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PETALING JAYA: For freelance tour guide Shaukani Abbas, the RM1,600 aid he received under the Bantuan Sara Hidup (BSH) from the government stimulus package “really helped a lot”.

Shaukani, 63, said there were seven of them living in one household and the bulk of the money went towards food.

“I also spent about RM200 to get hand sanitisers, face masks and disinfectants, which was a lot compared to what I used to spend on these items before Covid-19.

“The (BSH) money really helped and has come in handy.

“I am aware that is a one-off aid so I am being prudent with my spending,” he said, adding that he recently lost his income as a tourist guide.

Although Tenaga Nasional Berhad is giving discounts on electricity bills, Shaukani said his electricity bill had gone up under the movement control order (MCO) period.

“My monthly electricity bill used to be about RM150 but it increased to over RM200.

“We have been using more electricity as we are in the house most of the time,” he said.

Commodity trader Brandon Teh, 46, from Damansara, said he has spent more than usual on groceries compared to before the MCO.

“I spend at least RM500 on each trip to buy groceries and have done so four times already.

“It is because I have been cooking a lot for the family at home instead of dining out,” he said.

Teh, who did not qualify for any cash aid, said he has also spent a lot on hand sanitisers, soaps and face masks.

“I have a seven-month-old daughter and I want to make sure we comply with hygiene safety.

“I have so far spent between RM500 and RM600 on online purchases for such items,” he said.

VALUATOR

Company(Brand)	Mention	Tone	ROI
Bernamea - MREM (Bernama - MREM 6)	1	0	RM 0
PLUS - MCO (PLUS - MCO)	1	0	RM 0
PUB - Johor River Water Works (PUB JRWW) (Immigration &	1	0	RM 0
Star Reacher - Coronavirus (Star Reacher - Coronavirus)	1	0	RM 0
Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB) (Tenaga Nasional)	1	0	RM 0