

Mustapa: DOSM conducting new survey to gauge poverty, income levels

KOTA BHARU (May 15): The **Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM)** is surveying household income and expenditure nationwide, which is expected to be completed by the end of this year, said Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Economy) Datuk Seri Mustapa Mohamed.

He said the completed survey is expected to be the country's new benchmark for poverty and income levels for the B40, M40, and the T20 groups.

He said the exercise is carried out every two to three years, adding that the current data is based on the survey conducted in 2019.

"Income fluctuates, especially during the Covid-19 period. It is not fair for all surveys to be made during the period," he told reporters after attending a socio-economic briefing for the Kelantan media personnel here on Saturday.

He said as the country is in the transition to endemicity, the people have started working again and income is increasing.

"We want the income to truly reflect the current situation," he added.

Mustapa said this latest survey is aimed at revising the hardcore poverty rate in the country.

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