

RM93m for flood mitigation projects in Sarawak

SIBU: Sarawak has acquired RM92.9 million in federal funds to implement flood mitigation projects this year.

Natural Resources and Environment Minister Datuk Seri Douglas Uggah Embas said the bulk of the funds (RM52 million) would be for repairing and upgrading small drains.

"We have identified that clogged drains are

contributing to floods in many towns. They are either too small, damaged or clogged," he said after checking the progress of flood mitigation projects here yesterday.

He said new projects would be carried out in Betong (RM8.9 million), Kampung Bintangor, Kuching (RM6.1 million), Kapit (RM4.03 million) and Song (RM4.07 million).

Uggah said the Sibu Flood Mitigation Programme Phase One, costing RM138 million, was 96 per cent completed. He said the Second Phase, costing RM50 million, would be ready in two years.

Uggah said a proposal for the Third Phase, costing RM400 million, had been submitted to the government for approval. **Bernama**