

MERCY MALAYSIA EXPEDITES DEPLOYMENT OF EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAMS FOR JOHOR FLOOD

*Response includes providing much needed Emergency Health Support for
displaced and hard-to-access communities*

KUALA LUMPUR, 2 March 2023 - MERCY Malaysia has responded to the recent floods that has affected a few States including Johor. Through its local Johor Chapter, Rapid Assessment and Emergency Medical Teams were immediately despatched to provide much needed emergency humanitarian relief aid to affected communities in the state due to the current monsoon runoff brought about by the *Monsun Timur Laut* (North-East Monsoon). MERCY Malaysia has also activated its Malaysia Flood Response Command Centre which includes its State Chapters.

Along with this activation, MERCY Malaysia's humanitarian aid focuses on a four-pronged response plan encompassing:

- Healthcare Support
- Food & Nutrition
- Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
- Logistics and Operations

Dato' Dr. Ahmad Faizal Mohd Perdaus, President of MERCY Malaysia said, "Beginning yesterday, mobile clinics have been set-up by MERCY Malaysia in Kluang, Johor, among the hardest-hit areas in the current episode of floods. MERCY Malaysia has also started sending Primary Health Care (PHC) Kits and distributing 500 sets of Hygiene Kits to the affected communities. Further distribution of PHCs, Hygiene Kits, Dignity Kits and other aid have been scheduled on a daily basis not only to Johor, but other affected states."

He further added, "MERCY Malaysia's Rapid Assessment Teams have also been deployed in the impacted states to collect data on affected people as well as to analyse on-ground situation on the communities' needs for a holistic response planning."

MERCY Malaysia's humanitarian response for the floods will be scaled-up to ensure structured coordination for emergency to recovery support. Thousands of flash flood victims have been evacuated in several areas in the country with the red alert warning of continuous

rain issued by the Malaysian Meteorological Department. For Johor, heavy rain has not only affected the coastal areas but also overflowing rivers including Sungai Endau, Sungai Lenggong and Sungai Mersing according to the *Jabatan Pengairan dan Saliran* (Department of Irrigation and Drainage) Malaysia.

MERCY Malaysia has also re-activated its Malaysia Flood Relief Fund. Contributions can be made to:

MERCY Humanitarian Fund
Maybank: 5621 7950 4126
Ref: Flood Relief
Swift Code: MBBEMYKL

MERCY Malaysia
CIMB 8000-7929-08
Swift Code: CIBBMYKL

For Islamic Social Finance contribution :

MERCY Malaysia
Maybank Islamic 5642-5858-7606
Swift Code: MBBEMYKL

Reference Code: Flood Relief

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MERCY Malaysia is an international humanitarian organisation focused on providing medical relief, health-related development and risk reduction activities for vulnerable communities in both crisis and non-crisis situations.

Established in 1999 and having delivered humanitarian assistance in more than 30 countries, MERCY Malaysia embraces the Humanitarian-Development Nexus approach by building synergies between emergency, humanitarian and development health aid with the aim of facilitating effectiveness of multidisciplinary responses, building communities' resilience to shocks and future disasters, and achieving sustainable outcomes wherever we serve.