

National Social Protection Master Plan to cover 3 main thrusts

KUALA LUMPUR: The National Social Protection Master Plan currently being developed, will cover three main thrusts - Social Assistance, Social Insurance and Labour Market Interventions.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (special tasks) Datuk Dr Abd Latif Ahmad said the plan was being prepared by taking into account the existing social protection system to ensure a dynamic and comprehensive policy, as well as reflecting the demographic transition trend.

"The master plan will ensure a holistic protection to cover all Malaysians and supported by data management and social protection administration at both the state and federal levels," he said in a parliamentary written reply to a question from Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail (PH-Pandan) who asked on the progress of the National Social Protection Policy.

He said the Malaysia Social Protection Council (MySPC), which was reactivated on May 29, 2019, would implement the master plan, together with four working committees.

The committees are Social Assistance, led by the Women, Family and Community Development Ministry; Social Insurance led by the Finance Ministry; Labour Market Interventions led by the Human Resources Ministry and Data Management led by the Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM).

While the policy is being drafted, MySPC, through the master plan would be guided by five main thrusts, namely, policy rationalisation and social protection programmes; strengthening service delivery and management; data management with integrity and efficiency; determining social protection coverage for target groups and empowering social protection target groups.

"In general, the master plan consists of 15 implementation strategies and 90 initiatives that cut across the four committees.

"There are 56 short-term and 34 long-term initiatives. The timeframe for the action plan is 2021 to 2025."

Up to Aug 27, a total 509 programmes under 30 ministries and agencies have been drawn up, he said.

He said a total 13 million profiles of the social protection target group have been prepared under the Social Assistance Modul which involves 17 programme implementation agencies.

Meanwhile, profile data for the social insurance and labour market intervention are expected to be completed in the second quarter of 2023.

"The government also took into consideration the social protection element in preparing the annual budget.

"MySPC will assist the government's Malaysian Family aspiration in ensuring no one is left behind in the country's social protection."

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