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Who cares for those who care: Relieving women's caregiving burden — Ilyana Mukhriz

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MARCH 15 — Over the last weekend, the world celebrated this year's International Women's Day, with Malaysia hosting nationwide events for women to share their experiences and ideas.

The 2025 theme #AccelerateAction calls for urgent progress to be made in achieving gender equality, creating a world where access to rights or opportunities, including employment, is not affected by being a man or a woman. But can Malaysia really achieve this when we have not successfully addressed the disproportionate burden of care on our women?



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The most recent Malaysian Population and Family Survey from 2014 found that 62.9 per cent of women outside the workforce cited family responsibilities as the main reason for not working. In comparison, this was the reason given by only 2.3 per cent of non-working men!

For many Malaysian women, they are caregivers that provide support to family members or even those outside their household without receiving any monetary compensation for their services.

Thus, they become the invisible, unpaid care workers, socially unrecognised and undervalued since their work happens in the privacy of their homes. ISIS Malaysia estimated unpaid care work to contribute RM379 billion in economic value, which would make it the second largest standalone services subsector after manufacturing.

Unrealistic expectations for women labour force participation?

Under the 12th Malaysia Plan, the government aims to increase women's labour force participation rate (WLFPR) to 60 per cent. This appears attainable based on our progress over the past 50 years in increasing WLFPR to 56.2 per cent.

However, Malaysian women still earn lower monthly salaries on average and face higher rates of underemployment, a situation where highly educated workers are offered semi- and low-skilled positions. So, the question is whether women consider it worth their time to join the labour force instead of staying at home to care for their family members.

Are care services in Malaysia available and affordable?

It is also important to consider the landscape of care facilities that are in place to take over caregiving activities if a woman chooses to work. Despite various government efforts to spur the growth of the care sector, significant gaps remain.

Childcare in Malaysia is mainly private-driven, holding over 60 per cent of the market in all states, which raises the issue of the ability to access care and the cost. In 2023, it was estimated that the minimum monthly expenditure for childcare was more than RM500 per child, ranging between states from RM540 in Kuching, Sarawak to RM600 in Georgetown, Pulau Pinang.

Workplace-based childcare facilities, particularly those provided by private companies, also remain low in general. This would mean that working parents would need to factor in detours to available care centres into their daily commute.

Fewer than 10 per cent of children under the age of 4 in most states were enrolled in childcare facilities in 2022, indicating that most were cared for at home or by unlicensed providers.

These issues do not include discussion on the provision of care for the elderly and the disabled, further detailed in Khazanah Research Institute's recent paper, Care in Malaysia: Emerging Trends, Challenges and Opportunities. However, findings indicate that there is also a reliance on the private sector and significant urban-rural gaps in availability, potentially posing similar problems to childcare.

Stop stigmatising care as a women's and welfare issue

The availability of care facilities, quality control and enforcement of standards in Malaysia still has room for improvement, and the lack of options for working women promotes their choice to drop out of the workforce.

But we face the problem where the development and oversight of the care sector in Malaysia has historically had a heavy reliance on the Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development (KPWK). This leads to a stigma that care is mainly a women and welfare issue, receiving less investment and support.

In reality, this is a cross-cutting issue that has far-reaching consequences including in areas of human resource and economic growth.

Promote growth of the care market and expand government support

Ultimately, to create a nation that promotes gender equality, the growth of the care sector needs to be prioritised. The heavy burden of care on women needs to be acknowledged and addressed, not only by KPWK, to open up more opportunities for their participation in the formal economy. Increased investment in enhanced caregiving capacities as well as expansion of support for both low- and middle-income families are important in establishing a strong care sector that enshrines availability, affordability and quality.

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Menteri Utiliti dan Telekomunikasi Sarawak, Dato Sri Julaihi Narawi, yang juga Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri (ADUN) Sebuyau, menyampaikan sumbangan bakul makanan kepada salah seorang penerima dalam Majlis Iftar Perdana 2025 "PETRONAS Memacu Kehidupan" di Masjid Al-Muflihah, Sebuyau. Foto Lorenzo Isaac (TVS)

250 penduduk Sebuyau terima bakul makanan sempena Aidilfitri

By Lorenzo Isaac Ak Anthony #bm, Berita Sarawak March 15, 2025 10:32 PM

SEBUYAU, 15 Mac: Seramai 250 penerima di Daerah Sebuyau bakal menerima sumbangan bakul makanan sempena sambutan Hari Raya Aidilfitri menerusi inisiatif Yayasan PETRONAS dengan kerjasama Jabatan Kebajikan Masyarakat (JKM).

Menteri Utiliti dan Telekomunikasi Sarawak, Dato Sri Julaihi Narawi, yang juga Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri (ADUN) Sebuyau berkata, inisiatif ini diharapkan dapat membawa keceriaan dan membantu penerima dalam persiapan menyambut Hari Raya.

"Saya amat berterima kasih kerana PETRONAS telah memilih Daerah Sebuyau untuk berbuka puasa bersama komuniti dan menyumbang bantuan bakul makanan kepada penerima yang dikenal pasti dengan kerjasama JKJM.

"Inisiatif ini diharap dapat membawa keceriaan kepada penerima sumbangan ini," katanya ketika berucap pada Majlis Iftar Perdana 2025 "PETRONAS Memacu Kehidupan" di Masjid Al-Muflihah, Sebuyau, Sabtu.

Beliau turut menyatakan sokongan terhadap program impak sosial yang dilaksanakan oleh Yayasan PETRONAS, seperti "Program Back to School" yang memberi manfaat kepada lebih 700 pelajar di seluruh Sarawak serta Program Bantuan Bencana Banjir untuk membantu mangsa banjir di negeri ini.

"Kerajaan Sarawak dan agensi-agensi kerajaan sentiasa mengalu-alukan kerjasama dalam menganjurkan program yang dapat memberi manfaat kepada komuniti. Melalui kerjasama seperti ini, kita dapat membantu komuniti setempat yang seterusnya membina masyarakat yang harmoni dan bersatu padu," ujarnya.

Sementara itu, Pengurus Besar PETRONAS Sarawak, Norazibah M Rabu berkata, PETRONAS menerusi Yayasan PETRONAS giat menjalankan program menyantuni masyarakat sempena Ramadan termasuk pengagihan sumbangan kepada 450 keluarga di Sarawak.

"Dalam bulan Ramadan ini, PETRONAS giat menjalankan aktiviti menyantuni masyarakat dan komuniti di sekitar Sarawak termasuk di Sadong Jaya, Kuching, Bintulu, Miri dan Lawas," jelasnya.

Menurutnya, program Memacu Kehidupan Hari Raya Aidilfitri bukan sahaja bertujuan merapatkan hubungan dengan komuniti tetapi juga membawa keceriaan kepada mereka yang memerlukan.

"Harapan kami di Yayasan PETRONAS adalah agar sumbangan kuih perayaan dan makanan asas ini mampu membawa keceriaan di musim perayaan ini," katanya.

Beliau turut merakamkan penghargaan kepada JKJM serta pegawai daerah yang memberi kerjasama dalam menjayakan program berkenaan.-TVS

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Public welfare ensured with RM7.9 mil flood mitigation project in Labuan - Dr Zaliha

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LABUAN: The prolonged flood woes in Kampung Gersik and its surrounding areas, including the town centre will soon be a thing of the past with the RM7.9 million flood mitigation project at Sungai Gersik, due to be completed this August.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Federal Territories) Datuk Seri Dr Zaliha Mustafa said the initiative reflected the government's commitment to safeguarding the well-being and livelihood of the people, ensuring that essential infrastructure is in place to protect communities from the devastating impact of floods.

"The government remains steadfast in addressing flood-related challenges, particularly in coastal areas like Labuan, where tidal fluctuations significantly affect water levels," she said to Bernama after receiving a project briefing at the Sungai Gersik site today.

She pointed out that the project was crucial as it would help regulate the inflow of seawater during high tides, thereby preventing frequent flash floods that have long affected residents and businesses in the area.

"This is part of the government's long-term strategy to enhance Labuan's flood resilience...we want to ensure that communities are protected and that businesses can operate without the constant threat of disruptions caused by flooding," she said.

The project underscored the government's proactive stance in mitigating climate-related disasters, reinforcing Labuan's infrastructure to withstand environmental challenges while ensuring sustainable urban development, she added.

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Kerajaan Selangor bantu 48 keluarga terjejas akibat ribut di Sekinchan

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Sejumlah 48 keluarga mangsa ribut di Taman Ria, Sekinchan menerima bantuan kerajaan negeri dalam bentuk wang tunai dan barangan keperluan asas. -Facebook Ng Suee Lim

SABAK BERNAM: Seramai 48 keluarga mangsa ribut yang melanda Taman Ria, Sekinchan dekat sini pada 11 Mac lepas menerima bantuan kerajaan negeri dalam bentuk wang tunai dan barangan keperluan asas, bagi meringankan beban mereka.

Exco Kerajaan Tempatan dan Pelancongan Selangor Ng Suee Lim berkata bantuan berkenaan disalurkan menerusi Lembaga Zakat Selangor (LZS), pejabat Dewan Undangan Negeri (DUN) Sekinchan, dan Menteri Besar Selangor (Pemerbadanan) (MBI Selangor).

Beliau yang juga Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri Sekinchan berkata pihaknya juga sedang berusaha mengumpul lebih banyak pihak yang sudi membantu usaha meringankan beban mangsa agar mereka boleh kembali ke rumah masing-masing secepat mungkin.

"Kita (DUN Sekinchan) cuba sedaya upaya menyantuni mangsa dengan menyampaikan peruntukan berjumlah RM30,000 secara 'sekali bayar', tidak termasuk bantuan LZS berjumlah RM100,300 kepada 27 keluarga yang boleh digunakan untuk membaiki rumah.

"Selain itu saya juga ada berbincang dengan MBI Selangor dan mereka telah bersetuju untuk bekerjasama mempercepat bantuan membaiki rumah," katanya kepada pemberita di Pusat Pemindahan Sementara (PPS) Dewan Seri Sekinchan selepas majlis penyerahan sumbangan mangsa ribut di sini hari ini.

Turut hadir Timbalan Ketua Divisyen Operasi Agihan Asnaf LZS Md Yusmizan Yusof, yang menyampaikan sumbangan mengikut kadar anggaran kerosakan rumah masing-masing.

Sementara itu Ng menyeru penduduk di sekitar Sekinchan untuk berwaspada dan bersiap siaga bagi menghadapi sebarang kemungkinan fenomena ribut sepanjang musim perubahan monsun.

"Rekod kajian impak menunjukkan Sekinchan dan Sabak Bernam diliputi dengan kawasan rata seperti bendang atau jelapang padi, oleh itu kawasan ini sering dilanda ribut dalam skala kecil," katanya.

Ng turut menyampaikan sumbangan berjumlah RM20,000 kepada 10 buah masjid, dan RM500 kepada 20 buah surau di seluruh Sekinchan.

Malapetaka ribut Rabu lepas telah meranapkan 48 rumah di Taman Ria, Sekinchan, dan ia merupakan kejadian kedua melanda Sekinchan dalam tempoh seminggu, selepas insiden pertama di Kampung Parit 4 pada 6 Mac lepas menyebabkan lapan rumah mengalami kerosakan teruk.

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Polis siasat dakwaan murid autistik dikasari di sekolah

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KUALA LUMPUR, 15 Mac– Polis membuka kertas siasatan berhubung kejadian tular di media sosial melibatkan seorang individu dipercayai pembantu pengurusan murid yang didakwa mengasari pelajar autistik di sebuah sekolah rendah di Kelana Jaya, baru-baru ini.

Ketua Polis Daerah Petaling Jaya, Penolong Pesuruhjaya Polis (ACP) Shahrulnizam Ja'afar berkata insiden membabitkan mangsa berusia tujuh tahun itu mendapat perhatian selepas video kejadian dimuat naik di aplikasi TikTok.

"Ibu Pejabat Polis Daerah (IPD) Petaling Jaya hari ini telah terkesan satu posting yang telah dimuat naik dalam aplikasi TikTok Farhan Mazlan yang memaparkan kejadian itu," katanya dalam kenyataan hari ini.

Shahrulnizam memaklumkan Bahagian Siasatan Jenayah Ibu Pejabat Polis Daerah (IPD) Petaling Jaya telah mengklasifikasikan kes tersebut bawah Seksyen 31(1) Akta Kanak-Kanak 2001.

Beliau turut meminta orang ramai yang mempunyai maklumat mengenai kejadian untuk tampil ke balai polis berdekatan atau menghubungi Bilik Gerakan IPD Petaling Jaya di talian 03-79662222.