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KOTA BELUD: A family at Kampung Lingkubang did not imagine their lives would improve drastically with a new house to replace their old one.

The feeling of joy was clearly seen on the faces of Rimondst A. Carolus and his family, especially his children, who could not wait to go about their daily activities with more comfort.

As a patient of a kidney disease, 49-year-old Rimondst was grateful to Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB) and Sabah Electricity Sdn Bhd (SESB) for providing him and his family with a more conducive living environment through the TNB/SESB Projek Mesra Rakyat.

Beginning construction in October 2018, the house, which was fully sponsored by TNB, was completed and handed over to the family, yesterday. The ceremony was done by senior general manager (asset management) Norhizami Abu Hassan, representing SESB acting managing director Ir. Abdul Nasser Abdul Wahid.

Also present were SESB corporate communications general manager Chendramata Sinteh and SESB distribution general manager Ir. Eddie Ahmad.

The corporate social responsibility (CSR) project was implemented in Sabah with a focus towards underprivileged groups, or the B40. The role of TNB/SESB is to provide benefits and improve the standard of living for the community through the most important infrastructure, electricity.

TNB carries out its CSR programmes nationwide under four criteria - education, community development, sports development and environmental care. Each year, TNB allocates RM50 million to go towards CSR initiatives throughout the country.

In Sabah, TNB is assisted by SESB to coordinate programmes in four districts; Kota Marudu, Kota Belud, Tenom and Sapulut. The projects amount to a total of RM200,000.