

**RM6 million for 100 houses in post-flood Kelantan, says authorities –
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The federal and state governments have identified 56.7 hectares of land for the construction of permanent houses for 1,415 families who face problems over the status of their land after their homes were destroyed in the floods in Kelantan last December.

Kelantan state post-flood joint committee chairman, Datuk Seri Mustapa Mohamed said the areas, which had been identified included Chenulang, Kuala Krai and Bertam Baru in Gua Musang.

"The federal government has allocated RM6 million to build about 100 houses on land that have been identified, specifically in Gua Musang.

"The latest technologies can hopefully speed up the process of constructing the houses."

Mustapa said in Kota Baru the 56.7 hectares of land, which had been provided, was sufficient for the construction of 1,415 houses for flood victims.

He said in previous committee discussions, the federal government had agreed to build 1,244 permanent houses while another 580 would be built by the state government.

"Out of the 1,824 houses, only 409 families had clear land status while that of another 1,145 were unclear or were not their own.

"We decided to speed up the construction of the 409 houses first and expect them to be completed by the month of Ramadan or before Syawal," he said.

He added that 59 of the 409 houses had been completed while another 129 were still being constructed.

Mustapa said 34,558 of the 62,267 flood victims had received cash donations of RM500 and the remainder would get theirs in the near future. – Bernama, March 29, 2015.

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