

Upward trend in household income

Premier: Urban, rural mean monthly household gross income up 6.9 and 8.6 per cent from 2019

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SIBU: The mean monthly household gross income for both urban and rural areas in Sarawak has recorded positive growth of 6.9 per cent and 8.6 per cent, respectively, from 2019 to 2022, said Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri Abang Johari Tun Openg.

The Sarawak Premier said this is according to the Household Income and Expenditure Survey released by the Department of Statistics Malaysia (DoSM).

"In 2022, the monthly mean household gross income in Sarawak in the urban area increased to RM7,744 from RM7,243 in 2019, while in the rural area, the monthly mean household gross income reached RM4,579 in 2022 compared to RM4,218 in 2019.

"I am happy to share that the statistics highlight a positive growth trend in mean monthly household incomes for both urban and rural areas in Sarawak," he said at a press conference during his site visit to the Kampung Datu Baru redevelopment site here yesterday.

He said the increase in the mean monthly household gross income in rural areas compared to urban areas was the result of the state government's efforts in ensuring balanced development and inclusive growth throughout Sarawak.

Abang Johari also said that

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according to the DoSM, the total monthly household income in Sarawak also experienced an upward trend, reaching RM3.9 billion in 2022 compared to RM3.7 billion in 2019 – an increase of 5.4 per cent.

He said that over the three-year period, the mean monthly household income in Sarawak witnessed a growth of 8.4 per cent, rising from RM5,959 in 2019 to RM6,457 in 2022.

Concurrently, the median monthly household income also experienced significant progress, reaching RM4,978 in 2022, compared to RM4,544 in 2019, which was a growth of 9.6 per cent.

He believed the state is on the right track to increasing the average household income to RM15,000 per month by 2030.



Dr Annuar (second right) presents a framed picture of the state development coordination committee meeting held earlier yesterday as a memento to Abang Johari, as Dr Sim (left) and others look on.

This, according to him, was proven when the World Bank recently acknowledged that Sarawak is now a high-income state.

"Through a series of targeted

high-impact development programmes, we aim to foster a society where no one is left behind and opportunities are accessible to all. On that note, the Sarawak government also invests

in human capital development to ensure our people are equipped with the right skills to increase their average household income to RM15,000 per month by 2030.

"We have to work hard

to increase their income by employing their new skills so that their family income will increase," he pointed out.