

RM5m for flood victims

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Each affected family to get RM200

TANGKAK: The National Welfare Foundation has allocated RM5.1mil to the Johor government to be distributed to more than 17,400 families affected by the floods.

Women, Family and Community Development Minister Datuk Seri Shahrizat Abdul Jalil said the fund was aimed at easing the burden of flood victims throughout the state.

She hoped that the money would be given out as soon as possible. Each family will be getting RM200.

"The amount is not big but we hope each affected family will be able to make a fresh start in life after the flood," she said before presenting a cheque of RM5.1mil to Menteri Besar Datuk Abdul Ghani Othman yesterday.

"Many families have incurred heavy

losses as their household goods were damaged by the flood, and we want them to be patient."

Shahrizat said Wanita Umno had mobilised some 2,000 members to assist in relief operations in all flood-affected areas in Johor.

She said that besides cooking and helping with kitchen work, the members would look after babies and the old folks.

She said the wing had also donated RM60,000 to the state and plans were under way to mobilise more members to help victims after the flood.

"We will send teams to all the affected areas to help single mothers and old folks in cleaning their homes.

"We will also help them to get clean water if their homes have no piped water supply due to the flood," she added.



SHARING THE WORK: Abdul Ghani (second from right) and Shahrizat (third from left) helping out with kitchen chores at the Kampung Kesang Laut relief centre in Tangkak yesterday.