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Various educational family programs held – Azizah

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THE Community Development and Consumer Affairs Ministry has implemented various awareness and educational family programmes aimed at inculcating strong family values among members of the community.

Its minister, Datuk Azizah Mohd Dun said in her winding-up speech during the State Assembly sitting yesterday that the programmes planned were implemented with the cooperation between the State and Federal departments and agencies, the private sector as well and non-government organisations and religious bodies.

She said that between 2009 and now, the ministry had implemented family programmes in Beaufort, Kota Belud, Sandakan, Tawau, Keningau, Kinabatangan and other districts in Sabah.

Parenting seminars have also been organised in Papar, Beaufort, Kota Kinabalu, Tawau and Sandakan, while programmes targeting adolescents were carried out in Beaufort and Tawau.

She said that a total of 43 of such programmes had been carried out with religious bodies and NGOs between 2010 and now.

The target groups for these programmes were parents, youths, adolescents and children, she said.

Additionally, the ministry has also collaborated with Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) to implement the 'Semurni Kasih' campaign, a research based project aimed at changing educational techniques geared towards addressing issues on baby dumping.

She said that the project had proposed the use of musical theatre and seminars to educate the target group and that their finding was that the method had impacted on the viewers' comprising mainly adolescents and students.

Meanwhile, Azizah also commented on the smuggling of subsidised gas and sugar in Tawau, and said that her ministry conducts monitoring activities at the jetties that provide ferry services to islands in Tawau.

The government had set a quota for subsidised goods that leaves for the island through the 'transporter' that has been appointed under the 'Subsidised Goods Price Standardization programme', she said.

She added that civilians are no longer allowed to bring the subsidized goods from the jetties in Tawau.

Several retailers have also been identified by the 'transporter' to supply the goods to the islands.