

# UMS-KAL staff donate to the less fortunate

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**SEVERAL** staff, including officers and lecturers of Universiti Malaysia Sabah, Labuan International Campus (UMS-KAL) visited seven Labuan villages to hand over their donations to the less fortunate.

According to Norhanizah Adnan, the organising chairman of the programme, the seven villages visited were Sungai Miri, Sungai Lada, Sungai Labu, Belukut, Bebuloh, Sungai Buton and Sungai Bedaun.

Norhanizah, who is also the senior registrar assistant for student affairs unit, said that 18 senior citizens including single parents, received the donations.

"I hope a programme like this can ease the burden of the



UMS-KAL hands over the assistance to a single mother at Kampung Sungai Lada.

recipients in this Ramadhan and during the Hari Raya.

"This programme is also the right platform to build rapport between UMS-KAL and the local society, while we want them to realise the existence of the campus as a centre of knowledge in this island," she said.

Meanwhile, the new director of UMS-KAL, associate professor Dr Ismail Ali, disclosed that UMS-KAL would contribute to this island in terms of its academic

excellence, economy, tourism and its population growth.

He hopes that UMS-KAL staff and students would create better ties with the local society by organising some activities including sports, social and community programmes.

Dr Ismail said that the locals could ask for expertise from lecturers, staff and students to improve the students' academic performance at the primary and secondary schools.