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KUALA LUMPUR: More non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and the private sector should provide schooling aid for children from lower-income families to help ease the financial burden of their parents, said Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail.

The Bandar Tun Razak MP said

by doing so, they could prevent the issue of students dropping out of school due to financial problems.

"Our country is developing a variety of education, especially AI (artificial intelligence) and digital, so by having our children educated in those fields, (there is no loss) if we invest

now.

"(In the long term) we have the manpower and skills so that the people who invest can (benefit)... this is a win-win situation for everyone," she said.

Dr Wan Azizah said this when met by reporters after handing over contributions under the Back to School Programme, as

well as special contributions totalling RM115,000 to 23 parent-teacher associations of schools in her parliamentary constituency, yesterday.

A total of 1,000 secondary and primary students in the constituency received school bags donated by MyPrihatin Foundation as well as uniform

vouchers worth RM100 from Amanah Iktidar Malaysia, Tenaga Nasional Berhad and Yayasan Gerbang Bandar Tun Razak.

Earlier in his speech, Dr Wan Azizah thanked all the donors for their generosity of donors, adding their contributions would help to ensure the welfare and

well-being of the people, in line with the Madani framework.

"Education is an important ticket to change a life, so instil a love for knowledge in oneself. And to the parents, give full encouragement and support for your children to continue their studies to the highest level," she said. — Bernama