



We all did a little more and it helped.



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An initiative by Iskul Sama DiLaut Omadal to provide **2-week** food supply and drinking water for **150 stateless families** in Omadal Island, Semporna, Sabah, Malaysia during Movement Control Order (MCO) implemented by the Malaysian government.

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Funds (As of 19 April 2020)

Target Amount:	RM 15,000.00
Total Fund Collected:	RM 23,755.00
Fund utilised:	RM 10,630.60
Balance:	RM 13,124.40

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Relief Package

1 x

Rice (10kg each)
Drinking water (12 x 1.5L)
Ajinomoto (100g each)

3 x

Flour (850g each)

2 x

Sweetened Creamer (1kg each)
Teabags (20bags/box)
Sugar (1kg each)
Salt (100g each)

Per
Household

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Beneficiaries



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150
families



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Observations

At the beginning of MCO



Stateless community exhausted their food supply and savings by first week of MCO

Most of the families have ran out of supply days prior to the distribution of relief and are starving. Thus, when distribution was made known, many gathered outside Pondok Iskul although it is not yet their turn.



Exclusion from welfare during crisis adds to the vulnerability of these stateless community

The non-accessibility to resources and excluded from welfare, this MCO has highlighted the vulnerability of the stateless community. They are not able to generate income from their usual seafaring activities and without support from the government, they are left to starve at home.

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Observations *(cont...)*

Throughout process of relief distribution

Manpower was optimised with collective effort from the local communities

We have optimised the available manpower on the ground and very grateful that this distribution is a collaborative effort from its community. However, we are aware that every one on the ground is stretched thin in the process of ensuring due diligence and time efficiency.

Logistics arrangement was challenging during MCO but thankful to have received support

The good intention behind MCO pose challenges to the logistics arrangement to transport the supplies from town to islands. Thankfully for Iskul, we have **Ken and team from Scubaholics** who has generously offered their boat and manpower throughout. Due to space and weight limitation for a boat, we have to schedule five separate trips to transport the food supplies and distribute in batches.

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Observations *(cont...)*

Throughout process of relief distribution

Partnership, communication and coordination with authorities warrant a successful delivery to island

Partnership, communications and coordination are important aspects in providing humanitarian aids especially to marginalised and vulnerable communities. We are glad that we lobby the time to meet with **Semporna District Officer** and register our intention formally with the Department of Social Welfare Malaysia, which warrant the bulk purchase and delivery of supplies from town.

There's strength in unity and there is magic in kindness

The power of unity and kindness in people is truly the fuel behind the successful relief distribution to the 150 stateless families as we raised the total fund needed within three days and also rallied an unexpected **F&N** sponsorship of 100 cartons of drinking water.

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Observations *(cont...)*

Throughout process of relief distribution

30% savings attained with bulk purchase of food supply from vendor and F&N sponsorship

Purchase of large quantities from **Mitra Fresh Mart Semporna** and **Bathiar A.M Shopping Centre** for a unit price that is lower than the usual has given us more balance to add on other items for each family than initially listed. With 100 cartons drinking water sponsored by **F&N**, the expense was further reduced.

Scheduling transportation of food supply from town according to tide

We learned to observe daily tide charts/tables when arranging the transportation of food supply from town while adhering to the seafaring curfew implemented this MCO. The boat can only depart from Semporna Tourist Jetty and get to Pondok Iskul to unload when the tide is high. It can be early in the morning or late in the evening, and the boat has to return to the jetty by 5.00pm.

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What's Next?

➤ **Second Distribution for families of 24 Iskul's students**

The families of our students were the first batch recipients and two weeks in, their supply had depleted. We decided to use 20% of the balance fund to top-up their supply. The rations include rice, cooking oil, drinking water and any vegetable/fruit the supplier could get.

➤ **Identify pregnant and lactating mothers, infants and toddlers below 5 years old to provide multi-vitamins**

We realised that the infants and toddlers in the stateless community rely heavily on breastmilk. Thus, it is important to boost the nutrients in pregnant and lactating mothers so that these protection can be passed on to their children.

➤ **Basic Personal Hygiene Programme**

This Covid-19 outbreak highlighted the importance of basic personal hygiene lacking amongst the stateless community. Hence, a programme targetted to educate and provide basic toiletries is in planning.

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What's Next? *(cont...)*

Clean Water Project

The community depends heavily on rainwater and access to clean water is extremely limited and usually charged. During this pandemic where hygiene is utmost important, availability and access to clean water is essential. There is an abandoned, reportedly faulty desalination station on Omadal Island and Iskul hopes to gather collective commitments from all residents of the island, including the stateless community, to fix it.

Medical Awareness and Free Health Examination for the stateless community

Subsequent to the medical urgency related for the burn injury, we observed the fear and misunderstanding of the community towards medical attention. While traditional medicine is recognised, advanced medical healthcare is equally crucial. We hope to partner with relevant providers to execute this programme.



Thank You!

Within 2 weeks, we successfully raised the needed fund and delivered food supply and drinking water to 150 families from the stateless community in Omadal Island, Semporna, Sabah.

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