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PHARMANIAGA SENDS MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AND FOOD SUPPLIES TO FLOOD VICTIMS

SHAH ALAM, 8 January – Responding to the flood crisis that is affecting several states around the country, Pharmaniaga Berhad, a member of the Boustead Group involved in the logistics and distribution of medicines and medical devices to all hospitals and clinics under the Ministry of Health, took proactive measures to contribute to relief efforts by establishing a special operation centre. The centre will assist with urgent deliveries of medicine, food supplies and daily necessities to the flood victims.

Pharmaniaga's Managing Director, Dato' Farshila Emran, said the operation centre had been operational since the first flood incident occurred on 20 November. It was initially set up to assist with delivering emergency supplies of medicines to Government hospitals and clinics that faced delivery difficulties due to the floods.

She also said that an agreement had been made with another member of the Boustead Group, MHS Aviation Berhad, to make deliveries by air if necessary.

"When the second wave of floods hit at an unexpected scale recently, in collaboration with the Boustead Group we expanded the operation centre's functions to include the distribution of food and other daily necessities to victims that were badly affected," said Dato' Farshila.

Mohamed Iqbal Abdul Rahman, Pharmaniaga's Chief Operating Officer and the coordinator of the operation centre, said that the company had sent aid to affected areas such as Sri Iskandar, Kuala Kangsar, Kuantan, Kemaman, Temerloh, Tanah Merah, Gua Musang, Tumpat, Pasir Mas and Pekan with the cooperation of the districts' respective Jabatan Kebajikan Masyarakat (JKM) or Social Welfare Department.

"Provision of supplies to JKM Machang, the department that coordinates the flood relief efforts in Kuala Krai, was done with the support of the Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF) as all roads have been closed. We have also sent 20,000 bottles of mineral water to Kota Bharu and Kuala Krai via the RMAF."

In addition, Mohamed Iqbal stated that emergency medical aid had been sent to the Kuala Krai Hospital by an MHS Aviation helicopter. The helicopter was also utilised to send food supplies and daily necessities to nearby residents in Pahi who were trapped there with very low food supplies during the floods.

Mohamed Iqbal extended his gratitude to JKM, the RMAF and MHS Aviation who have all been instrumental in sending the supplies to the flood victims.

He said that the operation centre will continue to function to assist in distributing medicine, food and other essential items as significant support will still be required in the aftermath.

Meanwhile, Dato' Farshila added that the Boustead Group had launched a "Sekampit Beras" campaign where all employees were encouraged to donate RM30, a sum that is equivalent to the value of a bag of rice.

This campaign also gives employees the opportunity to donate within their own financial means, and the proceeds received will be utilised to purchase food and other essential items to ease the burden of flood victims.

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ABOUT PHARMANIAGA BERHAD

Pharmaniaga Berhad is a member of Boustead Group, and listed on the Main Board of Bursa Malaysia. Its core businesses are logistics and distribution of pharmaceutical products and medical devices. Pharmaniaga is also involved in producing generic medicines, research and development, sales and marketing of pharmaceutical products and medical devices.

Captions

- A. Dato' Farshila Emran
- B. En Mohamed Iqbal handed over supplies to TUDM
- C. En Mohamed Iqbal handed over supplies to Social Welfare Department representative in Kuala Kangsar.
- D. Pharmaniaga staff worked round the clock to deliver supplies to affected areas.
- E. Helicopter by MHS Aviation Berhad was used to deliver supplies to areas that cannot be accessed by roads

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