

UMS Gave Assistance to Kg. Tg. Kapor Fire Victims

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TUESDAY, 5 JULY – Following the fire incident that occurred at Kampung Tanjung Kapor, Kudat on 25 June morning, Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) through its Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences (FPSK), Rural Medical Education Centre, Sikuati, Kudat (PERDESA) and the Four Wheel Drive Volunteers Club (UMS4WDC) recently led the collection of basic necessities from staff and students of UMS meant for the affected fire victims.

Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation) UMS, Prof. Dr. Shahril Yusof who headed the team said, in the last four days they managed to collect donations in the form of clothing, food, daily necessities including the basic needs for babies and children.

“We also managed to collect cash money of RM31, 204 donated by individuals and organisations who generously made their contributions, especially during this month of Ramadan.”

“The money was divided among the head of families, to lighten their financial burden, and with the Hari Raya fast approaching,” he said.

Professor Shahril added, all donated items were transported using two lorries and 17 four-wheel drive vehicles.

“Besides the contributions, we also brought along doctors and nurses from FPSK to treat and examine the health of those affected and provide the appropriate medications for their use.”

“The affected community was still in shocked and traumatised by the whole ordeal. Thus, UMS will also send out psychologists to alleviate their trauma,” he explained.

According to Professor Shahril, non-physical assistance was one of UMS’ expertise and would be used for the benefit and the good of the community, especially in Sabah.

“I am grateful to all UMS staff involved including the students who volunteered in this programme. Such cooperation will always be needed to ensure the smooth running of the programme and the objective of the campaign met.”

Also participated in the delivery of contribution were the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Academic and International,

Professor Dr. D Kamaruddin D Mudin and FPSK Dean, Professor Dr. Zainal Ariffin Mustapha. – *(fl)*