

RM13 Billion Has Been Allocated For BR1M

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KUALA LUMPUR, June 8 (Bernama) -- The government has allocated a total of RM13 billion from 2012 to 2015 for distribution of the 1Malaysia People's Aid (BR1M) which had benefited almost 7.4 million people.

Deputy Finance Minister Datuk Ahmad Maslan said this year alone, more than RM5 billion was allocated for the purpose.

"In 2015, those with household income of RM3,000 and below to receive BR1M totalled 4.1 million people, with total BR1M amounting RM3.9 billion.

"For household income of between RM3,001 and RM4,000, the total number of recipients is 400,010 people and the total BR1M was RM300 million and for unmarried youths with income of RM2,000 and below, there are 2.7 million recipients with aid totalling RM947 million," he added.

Ahmad said for this year's recipients, 6.4 million recipients received the aid through their bank accounts, while 820,000 received the aid through vouchers.

He said this in response to a question from Ahmad Lai Bujang (BN-Sibuti) on the number of BR1M recipients who still did not have saving accounts to receive the aid.

To avoid leakage and ensure only those eligible received BR1M, Ahmad said a verification process would be conducted every year by checking with the data obtained from the various government agencies.

The agencies included the National Registration Department, the Inland Revenue Board, Public Service Department and the Employees Provident Fund, he added.

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