

Government Allocates RM21.5 Million For Rubber Smallholders - Mohd Shafie Bernama
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TEMERLOH, April 4 (Bernama) -- The government has allocated RM21.5 million to be disbursed to rubber smallholders nationwide to help alleviate their burden due to the unstable world price of rubber.

Rural and Regional Development Minister Datuk Seri Mohd Shafie Apdal said the smallholders would receive RM1,500 each in fertiliser incentive, rubber tapping tools and latex booster.

"It is an effort by the Rubber Industry Smallholders Development Authority (Risda) to ensure good agriculture practice by the smallholders to increase production," he told reporters at a programme to increase rubber productivity in Telok Sentang near here Saturday.

He said the programme would benefit 11,273 rubber smallholders and involve 22,446.17 hectares of rubber plantation.

The government, he said, also provided aid to 1,500 children of rubber smallholders to carry out small business to help supplement their family income last year.

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