

## **1AZAM Programme Benefited 168,000 Low Income People**

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KUALA LUMPUR, June 9 (Bernama) - The 1Azam poverty eradication programme implemented since 2011 has benefited 168,000 low income people, the Dewan Rakyat was told today.

Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Razali Ibrahim said 1Azam helped low income households to escape poverty via agriculture, education, entrepreneurship and services.

"The poverty rate declined to 1.7 percent in 2012 compared to over 60 percent six decades ago while hardcore poverty is almost eradicated.

"This positive development is due to the government transformation programme (GTP)," he said replying to Datuk Shamsul Anuar Nasarah (BN-Lenggong) who wanted to know the achievements of the GTP.

1Azam is divided into six initiatives namely Azam Tani (agriculture), Azam Niaga (small business), Azam Kerja (job matching), Azam Khidmat (services), 1Azam Sabah and 1Azam Sarawak.

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