



SUMMARY & RECOMMENDATIONS OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

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6. SUMMARY BY PAC

- 6.1. There was no in-depth study being done before the aids were approved especially for cluster projects.
- 6.2. The implementation of the cluster projects also did not comply with the guidelines and regulations set by the Government Treasury.
- 6.3. The specifications of the equipments supplied to the participants did not meet the needs of the participants and there were delays in the distribution of the equipments for assisting the participants.
- 6.4. In overall, the Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development had taken actions on all the issues raised in the Auditor General's report and the status of all these issues had been updated in the AG's Dashboard of National Audit Department.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS BY PAC

For the purpose of improvement in future, PAC members gave a few recommendations as follows:

- 7.1. PAC viewed seriously the weaknesses identified in the implementation of this programme which resulted in leakages. The case is still an ongoing investigation by the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) but PAC suggested that this matter to be investigated again by the Public Service Department (PSD);

- 7.2 PAC urged the Government to continue with the implementation of programmes such as 1AZAM to enable the people of low-income group to benefit directly from it and in-depth studies should be conducted before approving the aids. Amongst the things to take note of are to make sure that every participant would progress and gain experience through the programme, and about the locations for their future activities;
- 7.3 For programmes based on the concept of cluster project, the guidelines set by the Ministry of Agriculture and Agro-based Industry must be complied with. The Ministry also needs to monitor its implementation more effectively so that the participants can see the results of the programme within the stipulated timeframe in regard to helping them to increase their income; and
- 7.4 All the equipments provided to the participants must meet their needs and the process of supplying the aids to the participants should be accelerated so that they can benefit from the aids as soon as possible.

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