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PUTRAJAYA: No one will be left behind in the government's aid programmes to help people whose livelihoods have been affected by the Covid-19 pandemic, says Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.

The Prime Minister said that as long as an individual needs help, the government will be able to find them and offer assistance under the Bakul Prihatin Negara aid programme.

"All of our target groups, be it the B40 or M40, will receive aid. Even the T20 are affected as some have stopped working or are

unable to run businesses due to the pandemic. We will aid all these people.

"The Women, Family and Community Development Ministry has a record and we know where to find them. So there is no need to raise white or black flags here," said Muhyiddin after inspecting the preparations for the Bakul Prihatin Negara programme here yesterday.

Also present was Women, Family and Community Development Minister Datuk Seri Rina Harun.

About 420,000 aid baskets are to be distributed to 1.68 million affected by the pandemic.

Preparation of the baskets are managed by the Skwad Prihatin Negara volunteer group, which is under the Social Welfare Department (JKM).

Each basket is worth RM50 and contains rice, sugar, flour, noodles, soy sauce, canned sardines, biscuits, coffee and salt.

Muhyiddin said the preparations involved an allocation of RM5mil from the Prime Minister's Office, as well as contributions

from corporate sponsors amounting to RM16mil.

The companies that contributed are Yayasan Petronas, AEON Big, Pharmaniaga Bhd, Tenaga Nasional Bhd and Telekom Malaysia Bhd.

The Prime Minister said to date, excluding the Bakul Prihatin Negara programme, the government has distributed more than 2.3 million food baskets to over 9.2 million people since March last year. This involved an allocation of RM173.4mil.