas' Operations had managed to reduce violent crime cases by 30 per cent during the first 52 days of the launch of the operation in August last year, said Najib.

Under the GTP 2.0, the government's commitment in curbing corruption had been increased through various initiatives including the launching of the dashboard of the National Audit Department to enable the report to be accessed online, besides tabling it at each session of Parliament, which was reported once a year previously.

Based on the Report of the Auditor-General 2012, the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) had opened 17 investigation papers which had been tabled last October.

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