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GLC/GLIC Disaster Response Network Contributes RM54.4 Million In Malaysia's Flood Crisis

RM25 Million Matching Grant from Ministry of Finance Brings Total to RM79.4 million

As of December 21, 2021, the collective GLIC/GLC Disaster Response Network (GDRN) stands at RM54.4 million from 13 GLICs and GLCs. The contributions will go towards a coordinated and streamlined humanitarian response in the current flood crisis.

The 13 GLICs and GLCs are Celcom Axiata Berhad, CIMB Group and CIMB Foundation, the EPF, Khazanah Nasional Berhad and Yayasan Hasanah, PETRONAS and Yayasan PETRONAS, Tabung Haji, Telekom Malaysia and Yayasan TM, Yayasan Sime Darby and Yayasan UEM.

"We are grateful to the Ministry of Finance for the matching grant of RM25 million which totals the collective contributions to RM79.4 million. This will certainly help amplify the impact of our support to reach more people in need, through the various NGOs on the ground as well as through direct aid and contributions to the community," says the GDRN Secretariat, which is Co-Chaired by Yayasan Hasanah and Yayasan TM.

GDRN was created in 2013 through the Putrajaya Committee for GLC High Performance ("PCG") with Khazanah Nasional as its Secretariat. The network was successfully deployed since 2013 in various relief and reconstruction work especially during the big floods in Kelantan in 2014 and the recent pandemic response in 2020/2021. Since 2014, the Secretariat is with TM, as the successor entity under PCG and is now jointly coordinated with Yayasan Hasanah.

The RM79.4 million fund is allocated for emergency aid and recovery needs for families and communities affected in overcoming the grave impact of flood across Malaysia and will be channelled directly to families and communities affected by the flood, temporary evacuation centres, and civil societies that are working on-ground with people in crisis.

Working closely with National Disaster Management Agency (NADMA), Jabatan Kebajikan Masyarakat (JKM) and Malaysian Humanitarian Coordination & Action Hub (MATCH), GDRN started monitoring the flood situation since 17 December 2021. GLCs under GDRN have since activated evacuation support and other food emergency and assistance, that includes the following:

1. **Celcom** is working with its partners such as the Malaysian Relief Agency (MRA) and other NGOs and agencies to provide flood relief and support to affected communities

who are in dire need of assistance. Celcom's Network team is also on high-alert and closely monitoring its network within flood affected areas. Celcom remains vigilant with its on-ground network teams on standby to minimise any network interruptions.

- 2. **CIMB Foundation** will be working with selected NGOs such as Malaysian Relief Agency (MRA) which are providing emergency relief to those affected by the floods.
- 3. Employees Provident Fund (EPF) has offered its EPF Learning Centre with 152 rooms as temporary accommodation for families and communities affected by the floods. EPF employees are also raising funds through the EPF's Kongsi Rezeki Programme to help families and communities affected by the floods, as well as mobilising resources at EPF branches nationwide to ensure business continuity in affected areas.
- 4. Malaysia Airports is helping more than 1,000 flood victims and their families around Sepang with food aid and basic necessities under the #MYAirportCARES initiative. These include the community who are seeking refuge at the Masjid Sultan Abdul Samad KLIA because the road access to their homes have been temporarily cut off. These families have been provided with packed meals, dry and instant food, baby care and hygiene kits to help address some of their basic needs. A team of volunteers will also render further assistance in cleaning the affected houses once the flood water subsides.
- 5. **Malaysia Aviation Group** is providing aid to 350 of its affected employees in Shah Alam, Banting and Sepang areas.
- 6. **MRCB** is assisting to build a rock bund along the Klang river near the Casting Yard area to prevent the overflowing of Klang river as well as collaborating with the subcontractor to provide support for the affected areas in Kg Lombong / Jln Kebun families and communities affected by the floods. They also provided the Fire and Rescue Department of Malaysia with machineries to assist them in widening the stream within the affected flooding areas.
- 7. PETRONAS, pledged by units and subsidiaries within the PETRONAS Group including Yayasan PETRONAS, is contributing RM25 million towards the relief effort. Kelab Sukan dan Rekreasi Petronas (KSRP), The Association of Wives and Women Employees of Petronas (PETRONITA) and Badan Kebajikan Islam PETRONAS have jointly embarked on a donation drive to be channelled to the victims via the Malaysian Red Crescent Society (MRCS). Additionally, as per previous years, PETRONAS Dagangan Bhd (PDB) will be deploying its ROVR refuelling truck to flood-hit areas to serve customers or rescue operations where petrol stations are closed or inaccessible. They are also extending assistance to employees affected by the floods including providing temporary accommodation, meal allowances, and special leave days.
- 8. **Pharmaniaga** has contributed 50,000 Covid-19 test kits, hand sanitisers and face masks to Jabatan Kebajikan Masyarakat (JKM), to be distributed to evacuation centres, as well as 200 basic needs kits that includes food, hygiene kit, masks, hand sanitisers, infant milk formula as well as disposable diapers for children and adults. Additionally, Pharmaniaga has provided suitable accommodations as temporary shelters for affected employees and their families. It has also deployed volunteers to help cleaning up houses of flood victims.

- Tabung Haji has allocated RM1.6 million for flood relief assistance nationwide via strategic partners and NGOs, deployed in Hulu Langat and Bentong. It also launched an internal donation drive and activated volunteers to assist more than 60 affected staff in Selangor, Pahang, Melaka.
- 10. Telekom Malaysia (TM) has activated its Crises Command Centre to closely monitor its network sites, mobilised rescue, and aid efforts to ensure that necessities and healthcare can be provided to those in need. The 56th Royal Signals Telekom Army Reserve Regiment (56 Rejimen Semboyan Pakar Telekom Askar Wataniah), which comprises volunteers from TM, has been deployed on the ground to aid and emergency services involving internet and telephone lines connectivity. In addition, TM is also providing assistance to its 150 employees and local communities affected by the floods. TM Reaching Out Volunteers (TMROVers) and BBNGO have distributed food packs and basic items, with Pharmaniaga Covid-19 test kits for 200 families in the Klang and Hulu Langat area.
- 11. Yayasan Hasanah has contributed assistance to Pertubuhan Gabungan Bantuan Bencana NGO Malaysia (BBNGO) to give aid to 500 individuals affected by the flood in Selangor (Klang, Hulu Langat, Puchong) and Pahang (Maran, Jerantut & Lipis). Yayasan Hasanah has also contributed 700 units of comforters to Jabatan Kebajikan Malaysia (JKM) Klang for its temporary Evacuation Centre in Wisma Persekutuan Klang, with MASKargo providing its logistic support.
- 12. Yayasan Sime Darby is providing immediate flood aid and contributing to relief missions to more than 5,000 families affected by the floods with Sime Darby Plantation Berhad, Sime Darby Property Berhad, Sime Darby Berhad and MERCY Malaysia. YSD is currently deploying urgent aid of food items, hygiene kits, and other necessities, mostly in hard-to-reach localities in Carey Island, Banting, Bandar Bukit Raja, Kapar, Putra Heights, Puchong, Shah Alam, Hulu Langat and Mentakab. Critical aid is also being deployed to other areas across Malaysia in collaboration with MERCY Malaysia.

"We recognise that the flood is a nationwide emergency that is rapidly affecting people's homes, jobs, and lives. The GDRN coalition has enabled us to effectively streamline our humanitarian disaster response efforts, avoiding overlap and ensuring that the right help arrives as fast as possible. We thank GDRN partners for their swift response and generous contributions thus far, and our prayers are with those affected by the flood." Added the secretariat.

The GDRN has provided support in overcoming disaster in Malaysia such as the Kelantan 2013/2014 flood and the Covid-19 pandemic. It has mobilised assets of GLCs such as vehicles, telecommunications, food, cleaning supplies, household necessities and repairs of facilities that have been affected by floods and other disasters. For Covid-19 relief, GDRN has contributed RM150 million assistance especially through food aid, medical equipment assistance (PPEs, ventilators, oxygen machines and other medical equipment to 53 hospitals, Covid Assessment Centres (CAC), Covid Quarantine and Treatment Centres (PKRC) and the District Health Centres including a special vaccination centre in Johor for with OKU Sentral.

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Yayasan Hasanah ("Hasanah") is the impact-based foundation of Khazanah Nasional Berhad ("Khazanah"), the sovereign wealth fund of Malaysia. Hasanah was set up as an independent entity on 01 July 2015, building on nine years of Corporate Responsibility (CR) efforts previously driven by Khazanah. As a grant-giving organization, Hasanah goes beyond dollars and cents to facilitate an ecosystem of transformation, working in collaboration with multiple stakeholders, infusing a spirit of advocacy and building capacity in five key focus areas: Education; Community Development; Environment; Arts and Public Spaces; and Knowledge. Collectively and collaboratively, Hasanah hopes to shift the needle of social and community reform for Malaysians, towards a better Malaysia. For further information, please visit www.yayasanhasanah.org

Yayasan TM was established in November 1994 and then incorporated in January 2007 under the Trustee (Incorporation) Act 1952. YTM was established with the objective of promoting educational advancement through the provision of scholarships, grants, bursaries, living allowances and financial assistance to students without calculate their family background. Since its inception in 1994, YTM has sponsored more than 16,000 eligible students to further their studies in government schools and universities in Malaysia and abroad, with a total sponsorship value of more than RM582 million.

In 2021, YTM has embarked on its transformation journey to make YTM a foundation that will give more social impact; focusing on three (3) strengthened branches namely Education, Community & National Development, and Tourism, Culture & Heritage. YTM will spearhead TM Group's Corporate Responsibility (CR) initiatives for the entire TM Group to support Malaysia's Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) and Digital aspirations.

Appendix

1) Malaysia Airports

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