

## DEVELOPMENT

## Sungai Kelantan PLSB project gets thumbs up

**KOTA BARU:** The Federal Government's decision to develop the Sungai Kelantan Integrated River Basin Development Project (PLSB) has received a favourable response from villagers living along the state's main river.

Nearly 100,000 people in Tumpat, Pasir Mas, Tanah Merah, Machang, and here, who have been facing perennial flooding, will benefit from the project.

The project is expected to be completed in May 2021.

One of the villagers, Yahya Mohamad, said people in the state should thank the Federal Government, especially Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak, for implementing the project.

"Many of us have been suffering, especially after the floods in 2014. We hope the project will alleviate our problem," said the 56-year-old father of six from Pintu Geng.

*“Many of us have been suffering, especially after the floods in 2014. We hope the project will solve our problem.”*

**YAHYA MOHAMAD**  
Villager

Another villager, Siti Hajar Harun, said the project showed that the government was really concerned about the wellbeing of Kelantan and its people.

"Many villagers are affected during the rainy season. We hope the floods will not recur when the project is completed."

Phase 1 of the PLSB, costing RM572 million, was launched by Najib on Sunday. The RM9.6 billion PLSB will be implemented in three phases.

Phase 2 will be implemented through the 12th Malaysia Plan (RMK12), involving RM2.16 billion, and Phase 3 (RM6.87 billion) will be implemented under RMK13.

Natural Resources and Environment Minister Datuk Seri Dr Wan Junaidi Tuanku Jaafar was reported as saying that PLSB would spare properties along Sungai Pengkalan Chepa (which is located in the Sungai Kelantan basin) from flood damage.