



Food Baskets and Vitamin C for citizens and stateless community in Omadal, Sabah

Programme 1 (RM25,000) & Programme 2 (RM27,541)

Persatuan Pendidikan Bajau Laut (Iskul Sama diLaut Omadal) (PPM-009-14-24072017)

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1. Estimated Number of Beneficiaries

Programme 1: 52 B40 households and 158 stateless households in Omdal Island
(Total: 210 households)

Programme 2: 54 B40 households (251 people) and 167 stateless households (1092 people) in Omdal Island (Total: 221 households)



2. Activities Conducted

[PROGRAMME 1]

1. We purchased the food supply directly from the supplier via Whatsapp. For programme 1, our partner, Semporna Heroes sponsored the logistics from Semporna to Omdal island.
2. On 23 October 2020, the Week 1 [food supply arrived](#) with two boats from Semporna Heroes. Food baskets for Malaysian families were kept in Pondok WAPO. Our partner, Wanita Pulau Omdal (WAPO) helped with the food baskets distribution of the Malaysian residents. Food baskets for the stateless families were kept inside Pondok Iskul as the Iskul team managed the distribution for the stateless population.
3. The next day, 24 October, we [collaborated with Imaret and Pejabat Kesihatan Daerah Semporna \(PKD\)](#) to provide food baskets for the stateless people who agreed to Covid-19 screening. This was the second Covid-19 sampling done by Imaret and PKD (*The first was done on 18 October*). Once, a stateless person underwent the screening, he/she then collected his/her food baskets in Pondok Iskul for his/her household.
4. On 25 October, [the 210 cartons of 1.5L drinking water sponsored by F&N Malaysia and 210 bottles of 500mg Vitamin C](#) arrived in Omdal and were distributed immediately.
5. As we were given the list of Covid-19 positive patients from the first screening who ran away to the settlement after knowing their result, Iskul's team tried to track them on our own. They were afraid to be quarantined in the Bubul Ria Quarantine Center in Semporna mainland. We wanted to inform them of their result, advise them to stay home and to wear their masks at all times as well as sanitise their hands always. Here's some [photos](#) and [videos](#) of the visit. Malaysiakini reported the incident [here](#).

6. The Iskul team and PKD then held a few discussions to find ways to support the Covid-19 positive patients in Omadal. We discussed with PKD about the possibility of having a quarantine center in Omadal island for the stateless people instead as they are afraid to go to the mainland for fear of being detained. Malaysiakini reported our resolution [here](#). We also posted a brief update on our Facebook page [here](#). PKD also visited a few of the patients in Omadal and swabbed the Iskul Team to make sure that none of Iskul team members were infected.



7. For **Week 2 food baskets**, our food supply and mineral water also arrived at different times due to logistical challenges. The [food baskets were distributed immediately](#) upon arriving in Omadal on 30 October as our partner, Borneo Komrad helped us to pack the food supply which includes egg trays in the mainland. However, we only managed to distribute to 122 families. The [remaining households](#) collected their food basket in Pondok Iskul the next day. Meanwhile, [WAPO distributed the food baskets](#) to the Malaysian residents from Pondok WAPO.
8. On 3 November, the mineral water sponsored by F&N arrived and distributed with some [challenges](#). As a result of low tide, the boat couldn't reach Pondok Iskul, so our former students like Manoel, Mannik, Rogeng, Jefri and a few of their friends helped Iskul team with this task. They formed a long line from the boat to the settlement so they can pass the mineral water carton to the recipient. Those who had not collected their water, [collected the next day](#).
9. On 5 November, the Semporna District Officer provided food baskets to all residents in Omadal. And the Iskul Team helped to distribute to the stateless families. The FB post is [here](#).
10. On 8 November, one of Iskul Team's members, [D. were found to be Covid-19 positive](#) (The PCR test was only received after 1 week). We managed to persuade her to quarantine in Bubul Ria quarantine centre. She agreed if Jefry (Iskul's full time teacher) also went with her. The following day, we convinced the whole Iskul Field Team to also quarantine in Bubul Ria. As a result we have to halt our food distribution as reported in Malaysiakini [here](#). This was also part of our effort to encourage both Malaysian and stateless residents to go to the quarantine centre if tested positive. Our team was [quarantined for 10 days in Bubul Ria](#).

[PROGRAMME 2]

11. We resumed our food aid after the team came back to Omdal on 16 November. The [Week 3 food baskets](#) which we distributed between 20th - 24th of November were supported by **private and public donors. The Vitamin C for this week was sponsored by YH HRF Programme 2.** The drinking waters were sponsored by K2 Life Water. In total, we used 4 boats and the food came in two batches. The Facebook posts are [here](#) (food arriving), [here](#) (food distributing), [here](#) (food distribution) and [here](#) (food distribution). WAPO distributed to 54 Malaysian families [here](#).
12. For the Week 4 food baskets sponsored by YH-HRF, we decided to [contribute to the local economy by buying salted fish from the local salted fish supplier](#). We continue to purchase Panggi Kayu (the Bajau staple's food as it uses less water to cook). We also included [bananas](#) in the diet. Watch the video of the food collection in Pondok Iskul [here](#).



13. On 4 November, [we collaborated with PKD on their polio vaccination](#) for the stateless community's children. We continue to distribute the balance of Week 4 food baskets for those who haven't collected.
14. Meanwhile, WAPO distributed the [Week 4 food baskets to the Malaysian residents](#).
15. For the final food basket, Week 5, the food arrived from 8 December. Read about the challenges we faced with supplier's timing and tides [here](#). Semporna Heroes helped us to transport the food supply in but we reimbursed their petrol fee as their own fund is running low.
16. For the [final food basket](#), the items were based on the recipients feedback. It included one pack of Panggi Kayu 6.5kg, one pack of Rice 5kg, one tray of eggs, 1 comb of banana, 1 watermelon, 1 can of condensed milk and 1 box of tea bags. We explained how we call all participants to collect their food baskets [here](#).
17. WAPO distributed the [final food baskets to all 54 Malaysian residents](#) on 9 November.
18. From Week 3 distribution onwards, we started to record the number of people residing in each household to get a clearer picture of the number of total stateless population in Omdal.

3. Sponsors and Partners

We would like to thank our sponsors and partners for supporting us in our little effort to break the Covid-19 transmission in Semporna and Sabah from October to December 2020. This was indeed a whole-of-society effort where everyone came together to flatten the Covid-19 graph.

1. **Yayasan Hasanah HRF** for being the main sponsor for Week 1,2,4,and 5 Food Baskets
2. **Private & public donors** for Week 3 Food Baskets
3. **F&N Malaysia** for supplying mineral waters 221 households for Week 1 and Week 2
4. **K2 Life Water** for supplying drinking water for 221 households for Week 3 and Week 4
5. **Semporna Heroes**, for sponsoring the logistics for Week 1 and Week 2, helping us with the logistics for Week 3,4 and 5. They also helped us to purchase some of the important food items like Panggi Kayu and watermelon.
6. **Scubaholics** for providing us with boats to ferry our food items for Week 3, 4 and 5.
7. **Borneo Komrad** for helping us to pack food baskets for a few weeks.
8. **KitaFund and Daphne Iking** for sponsoring masks.
9. **Semporna Food Aids** for sponsoring masks.
10. **IMARET** for sponsoring us PPE and organising the second Covid-19 screening
11. **Pejabat Kesihatan Daerah Semporna (PKD)** for supporting the Iskul Team and the Covid-19 patients.
12. **Wanita Pulau Omdal (WAPO)** for handling the food basket distribution for the Malaysian residents in Omdal

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4. Challenges

1. One challenge our team members faced is the stress of living among the community in Omadal who are tested positive. As we knew that there were members of the stateless community who tested Covid-19 positive, we need to keep our team members safe. We requested our team members who are also from the stateless community to stay in Pondok Iskul throughout the whole food distribution period and provide their meals.
2. Besides distributing food baskets, we also provide Covid-19 information to the community. Sometimes, our team members would row the wooden sampan around the settlement for Jefry to give announcements and reminders for everyone to wear masks, sanitise hands always and keep a distance from each other.
3. We tried to step up to provide medical needs to the stateless community in Omadal especially those who were tested positive. Unfortunately we couldn't continue as we did not have enough resources - physically and mentally as well. Throughout the period, we had witnessed 7 deaths in the community. One of which was the sister of our students who was around 7 to 8 years old.
4. One huge challenge is the logistics from Semporna to Omadal. It would cost RM450 per boat per trip. We did not have such a budget as we would need at least 3-4 boats for each week's food baskets. Hence, we are grateful to Semporna Heroes for sponsoring the logistics for the first 2 weeks. We're also grateful to Scubaholics for only charging us the petrol fee for the boat which is about RM200-Rm250 depending on the size of the boat.



5. Financial Summary

Date	ITEMS	IN	OUT	BALANCE
22-Oct	Transfer from Yayasan Hasanah HRF 1	25,000.00		25,000.00
20-Oct	Food Basket for Week 1 for 210 families			25,000.00
	Beras 210 pkt x Rm 24.50= 5,145.00		5,145.00	19,855.00
	Tepung 420 Pkt x Rm 2.00= 840.00		840.00	19,015.00
	Mie Kuning 420 Pkt X Rm 2.20= 924.00		924.00	18,091.00
	Susu Pekat 420 Tin X Rm 2.30= 966.00		966.00	17,125.00
	Teh Boh 420 Pkt X Rm 2.20 = 924.00		924.00	16,201.00
	Gula 210 Kg x Rm 2.85= Rm 598.50		598.50	15,602.50
	Garam 210 Kg x Rm 1.50= 315.00		315.00	15,287.50
	Minyak 210 Pkt X 2.60= 546.00		546.00	14,741.50
21-Oct	Shine Vit C 500mg 60 Tab @RM 21 X 210 Week 1		4,410.00	10,331.50
28-Oct	Food Basket for Week 2 for 221 families			10,331.50
	1. Beras 221 pkt x Rm 24.50= 5,145.00		5,414.50	4,917.00
	2. Tepung 221 Pkt x Rm 2.00= 442.00		442.00	4,475.00
	3. Telur (gred c) - 1 papan= 221x12.40- 2,740.40		2,740.40	1,734.60
	4. Minyak 1L - 1 pax=221x2.60- Rm 574.60		574.60	1,160.00
	5. Teh Boh 442 Pkt X Rm 2.20 = 924.00		972.40	187.60
	5. Gula 1kg - 1 pax=221x2.85- Rm 629.85 - RM105 (Additional money with supplier from Week 1 groceries)		524.85	-337.25
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10-Nov	Transfer from Yayasan Hasanah HRF 2	27,541.00		27,203.75
16-Nov	Vitamin C @ RM21 x 221 for Week 3		4,641.00	22,562.75
26-Nov	Food Basket for Week 4 for 221 families			22,562.75
	1. Ikan masin 1kg@RM8 x 221 households		1,768.00	20,794.75
	2. Panggi Kayu RM8 x 221		1,768.00	19,026.75
	3. Banana RM4 x 221 sisir		884.00	18,142.75
	4. Beras 5kg = Rm 13.50 x 221		2,983.50	15,159.25
	5. Telur = Rm 12.40 x 221		2,740.40	12,418.85
	6. Ajinomoto 100gram.- Rm 1.80 x 221		397.80	12,021.05

08/12/2020	SCUBAHOLICS SDN BHD - transportation for week4 RM200x3 (includes 221 cartons of 1.5L Drinking Water which is about 4.5 tonnes)		600.00	11,421.05
08/12/2020	DZAQUAN ANG BINTI DZIskul-Covid19 Omadal Food Bask Panggi Kayu RM8 x 221 Banana RM4 x 221 sisir Tembikai RM2.5/kg x 221 biji less than 2kg		3,757.00	7,664.05
08/12/2020	Transportation week 5 - semporna heroes		250.00	7,414.05
08/12/2020	MAN FUNG Iskul-Covid19 Omadal Food Bask Beras 5kg RM13.5 x221 Egg B 1 tray RM13 x221 Mee kuning RM2.3 x 221 Susu pekat RM2.8 x 221 Teh boh RM2.4 x 221		7,514.00	-99.95

6. Photos



Photo 1: A beneficiary collected her food baskets from Pondok Iskul and got ready to transfer it into her small wooden boat, while others waited for their turn.



Photo 2: The stateless recipients waited at Pondok Iskul for their turn to collect their food basket from their wooden boat.



Photo 3: We recorded each recipient's name and household number when they came to collect their food basket.



Photo 4: A recipient passed down a carton of drinking water to his family member to be kept in their wooden boat.



Photo 5
(Left):
Iskul team member passed the food baskets to a recipient.



Photo 6: A recipient waited to collect her food basket at Pondok Iskul's extended platform. The extended platform was built with funds from Yayasan Hasanah Special Grant 2020.



Photo 7: Semporna Heroes' crew helped us to pass a pack of rice to the stateless recipient. This was one of the days when we delivered food baskets straight to the recipients' house using Semporna Heroes' boat when they brought in the food supply from Semporna.



Photo 8: It was low tide when the boat arrived. It couldn't reach Pondok Iskul, our former students like Manoel, Mannik, Rogeng, Jefri and a few of their friends helped Iskul team with this task. They formed a long line from the boat to the settlement so they can pass the mineral water carton to the recipient.

7. Conclusion

The week we applied for the HRF (20 October), **Semporna had the second highest Covid-19 cases in Malaysia**, 969 cases out of 8,431 total active cases in Malaysia (Refer to KKM's data below). It was about 11% of the total cases in Malaysia. By the time we finished distributing all food baskets in mid-December, **Semporna only recorded 56 active cases** (Refer to KKM's data below). We are glad we played a role in contributing to the government's efforts in flattening the Covid-19 cases in Sabah and Malaysia.

