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Working with Members of Parliament & Local Leaders



KEY HIGHLIGHTS 1

APPGM-SDG Parliamentary Policy Focus Group:

Thoughts and Actions for the SDGs

Mapping Poverty Issues: From Grassroots Studies to Parliamentary Debates

The Parliament of Malaysia, 29 February 2024 - This Parliamentary Policy Focus Group Discussion session is the result of five years of issue mapping activities carried out at the grassroots level. With in-depth research and scrutiny on the issues faced by the community throughout the country, this discussion became an important milestone that signifies the commitment of members of the parliament and APPGM-SDG in bringing the voice of the people to the legislative arena.

The Parliamentary Policy Focus Group Discussion session which took place with the main theme, namely Poverty, was attended by 10 Members of Parliament who are committed to overcoming this challenge. This session was chaired by YB Puan Isnaraissah Munirah and YB Tuan Rushdan Rusmi and was also attended by members of parliament from both the government and opposition sides, parliamentary researchers, representatives from URBANICE and the CSO-SDG Alliance.



The list of Members of Parliament present in this session is:

1. YB Puan Isnaraissah Munirah, Member of Parliament, Kota Belud
2. YB Tuan Rushdan Rusmi, Member of Parliament, Padang Besar
3. YB Datuk Wan Saifulruddin Wan Jan, Member of Parliament, Tasek Gelugor
4. YB Tuan Haji Muhammad Islahuddin Abas, Member of Parliament, Mersing
5. YB Dato' Dr. Ahmad Yunus Hairi, Member of Parliament, Kuala Langat
6. YB Dr. Hajah Halimah Ali, Member of Parliament, Kapar
7. YB Tuan Mordi Anak Bimol, Member of Parliament, Mas Gading
8. YB Puan. Syerleena Abdul Rashid, Member of Parliament, Bukit Bendera
9. YB Puan Hajah Salamiah Mohd Nor, Member of Parliament, Temerloh
10. YB Dr. Siti Mastura Muhammad, Member of Parliament, Kepala Batas

This FGD is planned to be conducted three times throughout the year 2024. For this first session, the main researcher, Dr. Teo Sue Ann from APPGM-SDG, presented 12 thematic issues as a result of field research in 85 parliamentary constituencies. The issues are then divided according to the short, medium, and long term, providing a focus on strategic and integrated solutions.

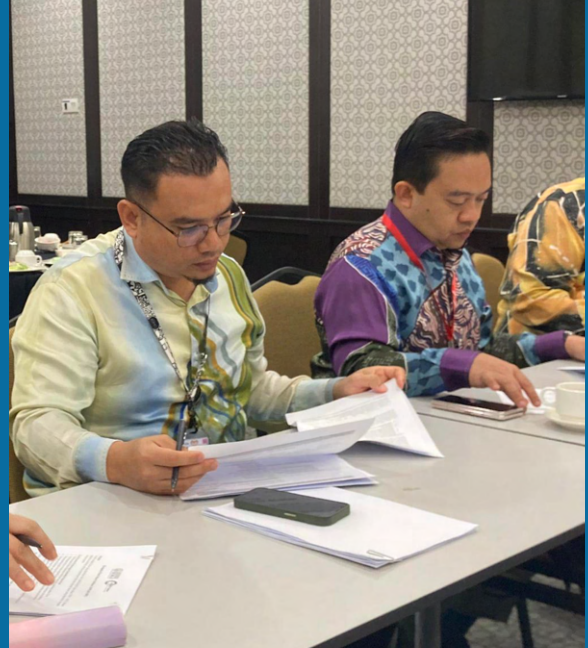


One of the key aspects of the discussion is to identify stakeholders in addressing the issues, while proposing specific solutions for pressing issues. Dr. Teo Sue Ann also shared about the solution projects that have been carried out by APPGM-SDG, with a focus on overcoming the issue of poverty at the grassroots level.

In ensuring the implementation of the SDGs at the grassroots level, APPGM-SDG implemented 637 SDG micro-projects in 85 parliamentary constituencies between 2020 and 2023. These projects involved local communities in project negotiations and implementation, which also focused on the women, small traders, farmers, and youth.

For the women's group, the focus is on digital entrepreneurship skills, financial literacy, and sewing and cooking skills. Projects for small traders focus on increasing income through digital marketing and practical skills such as photography and phone repair. Farmers are engaged with the provision of basic modern farming skills and digital marketing to promote agricultural produce. Projects for youth focus on affordable facilities and courses such as photography and drone flight. Overall, APPGM-SDG strives to provide practical solutions for underprivileged communities in urban and rural areas.

Moments Throughout the Discussion...



KEY HIGHLIGHTS 2

Taking Steps Towards Sustainable Development

APPGM-SDG visit to the 11th APFSD in Bangkok

Bangkok, 19 - 23 February 2024 - APPGM-SDG representative, Dr. Wan Suzita Wan Ibrahim and Dana Claudia Undan Dumpangol attended the 11th Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (APFSD) which was held in Bangkok with the theme "Strengthening the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and poverty eradication in a time of multiple crises: Delivering sustainable, resilient and innovative solutions in Asia and the Pacific" at the United Nations Conference Center (UNCC).



ADVANCING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT BASED ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Orang Asli, as a community of Asian origin, became the focus of this event with an emphasis on the use of the Orang Asli Navigator tool. The discussion involved the current situation of Indigenous Peoples in Asia and their involvement in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) process as well as the Voluntary National Assessment (VNR). Jennifer Lasimbang from Jaringan Orang Asal SeMalaysia (JOAS) was one of the panelists for the session.

YOUTH KLIMATHON

Dana Claudia participated as a panel of judges for the final competition, giving scores and feedback to the contestants. Four youth teams from Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam, Indonesia and China. This competition was won by the Malaysian representative (Triple Echoes) from UKM.



LOCALISATION ROADMAP TO REACH THE FARTHEST BEHIND

The main focus of the discussion was on the topics of the economic crisis, development challenges, ongoing conflicts and climate change.

This discussion is important for the preparation of the future summit which will discuss how the localisation agenda can improve cooperation and accelerate the localisation of the SDGs by 2030.

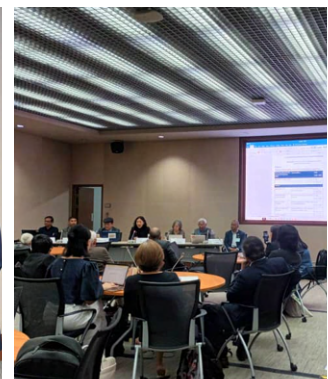
Dr. Wan Suzita also shared Malaysia's experience in climate change issues, highlighting key issues such as floods, impacts, and long and short-term strategies in Malaysia's plans, including national-level physical plans and state-level local plans, giving examples of flood mitigation projects.



INCREASE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTIVITY

There was a side event on 'Improving agricultural productivity through standard testing for sustainable agricultural machinery'.

This side event discussed how agricultural mechanisation contributes to better productivity while being more inclusive of small-scale farmers as well as mutual recognition of test standards to improve trade and efficiency.



In addition to participating in the main event, APPGM-SDG representatives also had the opportunity to meet YB Dato' Hajjah Hanifah Hajar Taib, Deputy Minister of Economy, Mr. Asfaazam Kasbani, Director of the National SDG Center, and other Malaysian delegations. This visit is an important step in ensuring Malaysia's support for sustainable development at the regional level.

The excellent performance of the Malaysian delegation at the 11th APFSD also attracted the attention of the local media, Bernama.



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The Office of the Member of Parliament plays an important role in the local needs mapping process to connect local leaders and the APPGM-SDG research team. Before the mapping visit is carried out, preliminary meetings, area profiles, and pre-visits will be held to ensure a deep understanding of the needs of the local community and to obtain support from local authorities.



8 FEBRUARY 2024

BANDAR TUN RAZAK - MEETING

Meeting with the manager of the Bandar Tun Razak branch office and the special officer of the Bandar Tun Razak Parliament.

16 FEBRUARY 2024

PARLIAMENT - 2024 PLANNING UPDATE

Meeting with Mr. Hadi (YDP Special Duties Officer of the Speaker of the House of Representatives) regarding the sharing of APPGM-SDG planning for 2024.

16 FEBRUARY 2024

MUKAH - PRE MEETING - SITE VISIT

Meeting with Deputy Resident Mukah together with 4 officers from the Resident's office, Acting Mukah District Officer, Acting Dalat District Officer, and 2 Sarawak Administrative Officers from Oya District Office and Balingian District Office respectively to give a briefing on APPGM-SDG Work. Special Officer for MP Dato' Hj Hajar Hanifah, Awang Putera also participated in the briefing.

19 FEBRUARY 2024

LANGKAWI - EARLY MEETING

YB Dato' Haji Mohd Suhaimi, Langkawi Member of Parliament together with the Special Officer, KADO, 4 Assistant District Officers and 5 Mukim Heads attended a meeting with the Langkawi District Officer, Tuan Mohamad Subhi. District officials have also agreed to an inter-agency dialogue session for the Langkawi Parliament on 10 March 2024.

27 FEBRUARY 2024

MALAYSIAN PARLIAMENT - BRIEF MEETING

Brief meeting with YB Puan Isnaraissah Munirah, YB Dato' Hajah Siti Zailah and YB Tuan Rushdan to give a briefing on the Parliamentary Policy Focus Group Discussion on the theme of 'Poverty and Welfare' to be conducted by APPGM-SDG.

28 FEBRUARY 2024

MALAYSIAN PARLIAMENT - PARLIAMENT SITTING

YB Dato' Hajah Siti Zailah, Member of Parliament for Rantau Panjang emphasized the practice and findings of mapping the APPGM-SDG issue, as well as posed several questions to government agencies.

ISSUE MAPPING 1

AT KETEREH

2 - 4 FEBRUARY 2024

With the support of YB Dato' Khair Bin Mohd Nor and his office, the Research Team conducted a site visit and 12 dialogue sessions from 2 to 4 February 2024 in Keterah.

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Discussions have been held widely with various layers of society, including farmers, youth, the Siamese and Chinese communities, NGOs, single mothers, veterans, the Neighbour Group (KRT), the elderly, the disabled community, traders, and the PDK community. Each dialogue session allows the team to listen to the aspirations and challenges faced by each community group.

The issues presented have been categorised into three cores of sustainable development, namely Social, Environmental and Economic aspects, among which are as follows.

A stylized map of Keterah, showing various districts or regions in shades of blue. The word "Keterah" is written in large, white, sans-serif font across the center of the map.

Keterah

Social - Some prominent issues include drug abuse among high school students such as *Pil Kuda* and *Ketum*. The need to provide exposure and understanding of the dangers of drugs is a shared responsibility to safeguard the mental health of the younger generation. The pension issue of former civil servants such as soldiers and police also needs special attention to ensure their welfare after retirement.

Environment - Issues related to rice cultivation and pumping water supply are a priority for the sustainability of water resources and agriculture. The balance between economic development and environmental sustainability needs to be maintained so as not to affect the future. In addition, the issue of lorries carrying loads exceeding the limit endangering residents and the surrounding ecosystem needs to be overcome with a stricter transport policy.

Economy - The high cost of living is a burden to the people, especially the low-income group. Lack of job opportunities and stigma against a community form economic and social challenges. The importance of providing employment opportunities to the youth and ensuring that grants from agencies such as the Department of Social Welfare (JKM) are implemented efficiently.



PLACES THAT HAVE BEEN VISITED

DAY 1

1. Dialogue session with local farmers at the Sugarcane Collection Center, Kelantan Sugarcane Growers Association
2. Dialogue session with youth in Kg Binjal, Ketereh
3. Dialogue session with the Siamese community in Ketereh
4. Dialogue session with veterans at Luqman Al-Hakim Homestay Grounds, Kg Binjal
5. Dialogue session with NGOs at Dato' Kadok Hall

DAY 2

6. Dialogue session with single mothers at Station No 1, Kedai Kak Ha, Melor
7. Dialogue session with the Neighbor Group at the Lower Dusun Rukun Tetangga
8. Dialogue session with the elderly at the Elderly Settlement, Kg Hutan Pasir, Ketereh
9. Dialogue session with the Chinese community in Kg. Tok Kong

DAY 3

10. Dialogue session with the visually impaired community at the Premises of the Malaysian Visually Impaired Organization (Kelantan Branch)
11. Dialogue session with traders at Dataran Pasar Melor
12. Dialogue session with PDK community at PDK Kadok

RESEARCH TEAM



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Expert Referral

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Ketereh Member of
Parliament,
YB Dato'
Khilir Bin Mohd Nor**

Site Visit conducted on 2-4 February 2024 (Thursday - Saturday)



28 December 2023
Preliminary Meeting



15 January 2024
Profiling Meeting



18 January 2024
Pre-Visit Meeting



2 February 2024
Dialogue Session with the Veteran Community



2 February 2024
Dialogue session with the Youth Community



2 February 2024
Dialogue session with the Farmers Community



2 February 2024
Dialogue Session with the NGO Community



3 February 2024
Dialogue Session with the Single Mother Community



3 February 2024
Dialogue session with the KRT Community



4 February 2024
Dialogue Session with the Visually Impaired Community



3 February 2024
Elderly Home Visit Session



3 February 2024
Dialogue Session with the Chinese Community



4 February 2024
Dialogue Session with the Merchant Community



4 February 2024
Dialogue session with the Community Rehabilitation Center in the Community



4 February 2024
Visit session to Ice Cream Factory and Rabbit Breeder



4 February 2024
Visit Session to the Archery Training Center

ISSUE MAPPING 2

AT PEKAN

2 - 4 FEBRUARY 2024

With the support of YB Dato' Sri Sh Mohmed Puzi Bin Sh Ali and his office, the research team conducted a site visit and 10 dialogue sessions from 2 to 4 February 2024 in Pekan.

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Discussions have been held widely with various levels of society, including entrepreneurs, farmers and breeders in Kampung Bentan, the youth, the Chinese and Orang Asli communities, traders and hawkers in Balairaya Dara, single mothers, the FELDA community and residents of Kampung Tg. Medang Hulu.

The issues presented have been categorised into three cores of sustainable development, namely Social, Environmental and Economic aspects, among which are as follows.



Pekan

Social - The problem of student dropouts and lack of motivation among the youth implies the challenge of education and human capital development. The lack of support from agencies or non-governmental bodies in dealing with the issue of student dropouts also needs attention. The issue of land ownership with various names and illegal house ownership creates uncertainty in the management of inheritance and affects the social stability of the local community.

Environment - Various issues related to agriculture such as lack of funds, uncertain climate change, and the threat of plant diseases pose challenges in the management of natural resources. Poor infrastructure such as unmaintained drainage systems also affects agricultural yields. As a result, the sustainability of agriculture and the well-being of farmers need to be emphasized through environmental monitoring and restoration efforts.

Economy - Constraints in applying for agricultural financial assistance, the increase in the cost of raw materials, and the reduction in the price of palm oil have a negative impact on the economic stability of the community. Problems in home ownership and poor road conditions affect accessibility and limit employment opportunities, putting pressure on the economic capacity of local communities.





**With support from
Pekan Member of
Parliament,
YB Dato' Sri
Sh Mohmed Puzi
Bin Sh Ali**

PLACES THAT HAVE BEEN VISITED

DAY 1

1. Dialogue session with entrepreneurs/farmers/breeders in Kg. Bentan, Subdistrict of Kuala Pahang
2. A dialogue session with the youth at the Pekan District Youth and Sports Office
3. Dialogue session with the Chinese community at the MCA Center, Pekan

DAY 2

1. Dialogue session with the Chini trader/hawker community at Balairaya Dara, Chini
2. Dialogue session with single mothers at Balairaya Dara
3. Dialogue session with the community and JPKK Dara, Chini at Dewan Dara
4. Dialogue session with the FELDA community at the FELDA Hall, Chini

DAY 3

1. A dialogue session with a dialogue with the Durian Sebatang Indigenous community
2. Joint dialogue session and dialogue with the Residents of Kg.Tg. Medang Hulu at the Langgar Subdistrict Head Office 2
3. A dialogue session with the Patah Permatang Indigenous People

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Site Visit conducted on 2 -5 February 2024 (Friday - Monday)



23 November 2023
Preliminary Meeting



8 December 2023
Pre-Visit Meeting



2 February 2024
Dialogue session with MCA Town Branch



2 February 2024
Dialogue session with the Youth Community



2 February 2024
Dialogue session with Entrepreneurs, Farmers and Breeders



3 February 2024
Visit to Pahang State Museum and Mangga Tunggal Palace



3 February 2024
Visit to the LKIM Complex in Kuala Pahang



3 February 2024
Dialogue Session with the Community of Traders/Virgin Vendors, Chini



3 February 2024
Dialogue session with Felda Chini Community



3 February 2024
Dialogue session with the Community and JPKK Dara, Chini



3 February 2024
Dialogue session with the Single Mother Community, Chini



3 February 2024
Visit to Tasik Chini



4 February 2024
Dialogue session with the Sebatang Durian Indigenous Community



4 February 2024
Dialogue Session with Residents of Tg Medang Hulu



4 February 2024
Dialogue session with the Pulau Manis Community



4 February 2024
Dialogue session with the Indigenous People of Patah Jelutong

ISSUE MAPPING 3

AT PORT DICKSON

4 - 6 FEBRUARY 2024

With the support of YB Dato' Seri Aminuddin Bin Harun and his office, the research team conducted a site visit and 15 dialogue sessions from 4 to 6 February 2024 in Port Dickson.

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Discussions were held widely with various levels of society, including single mother community groups, women's groups, flood victims, youth, heads of households, Indian and Chinese communities, fishermen's groups in Kuala Pengkalan Kuala Kempas and the Bukit Kepong Indigenous Community.

The issues presented have been categorised into three cores of sustainable development, namely Social, Environmental and Economic, among which are as follows.

A stylized map of the Port Dickson area, showing the coastline and surrounding land in shades of purple and pink. The text "Port Dickson" is written in large, white, bold letters across the center of the map.

Port Dickson

Social - Challenging daily living conditions, especially related to alimony by ex-husbands, dwindling sources of income, and mental and chronic health problems are the main challenges among individuals and families. In addition, the lack of information to get government assistance also makes it difficult for people who need support.

Environment - Issues related to drainage, irrigation, and poorly planned development have a negative impact on the local population. Uncontrolled development problems can have adverse effects on the environment and community well-being. Flood problem-solving projects that have not yet received an answer and the effects of unplanned development are a serious concern in ensuring environmental sustainability.

Economy - Lack of places for youth activities, lack of job opportunities, and economic problems among the elderly are factors that affect the economic well-being of the community. Concerns and confusion regarding the ownership status of the PDK building's land as well as the lack of funds for the repair of the PDK building indicate an economic issue that needs immediate resolution. The difficulty in applying for and obtaining land fishing licenses, the water pollution of Sungai Linggi, and the sand dredging project that has a negative impact on aquatic life are economic and environmental aspects that need to be given serious attention.



**With support from
Port Dickson
Member of
Parliament,
YB Dato' Seri
Aminuddin Bin Harun**

PLACES THAT HAVE BEEN VISITED

DAY 1

1. Dialogue session with the Single Mother Group
2. Dialogue session with the Women's Group
3. Dialogue session with Taman Linggi Idaman Flood Victims
4. Dialogue session with Youth
5. Site Visit 1: Kempas Base Historical Complex.

DAY 2

6. Dialogue session with Head of Household
7. Dialogue session with the Indian community
8. Dialogue session with PDK Cahaya Ihsan, Linggi
9. Site Tour 2: Historic Site of Landing Chinese Ancestors
10. Site Tour 3: Abandoned Mine Area
11. Site Visit 4: Tomb of Sheikh Haji Jamaluddin Al-Linggi
12. Site Visit 5: Frequent Flooding Area
13. Site Visit 6: Kg Linggi DPS Reservoir Pool

DAY 3

14. Dialogue session with the Chinese community
15. Dialogue session with the Pengkalan Kempas Fishing Community
16. Dialogue session with Bukit Kepong Native Org Community

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Site Visit conducted on 4-6 February 2024 (Sunday - Tuesday)



15 December 2023
Preliminary Meeting



16 January 2024
Profiling Meeting



4 February 2024
Dialogue Session with Youth



4 February 2024
Dialogue Session with Taman Linggi Idaman Flood Victims



4 February 2024
Dialogue Session with the Single Mother Community and Women



4 February 2024
Site Tour 1: Pengkalan Kempas Historical Complex



5 February 2024
Dialogue session with Head of Household



5 February 2024
Dialogue session with Indians



5 February 2024
Site Tour 3: Abandoned Mine Area



5 February 2024
Site Tour 2: Historic Site of Landing Chinese Ancestors



5 February 2024
Dialogue session with PDK



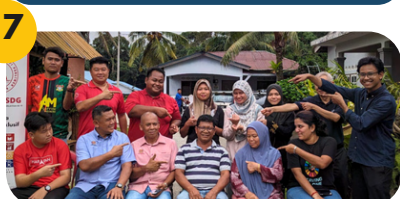
5 February 2024
Site Visit 4: Tomb of Sheikh Haji Jamaluddin Al-Linggi



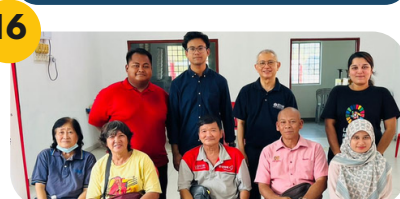
5 February 2024
Site Tour 5: Frequent Flood Areas



5 February 2024
Site Visit 6: JPS Kg Linggi Reservoir Pool



6 February 2024
Dialogue Session with the Orang Asli Community



6 February 2024
Dialogue Session with Fishermen's Group and Visit to Sungai Linggi



6 February 2024
Dialogue session with the Chinese

14 - 16 FEBRUARY 2024

ISSUE MAPPING 4

AT HULU TERENGGANU

With support from YB Dato' Rosol Bin Wahid and his office, the research team conducted a site visit and 11 dialogue sessions from 14 to 16 February 2024 in Hulu Terengganu.

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Discussions were held widely with various layers of society, including the corn and rice farming community, the indigenous community, the elderly association, the disabled community, NGOs, single mothers, the Chinese community, youth and residents of Kampung Pengkalan Ajal and PPMS Bukit Ara .

The issues presented have been categorised into three cores of sustainable development, namely Social, Environmental and Economic, among which are as follows.

A map of the state of Terengganu, Malaysia, with the coastal region of Hulu Terengganu highlighted in a darker yellow. The text 'Hulu Terengganu' is overlaid in large, white, bold letters with a black outline. A small black dot with a line pointing to it is located on the northern coast of the highlighted area.

**Hulu
Terengganu**

Social - In the social category, the abandoned Lasir Swamp Water Pump construction project has affected the irrigation system and the production efficiency of rice and other crops, affecting the income of local farmers. The threat of rice diseases, wild animals, and insect pests poses challenges to farming communities. The problem of drug addiction such as *ketum* and *pil kuda* also threatens the health and social well-being of the community.

Environment - There are several issues that need attention. Wild animal threats such as monkeys, wild boars, foxes, and rats can damage crops, create pressure on agriculture and require effective management strategies. In addition, the problem of flooding caused by natural disasters causes direct losses to crops, threatening the economic stability of local farmers.

Economy - In the economic aspect, the high cost of planting seeds, poisons, and fertilisers put pressure on farmers in the financial aspect. The aid received is not regular, only once every five years, creating financial uncertainty and limiting the community's resilience to economic challenges. The high number of drug abuse cases is also a social and economic issue that needs to be addressed with a holistic approach.





**With support from
Hulu Terengganu
Member of
Parliament,
YB Dato'
Rosol Bin Wahid**

PLACES THAT HAVE BEEN VISITED

DAY 1

1. Dialogue session with local farmers (corn and rice growers) at Balai Raya Kg. Gaung, Kuala Berang
2. Dialogue session with local farmers (group rice planting project) at Balai Raya Kg. Matang, Tememong
3. Dialogue session with the indigenous community in the Indigenous Village. Sg. Berua

DAY 2

4. Dialogue session with the Elderly Association at the Elderly Activity Center (PAWE), Kuala Berang
5. Dialogue session with disabled people at PPD Kuala Berang
6. Dialogue session with NGO leaders at the Hulu Terengganu District Youth Council Office
7. Dialogue session with the Association of Single Mothers at the Hulu Terengganu YPK Office Hall
8. Dialogue session with the Chinese community in Pekan Ajil

DAY 3

9. Dialogue session with residents of Kg. Pengkalan Ajal and Kg. Kua at PPS Pengkalan Ajal, Ajil
10. Dialogue session with the Youth Association of Kg. Mountain in Pengkalan Rengas, Kg. Mountain
11. Dialogue session with PPMS Bukit Ara Residents at PPMS Surau Kg. Fig Hill, Ajil

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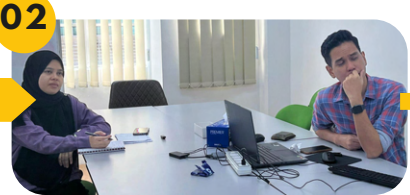


Mrs. Balqis Osman

Site Visit conducted on 14 - 16 February 2024 (Wednesday - Friday)



23 November 2023
Preliminary Meeting



8 December 2023
Pre-Visit Meeting



14 February 2024
Dialogue Session with the Orang Asli
Community of Kg Sg Berua



14 February 2024
Dialogue Session with Group Rice
Farmers



14 February 2024
Dialogue Session with Farmers (Corn,
Pineapple and Rice)



14 February 2024
Visit to Rice Fields



15 February 2024
Dialogue Session with the Elderly
Association



15 February 2024
Dialogue session with PDK Kuala
Berang



15 February 2024
Dialogue Session with the Chinese
Community



15 February 2024
Dialogue Session with the Combined Body of
the Hulu Terengganu District Youth Council



15 February 2024
Dialogue session with the Association
of Single Mothers



16 February 2024
Dialogue Session with Flood Victims
in Kampung Pengkalan Ajal and Kua



16 February 2024
Dialogue Session with the Youth of
Kampung Rengas



16 February 2024
Dialogue session with the Community
Settlement Program community

ISSUE MAPPING 5 AT **KLANG**

17 – 20 FEBRUARY 2024

With the support of YB Tuan Ganabatirau A/L Veraman and his office, the research team conducted a site visit and 11 dialogue sessions from 17 to 20 February 2024 in Klang.

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Discussions were held widely with various levels of society, including youth groups, residents' associations, Surau Syahrul Huda committee, church committee, ISKCON, special education association, refugee committee, orphans' group, Indian community, and the community in Bandar Bukit Tinggi. .

The issues presented have been categorised into three cores of sustainable development, namely Social, Environmental and Economic, among which are as follows.



Social - The dumping of foreigners on Pulau Indah and the drug case resulting in the theft of electric cables indicate security and social problems that require immediate action. The absence of police stations, the lack of good commitment from the authorities, and the issue of neglected children highlight the need to increase social awareness and safety in the community. The issue of limited public transport also has a significant social impact.

Environment - Threats of limited public transport and lack of safe pedestrian routes are major challenges in social and environmental aspects. The potholed and bumpy road infrastructure also has a negative impact on the environment. The inefficient management of garbage dumping everywhere into drains and rivers causes pollution and needs to be dealt with immediately.

Economy - The lack of funds for equipment, programme implementation, and maintenance of the operational centre (HQ) as well as the lack of youth to volunteer shows the need to increase economic support and the active involvement of the community in voluntary activities. The increase in the price of goods that burdens single mothers also needs to be given attention in an effort to improve the economic well-being of the people.



PLACES THAT HAVE BEEN VISITED

DAY 1

1. Dialogue session with the Malaysian Red Crescent Youth Team, Klang District
2. Be Kind Malaysia Klang Branch Joint Dialogue Session
3. Dialogue session with Keriang Sakat Residents Association

DAY 2

4. Joint Dialogue Session with Malaysian Indian Youth Council Klang Branch
5. Dialogue session with the Syahrul Huda Surau Committee
6. Dialogue Session with the Grace Assembly Church Committee
7. Joint Dialogue Session with ISKCON Klang

DAY 3

8. Joint Dialogue Session with Klang District Special Education Association
9. Dialogue Session with the Refugee Committee Dialogue Session with the Good Samaritan Home Orphans

RESEARCH TEAM

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Klang Member of
Parliament, YB Tuan
Ganabatirau A/L
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Dr. Thanaraj Murudi
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Ms. Mala Dass



Ms. Nik Athirah

Site Visit conducted on 17 - 20 February 2024 (Saturday - Tuesday)



4 December 2023
Preliminary Meeting



13 December 2023
Profiling Meeting



17 February 2024
Dialogue session with Keriang Sakat Residents Association



17 February 2024
Dialogue Session with Participants from Be Kind Malaysia



17 February 2024
Dialogue session with BSMM Klang District



18 February 2024
Dialogue Session with Indian Youth



18 February 2024
Dialogue session with the Taman Kem Community



18 February 2024
Dialogue Session with Grace Klang Church Committee Members



20 February 2024
Dialogue session with Bandar Bukit Tinggi Community 2



20 February 2024
Dialogue session with the Taman Sri Sentosa Indian Community



20 February 2024
Dialogue session with ISKCON

23 - 25 FEBRUARY 2024

ISSUE MAPPING 6

AT KINABATANGAN

With the support of YB Datuk Seri Panglima Moktar Bin Radin and his office, the research team conducted 8 dialogue sessions and site visits from 23 to 25 February 2024 in Kinabatangan.

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Discussions have been held widely with various layers of society, including the community of traders and small hawkers at Anjung Niaga Kota Kinabatangan, residents of Kg. Tundun Bohangin, a resident of Kg. Abai, residents of Kg Sangau, residents of Kg. Penengah, Kg. Simpang Entilibon, NGOs/associations and government agencies.

The issues presented have been categorized into three cores of sustainable development, namely Social, Environmental and Economic, among which are as follows.

A stylized map of the Kinabatangan region. The land area is colored in a dark teal or blue-green, while the surrounding water areas are a light purple. The word "KINABATANGA" is written in large, bold, white capital letters across the center of the land area. A small label "Tereh" is visible in the upper left part of the land area.

KINABATANGA

Social - Infrastructure problems are still a major issue in the Kinabatangan parliamentary constituency. Issues of lack of conducive infrastructure such as potholed roads and dilapidated bridges, lack of stable electricity, lack of clean and maintained water, and lack of communication networks in some villages have a major impact on the social aspects of the community. Apart from that, educational issues such as student dropout are caused by poverty, high transportation costs, and documentation problems. The fire issue is difficult to contain due to the geographical shape of Sabah. Next, the rampant drug issue where the "hot spot" of drug sales and distribution along the Kinabatangan River.

Environment - Wildlife conflicts such as crocodiles, monkeys and elephants threaten public order. In addition, the issue of flood disasters that damage property and the village pier, and cause erosion on the river banks. The pollution of the river water caused by the lack of a special garbage dump and the dumping of garbage into the river causes the water log to be blocked and the water polluted.

Economy - High dependence on government aid, dependence on fishing activities and lack of alternative skills to supplement family income. There is also a lack of job opportunities for the youth becoming a serious economic challenge. In addition, the problem of disruption of the food supply chain contributes to economic weakness in the community.





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Member of
Parliament for
Kinabatangan, YB
Datuk Seri Panglima
Moktar Bin Radin**

PLACES THAT HAVE BEEN VISITED

DAY 1

1. Dialogue session with the residents of Kg. Tundun Bohangin
2. Dialogue session with the residents of Kg. Abai

DAY 2

3. Dialogue session with small traders and hawkers at Anjung Niaga Kota Kinabatangan
4. Dialogue session with the residents of Kg Sangau
5. Dialogue session with NGOs/Associations at the Parliamentary Liaison Office P187 Kinabatangan
6. Dialogue session with IPD at the Parliamentary Liaison Office P187 Kinabatangan

DAY 3

7. Dialogue session with the residents of Kg. Penengah
8. Dialogue session with the residents of Kg. Entilibon & NGO Dun Kuamut

RESEARCH TEAM



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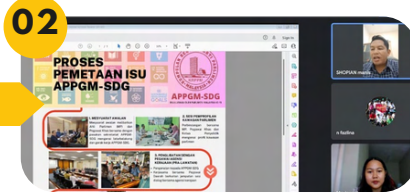


**Ms. Lailah Binti Chung Foh
Sin**

Site Visit conducted on 23-25 February 2024 (Friday - Sunday)



11 November 2023
Preliminary Meeting



9 January 2024
Profiling Meeting



2 February 2024
Meeting with Government Agencies



24 February 2024
Dialogue session with small traders and hawkers



23 February 2024
Dialogue session with residents of Kg. Abai



23 February 2024
Dialogue session with residents of Kg. Tundun Bohangin



24 February 2024
Dialogue session with the residents of Kg. Sangau



24 February 2024
Dialogue session with NGOs/Associations



24 February 2024
Dialogue session with the IPD



25 February 2024
Dialogue session with residents of Kg. Entilibon & NGO Dun Kuamut



25 February 2024
Dialogue session with residents of Kg. Penengah

ISSUE MAPPING 7

AT MAS GADING

22 - 25 FEBRUARY 2024

With the support of YB Tuan Mordi Anak Bimol and his office, the Sarawak regional office research team conducted 11 Focus Group Discussion (FGD) sessions and site visits starting from 22 to 25 February 2024 in the area of P.192 Mas Gading.

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Meetings and discussions were held with community groups living in the border area of Sarawak, Malaysia - West Kalimantan, Indonesia, women traders and youth farmers in the Bau and Lundu areas, customs, immigration and border police officers at ICQS Biawak, land fishermen of Kampung Raso, and Kampung Grogot tourism JKKK, Federation of Sarawak Women's Associations (PPWS), small Malay traders in Pasar Bau and anti-drug NGOs such as the Organization for Addiction Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation (OAPTAR). The issues presented have been categorised into three cores of sustainable development, namely Social, Environmental and Economic, among which are as follows.

A stylized map of Sarawak, Malaysia, in shades of blue. The text 'Mas Gading' is overlaid in large white font on the right side of the map.

Mas Gading

Social - There is a perception of increased drug abuse and cases of smuggling of controlled goods despite the presence of the Customs and Immigration Control Complex from both Malaysia and Indonesia. One of the issues that continues generationally is the issue of citizenship among border area residents. The issue of Native Customary Rights (NCR) land ownership creates dissatisfaction especially when the area around the village is turned into a forest reserve without prior consultation with the community

Environment - The pollution of Sungai Batang Kayan due to the effluents of the nearby palm oil mills also contributed to the decline of the fish population, which is the economic source of land fishermen.

Economy - The reduction of border trade since the upgrade of complex immigration enforcement has had an impact on local economic activities, especially for women traders. Women in the village face a lack of access to markets for their agricultural produce, food and handicrafts. In addition, employment opportunities in the interior of Mas Gading are limited because there is no industry other than subsistence farming.





**With the support of
Mas Gading Member
of Parliament, YB
Tuan Mordi
Anak Bimol**

PLACES THAT HAVE BEEN VISITED

DAY 1

1. FGD session with the community of Kampung Biawak
2. FGD session with the women and youth of Kampung Jantan
3. FGD session and site visit with female farmers and youth in the paddy field in Kampung Sedaing

DAY 2

4. Dialogue session with Customs and Immigration officers and Royal Police ICQS Biawak
5. FGD session with Kampung Raso Land Fishermen
6. Site 2 visit to the paddy field in Kg Sedaing
7. FGD session in Grogro Village

DAY 3

8. FGD session with PPWS Jagoi Region - Kg Serasot, Kg Singai and Pasar Bau
9. FGD session with Small Malay Traders in Pasar Bau
10. FGD session with the women's bureau of Tembawang Sauh, Baru and Nowang

DAY 4

11. Dialogue session with the Organization for the Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation of Addiction (OAPTAR)
12. Site Tour 3 to Bung Orad, Historic Tourist Attraction

RESEARCH TEAM



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Dr. Teo Sue Ann



Dr. Eva Kristin



Dr. Arnold Puyok

Site Visit conducted on 22 - 25 February 2024 (Thursday - Sunday)



21 November 2023
Preliminary Meeting



11 January 2024
Profiling Meeting



22 February 2024
FGD session with Women and Youth Farmers Group



22 February 2024
FGD session with Women and Youth of Kg Jantan



22 February 2024
FGD session with the residents of Kg Biawak



22 February 2024
Dialogue Session with Customs and Immigration Officers



23 February 2024
FGD session with Raso Village Fishermen



23 February 2024
Site Visit 2 to Rice Fields in Kg Sedaing



24 February 2024
FGD session with Small Malay Traders in the Pasar Bau



24 February 2024
FGD session with Jagoi District PPWS



23 February 2024
FGD session with the Bung Orad Tourism Committee Association, Grog



24 February 2024
FGD session with Women's Bureau Tembawang Sauh, Tembawang Baru & Kg Nowang



25 February 2024
Dialogue session with OAPTAR



25 February 2024
Site Tour 3 to Bung Orad, Historic Tourist Attraction

24 - 26 FEBRUARY 2024

ISSUE MAPPING 8

AT SHAH ALAM

With the support of YB Tuan Hj Azli Yusof and his office, the research team conducted 10 dialogue sessions and site visits from 24 to 26 February 2024 in Shah Alam.

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Meetings and discussions were held with the single mother community, traders and hawkers, the youth, the B40 community, the Indian community, residents of Sunway Sinar Apartments, former MBSA councilors and residents of Kampung Kuantan. A site visit was held to the temporary entrepreneur site and Kampung Pasu Bunga is an area prone to flooding.

The issues presented have been categorised into three cores of sustainable development, namely Social, Environmental and Economic, among which are as follows.

A stylized map of Shah Alam, Malaysia, rendered in a solid green color. The map shows the city's irregular shape and surrounding areas. The text 'Shah Alam' is overlaid in the center in a large, white, bold, sans-serif font.

Shah Alam

Social - Culture of loitering and cramming among school students, use of vape among elementary school students, increase in the cost of living including house rent and high prices of goods, lack of digital literacy among the elderly, and the impact on employment opportunities due to the issue of boycotting certain franchises. In addition, small traders experience difficulties due to high costs and fierce competition in the area.

Environment - The need for better waste management, and flood risk in Kampung Pasu Bunga due to development without a comprehensive study. Sanitation issues, broken drainage systems, and lack of maintenance of reservoirs contribute to environmental problems. Housing health problems such as leaky roofs and lack of supervision of dirty hallways.

Economy - The election of council members, the division of jurisdiction in drainage management, the problem of illegal industries, and the process of processing foreign worker permits highlight the challenges faced in terms of administration and economic development.



PLACES THAT HAVE BEEN VISITED

DAY 1

1. Dialogue Session with the Single Mother Community
2. Site Visit 1 at Temporary Dealer Site
3. Dialogue Session with the Business Youth Community
4. Dialogue Session with the Merchant Community

DAY 2

5. Dialogue Session with the B40 Community
6. Dialogue Session with the Apartment Community
7. Dialogue Session with the Indian Community

DAY 3

8. Site 2 visit to Pasu Bunga Village
9. Dialogue Session with Former MBSA Council Members
10. Dialogue session with Kuantan Village Community

RESEARCH TEAM



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**With support from
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YB Tuan
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A Site Visit was conducted on 24 - 26 February 2024 (Saturday - Monday)



20 December 2023
Preliminary Meeting



9 January 2024
Profiling Meeting



31 January 2024
Follow-up Meeting



24 February 2024
Dialogue Session with the Business Youth Community



24 February 2024
Site Visit 1 at Temporary Entrepreneur Site



24 February 2024
Dialogue Session with the Single Mother Community



24 February 2024
Dialogue Session with the Merchant Community



25 February 2024
Dialogue Session with the B40 Community



25 February 2024
Dialogue Session with the Apartment Community



26 February 2024
Dialogue Session with Former MBSA Council Members



26 February 2024
Site Visit 2 to Village Pasu Bunga



25 February 2024
Dialogue Session with the Indian Community



26 February 2024
Dialogue session with the Kuantan Village Community

26 - 28 FEBRUARY 2024

ISSUE MAPPING 9

AT TANJUNG KARANG

With the support of YB Dato' Dr. Zulkaferi Bin Hanapi and his office, the research team have conducted 14 dialogue sessions and site visits from 26 to 28 February 2024 in Tanjung Karang.

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Meetings and discussions were held with communities such as Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs), MARDI, the fishing community, residents of Kampung Sungai Sireh Batu Sebelah and Kg Sungai Burung, the National Anti-Drug Agency (AADK), the elderly community, women and single mothers and community citizens of Community Rehabilitation Center (PDK).

The issues presented have been categorised into three cores of sustainable development, namely Social, Environmental and Economic, among which are as follows.

Tanjung Karang

Social - The issue of the unavailability of raw materials and the increasing cost of raw materials in the SME affects the local community, especially small entrepreneurs. In addition, drug abuse also has a serious impact on the social aspects of the community, increasing social symptoms among young people, housing problems for the Indian community, limited job opportunities, and high cost of living.

Environment - Water pollution and lack of shellfish habitat, ongoing land subsidence, and the use of midwater trawl (*pukat harimau*) and *bubu naga* on the produce and habitat of aquatic life, the tendency of farmers to focus only on rice paddy farming, the late distribution of subsidized fertilisers, and changes in the scheduling of rice planting which affects the soil and rice yield.

Economy - The rising cost of agricultural inputs, non-uniform selling prices of rice, and climate change that disrupts rice production puts pressure on farmers. Problems such as the absence of property rights, lack of funds for agricultural products, and lack of collaboration between agencies are also closely related to economic issues in the context of agricultural sustainability. In addition, PDK staff allowances that are below the minimum wage and the lack of funds for trainee activities are among the economic issues that need to be overcome.





**With the support of
Tanjong Karang
Member of
Parliament, YB Dato'
Dr. Zulkafperi
Bin Hanapi**

PLACES THAT HAVE BEEN VISITED

DAY 1

1. Dialogue Session with SME Entrepreneurs
2. Site Visit 1 to Jalan Tok Adam, Bagan Pasir
3. Site Visit 2 to LKIM North Selangor District
4. Dialogue Session with MARDI Tanjong Karang
5. Dialogue Session with the Fishing Community
6. Site Visit 3 to the Chinese Village Jetty
Bagan Pasir

DAY 2

7. Dialogue Session with the Local Community
8. Dialogue session with the Sungai Sireh Batu Sebelah Village Community
9. Dialogue session with Kg Sungai Burung Community
10. Dialogue session with the National Anti-Drug Agency (AADK)
11. Dialogue Session with the Elderly Community

DAY 3

12. Dialogue session with PPDK Citizen Community
13. Dialogue Session with Women
14. Dialogue Session with Women's Group/Single Mothers

RESEARCH TEAM



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Mr. Vikneshwaran

Site Visit conducted on 26-28 February 2024 (Monday - Wednesday)



19 January 2024
Preliminary Meeting



16 February 2024
Profiling Meeting



26 February 2024
Site Visit 2 to LKIM North Selangor District



26 February 2024
Site Visit 1 to Jalan Tok Adam, Bagan Pasir



26 February 2024
Dialogue Session with Small and Medium Enterprise Entrepreneurs



26 February 2024
Dialogue Session with MARDI Tanjong Karang



26 February 2024
Dialogue Session with the Fishing Community



26 February 2024
Site Tour 3 to Bagan Pasir Chinese Village Jetty



27 February 2024
Dialogue session with the Sungai Burung Kg Community



27 February 2024
Dialogue session with the Sungai Sireh Batu Sebelah Village Community



27 February 2024
Dialogue Session with the Local Community



27 February 2024
Dialogue session with the National Anti-Drug Agency (AADK)



27 February 2024
Dialogue Session with the Elderly Community



28 February 2024
Dialogue session with PPDK Citizen Community



28 February 2024
Dialogue Session with Women's Group/Single Mothers



28 February 2024
Dialogue Session with Women

The Involvement of Local Leaders in SDG Localisation

In February 2024, a collaborative initiative between the District Officer's Office (DO), the District Development Officer (KADO), the District Administrative Officer (ADO), and the Council has achieved a significant step in efforts to strengthen the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) in the local area.

This cooperation not only affirms the important role of local leaders in development, but also shows the willingness to work together to achieve greater goals.

2 FEBRUARY 2024

KINABATANGAN DISTRICT OFFICE



Pre-visit to the Kinabatangan District Office with District Officer Mr. Willey Lampaki for the APPGM-SDG introduction session. Also present was the CDO of the Community Development Leaders Unit (UPPM) in the Sukau State Assembly, Mr. Mohd Alwie and the developer of the Sukau area, Mr. Adnan.

8 FEBRUARY 2024

KOTA MARUDU DISTRICT OFFICE



Pre-visit to the Kota Marudu District Office to meet the Assistant District Officer (Administration) Mr. Marshal Anthony and officers from SMJ Corp, E-Kasih and the District Office.

13 FEBRUARY 2024

KOTA BHARU LAND AND DISTRICT OFFICE



Dialogue Session with the Government Agency for the Mapping Issues of Ketereh Parliamentary. This session was chaired by Mr. Wan Nasir, Deputy Head of Colony, Kota Bharu Land and Colony Office and was attended by 23 Officials from 13 Government Agencies including the presence of the Kelantan State JPJ Director.

16 FEBRUARY 2024

KUALA SELANGOR DISTRICT OFFICE



Meeting with Kuala Selangor District Officer Tuan Mohd Raiz. This meeting session was also attended by the Chief Assistant District Officer (Land), Tuan Tirmidzy and 2 representatives from the Tanjong Karang Member of Parliament. Then a separate meeting with Chief Assistant District Officer (Development) Puan Mutiah, Administrative Officer Puan Norafisah, head of Jeram Mukim, Mr. Rizan was held.

16 FEBRUARY 2024

INTER-AGENCY DIALOGUE



The inter-agency dialogue session at the Kuala Pilah Parliament which was chaired by the Kuala Pilah Land and District Officer, was also attended by government agencies including KADO, special parliamentary officers, representatives from JKM, JAS, JAKOA, AADK, JHEAINS, Veterinary Department, MDKP, SWCORP, FELCRA, and Kuala Pilah Crafts Development Corporation.

28 FEBRUARY 2024

HULU TERENGGANU DISTRICT AND LAND OFFICE

An Inter-Agency Dialogue Session in Hulu Terengganu was held. A total of 22 agency/department representatives were present to provide information and explanations. This meeting was chaired by the Chief Assistant District Officer of Hulu Terengganu Mr. Fairul Hisyam B. Mat. Also present were Assistant District Officers, JKM, KPDKN, Forestry, Perhilitan, District Council, Agriculture, Mukim Heads, Perpaduan.



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Goal 17 :
PARTNERSHIP
FOR THE GOALS

Goal 1 :
POVERTY

Goal 2 :
ZERO HUNGER

Goal

KEY HIGHLIGHTS 3

Stepping into Tamil Nadu: Taking SDG Transformation to the International Level

APPGM-SDG visit to India International Social Work Conference (INPSWA) 2024, Tamil Nadu

India, 22 -24 February 2024 - India International Social Work Conference (INPSWA) is a platform that brings together policy makers, social workers, educators and researchers from all over the world. In this conference, the APPGM-SDG team also participated in the discussions that were held which aimed to strengthen understanding and cooperation in the field of social work and social development globally.



Prof. Datuk Dr. Denison, head of the APPGM-SDG secretariat, shared the lessons learned from SDG localisation in Malaysia. He also shared the experience and various initiatives that have been carried out by APPGM-SDG in localising the SDGs at the grassroots level.



The APPGM-SDG team had the opportunity to meet P. Geetha Jeevan, Minister of Social Welfare and Women Empowerment of Tamil Nadu.



Karuppiyah presented Malaysia's approach in linking the SDGs in neighborhood improvement.



In Plenary session 1 entitled 'Innovation in Social Work Education and Practice', Paniirselvam posed a question to Dr. Puchong Senanuch about how Thai social workers convince slum dwellers to participate in Social Innovation.



Farah Ezzaty from the Community Farming Unit and Balqis Osman from the Solution Project Unit made presentations and shared case studies from community farm initiatives and solution projects that have been carried out at the grassroots level.

Visit to Chennai

OPENING OF THE SDG TRANSFORMATION CENTER TO CREATE A MEANINGFUL SOCIAL IMPACT



The APPGM-SDG team continued their visit to the SDG Transformation Center at Nazareth College of Arts & Science, Tamil Nadu India. The inauguration ceremony of the SDG Transformation Center marks the continuous efforts in forming a sustainable and inclusive community through community programmes for women.

TEACHING ABOUT SUSTAINABILITY



A teaching session on sustainability, SDGs and the APPGM-SDG initiative for first year Bachelor of Social Work students at Madras Christian College.

Visit to Madurai

The APPGM-SDG team continued their visit to ASSEFA from 25 - 28 February 2024. ASSEFA, or Association for Sarva Seva Farms, is an organisation established to promote community development in India. This organisation aims to support farmers and rural communities in agricultural and development efforts to improve the standard of living of the community through various development programmes, provide resources and training for farmers, as well as provide assistance to those who want to start agricultural activities.

The purpose of this visit is to:

- Understand various ASSEFA development initiatives for duplication in Malaysia.
- Identify potential areas for collaboration.



Briefings on ASSEFA's history, philosophy, and working methods were provided and site visits were arranged on an as-needed basis.

Some of the models and initiatives highlighted during the visit include the SMBT Model (Association of Women's Help Groups), ASSEFA Business Partner Model (AEP), Community Managed Dairy Model, ASSEFA Farmer Partner Model (AFP), and Alternative Markets for Spices, Coffee, Honey, Eucalyptus Oil and Tea.



APPGM-SDG team with Mr. Kumar Loganathan and his father who is the founder of ASSEFA.

This visit not only brings the APPGM-SDG to the international level, but also opens the opportunity to share experiences, learn from the success of others, and build a global cooperation network in the pursuit of the Sustainable Development Goals.

SDG Project Visit



The APPGM-SDG SDG projects focus on the needs of local communities and focus on sustainable solutions, while the APPGM-SDG income generation programme focuses on marginalised communities and aims to create or increase income through entrepreneurial activities that cover the agricultural sector, digitisation, development and sale of sewing products, processed food products, etc.

In February, the APPGM-SDG team visited
17 SDG localisation programmes throughout Malaysia.

1 FEBRUARY 2024

SARAWAK

Courtesy visit of APPGM-SDG Sarawak Regional Office to Brooke Museum/Brooke Trust. They have worked on a programme called Aspire, funded by the Hasanah Foundation. Youths in juvenile detention centers in Sarawak are trained to embroider Sarawak's traditional Melanau/Malay fabric called Kain Keringkam.



2 FEBRUARY 2024

SERIAN

Chili fertigation project in Serian, in the model garden belonging to Mr. Haji Abg Yusuf in Telaga Air, Serian. He has produced 10 cycles of lettuce and other vegetables using a hydroponic raft system.



3 FEBRUARY 2024

IPOH

Graduation ceremony of the CLC project: e-Preneur – Maximizing the potential of real talents/abilities 'Fight with baking' by the Association of Friends of Cancer Fighters in the State of Perak.



3 FEBRUARY 2024

LAHAD DATU

Lahad Datu Recycling Innovation Carnival Mini Program at Lahad Datu Community College. 67 participants consisting of youth have attended.



3 FEBRUARY 2024

IPOH

YB Puan Tulsi Manogaran, Buntong assemblyman attended the Pongal celebration organized by the Garuda Ipoh Sports Club at their training center. The club organizes Pongal celebrations every year as a way to inculcate culture in the younger generation.



6 FEBRUARY 2024

BANTING

Student Excellence Award Appreciation Ceremony at Methodist National Primary School, Banting. This project is a CLC project that focuses on learning Malay and English to the cricket team.



13 FEBRUARY 2024

KUALA NERUS

Edu Heritage Tourism Center in Kg Telaga Daing, operated by Lambo Sari Resources. Its main goal is to teach young people, tourists and locals about traditional arts in Terengganu.



5 FEBRUARY 2024

WILAYAH TENGAH

Closing ceremony of 3 solution projects in the Central Region. All three programmes are run by certified trainers and all trainees get certificates from them. 70% of them have already started a business and are earning.



Tivaaraa Makeup Artistry

Professional beauty and face painting courses



Azodia Sahana Bridal & Beauty

Professional haircut, wash and blow



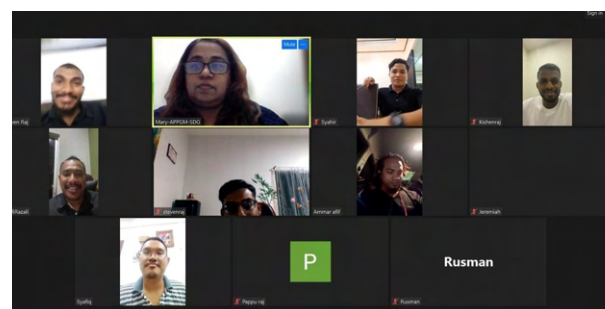
Nija Delights Studio

Professional pastry art and cake making courses

17 FEBRUARY 2024

RAWANG

Online Digital Marketing Class (Basic) for one of our projects in Rawang (Y23-SP141-Entrepreneurs - CCTV Training).



17 FEBRUARY 2024 PULAU PINANG

Digital and Democratic Literacy Project at Universiti Sains Malaysia. Participants representing institutions such as USM, UiTM, and Polytechnic gathered for the final session of presenting proposed solutions through the SDG lens.



21 FEBRUARY 2024 SEGAMBUT

The launch of the participants' compilation album together with the presentation of certificates. This project has gathered 10 musicians who have been professionally trained and have together launched their music album.



25 FEBRUARY 2024 IPOH

RISE Us (Engagement Decorations/Wedding Trays) run by New Foo Choon Florist. There were 15 participants in total and for this 11th session they were taught to make chocolate trays with dolls and laddu trays.



18 FEBRUARY 2024 SERIAN

Closing ceremony for Groups 1 & 2, Culinary Arts Programme P.199 Serian (Phase 2). The participants showcased the variety of food they prepared from appetizers to traditional desserts.



17 FEBRUARY 2024 PAPAR

YB Datuk Juil Nuatim attended the closing ceremony and presented the course completion certificate to the participants at the Kg Biau Papar Multipurpose Hall for

- Soap Making Project & Social Entrepreneurship (Oupus Organics) Kg. Biau, Show
- Agricultural Produce Drying Project & Social Entrepreneurship (Xenia Herbal) Kg Nagapas, Papar



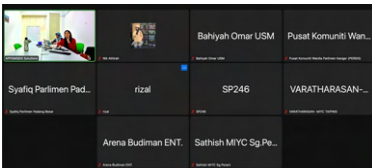
28 FEBRUARY 2024 TAWAU

Closing Ceremony (Y23-SP177) Perkasa Usaha Wanita Phase 2: Creative Sewing Art and Social Media Management at W&Z Ria Heights, Tawau.



Other Managements in February

MONITORING MEETING



14 FEBRUARY 2024

12 Solution Partners from the Central Region, Central Perak and South Perak

15 FEBRUARY 2024

5 Solution Partners from the Northern Region

16 FEBRUARY 2024

14 Solution Partners from the Northern Region

19 FEBRUARY 2024

23 Solution Partners from the East Coast and Sarawak regions

20 FEBRUARY 2024

18 Solution Partners from Sabah Region

22 FEBRUARY 2024

21 Solution Partners from the Southern Region

2 FEBRUARY 2024

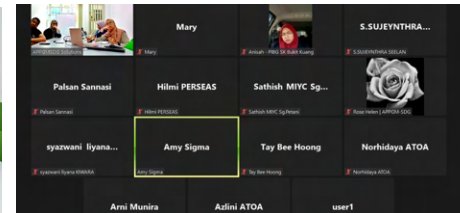
INTERNAL TRAINING



Discussion on Fair Trade, Case Study from Bangladesh presented by Mr. Shah Abdus Salam.

6 FEBRUARY 2024

SOLUTION PARTNERS BRIEFING SESSION



Briefing session for new Solution Partners who will be running projects this year. The briefing covers Phase 1, 2, 3, and the Community Learning Center (CLC).

8 FEBRUARY 2024

INTERNAL MEETING



Internal meeting of the solution project team with officials for Sarawak (Raine Mellisa & Dr Eva) & Sabah (Fazlina & Janet).

9 FEBRUARY 2024

SPECIAL GRANT

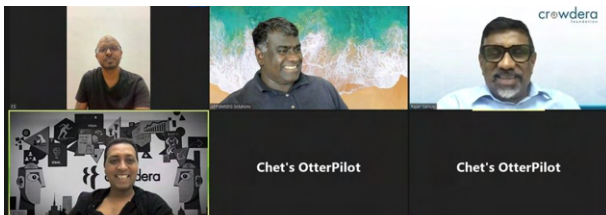


Meeting with Hasanah Foundation to review the special SDG grant from the Ministry of Finance.

13 FEBRUARY 2024

PREPARATORY DISCUSSION

Grants Encourage Investment Readiness. A discussion for the preparation of the workshop with Dr. Rajan Samuel from Crowdera Foundation and Chandru, our solution partner and web-based project management technical officer.



16 FEBRUARY 2024

BRIEF MEETING

Prof. Datuk Dr. Denison, Paniirselvam and the team met Dr. Rajan Samuel in Subang Jaya. Dr. Rajan to conduct training for 2 days in our office.



16 FEBRUARY 2024

BALIK PULAU YOUTH CAMP

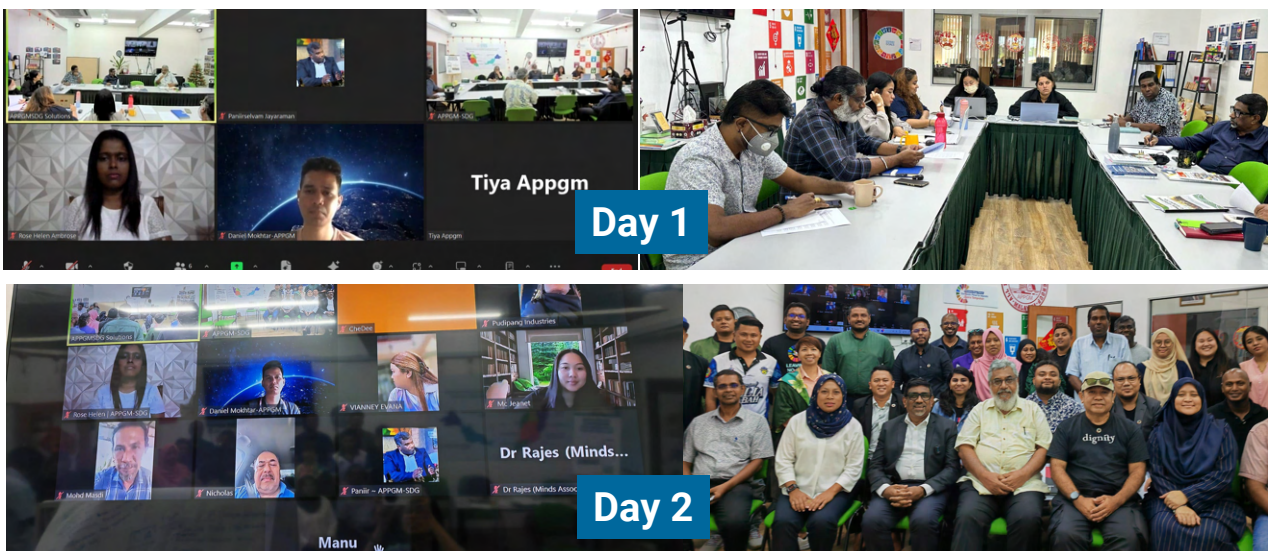
Our second Youth Camp started in Balik Pulau, Penang. A total of 48 youth aged around 15-18 years participated in this camp came from various schools around Penang. This camp was run by Puan Salinah from Ras Sinar Maju, our existing Solution Partner.



17-18 FEBRUARY 2024

CAPACITY BUILDING

Social Enterprise Transitions: Incentive Grantmaking to Organizational Investment Readiness moderated by Dr Rajan Samuel, MD & CEO, Crowdera Group.



19-21 FEBRUARY 2024

SDG IMPACT ASSESSMENT WORKSHOP

The SDG Impact Assessment Workshop for Group 3 on Validation and Report Writing was successfully completed after three days of discussion led by Prof. Datuk Dr Rashila.

50 assessors from 10 teams have presented preliminary findings at the regional level.

The ISTIC-UNESCO team was also present and had a discussion.



22 FEBRUARY 2024

INTERVIEW SESSION

Interview session with UTP Students by James Raj.



23 FEBRUARY 2024

GUNUNG LEDANG YOUTH CAMP

The 3rd Youth Camp was held in Gunung Ledang, Johor. A total of 34 students from ILP Tangkak attended this camp. The camp is run by Mr. Jagathesh from TJUP Global, APPGM-SDG solution partner.



23 FEBRUARY 2024

BEAUFORT YOUTH CAMP

Our 4th Youth Camp started in Beaufort, Sabah. A total of 35 students from Beaufort Parliament attended this camp. The camp is run by Mr. Halbi from the Beaufort Youth Voice Association, APPGM-SDG's solution partner.





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Community Farming

Goal 16 :
JUSTICE
AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS

Goal 17 :
PARTNERSHIPS
FOR THE GOALS

Goal 1 :
POVERTY

Goal 2 :
ZERO HUNGER

Goal

E nsuring Sustainable Food Production

The Community Farming Unit was established to address the issue of Food Security. This unit carries out capacity development for the community involved in modern and conventional agriculture and animal husbandry. The increase in the number of projects from the initial 165 projects to a total of 200 in 2023 is due to the very high demand for applications from the local community. Identified projects include fertigation activities, vertical farming, hydroponics, aquaponics, greenhouses, fisheries, animal husbandry and more.



5-6 FEBRUARY 2024

SABAH

Visit to the solution project site that has been held around Sabah.



Kiulu, Tuaran - Kelulut Bee Project

Supervised by a Solution Provider, Mrs. Marianah, they have improved their learning center, bought equipment such as incubators for bee eggs, and established 65 colonies for 13 participants.



Penampang - Organic Herb Farming Project

Guided by a Solution Provider, Dr. Julius Kulip, a group of 10 participants have set up their own organic herb farming site, complete with a nursery area. They grow native local herbs, including pegaga and tuhau.



Karanaan Chinese Village, Tuaran - Seed Bank Project

A great project to preserve native seeds of local plants. This seed bank serves to preserve genetic diversity, produce food for the community in the area and generate income.



Tamparuli - Frog Farming (Frog King Nabalu)

400 participants from Sabah and Sarawak were trained to prepare 'seeds' and even create their own pellets. These frogs are in high demand among the community and also hotels/restaurants that require up to 50-100kg per week.

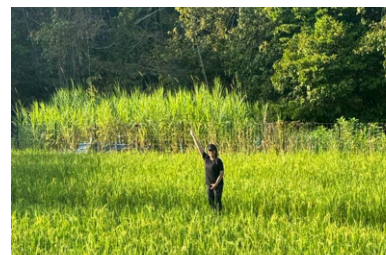


Lohan Village, Ranau - Chili Fertiligation Project

Led by a Solution Provider, Mr. Eddy from Borneo Skills Enterprise and trainer Mr. Rowel. They have planted around 100 - 1000 polybags per participant.



14 – 16 FEBRUARY 2024

TRAINING AND CAPACITY BUILDING IN SIK

Capacity building and training with Captain Zakaria at Sri Lovely Organic Farm. Captain Zakaria demonstrated various sustainable farming practices, including SRI organic rice cultivation, rice polybag farming, and integration farming inspired by Japanese concepts.

Captain Zakaria also discussed about integrated agriculture by showing examples such as growing vegetables together with rice and the use of rice polybags in a narrow space.

19 FEBRUARY 2024

SOLUTION PROJECT BRIEFING SESSION PHASE 2

The Community Farming team held a briefing session for Solution Providers for phase 2. Ten Solution Providers attended this session. They shared their opinions and ideas to continue the phase 2 project.

MONITORING MEETING

19 FEBRUARY 2024

15 Solution Providers from the North and Sabah regions

20 FEBRUARY 2024

13 Solution Providers from the Central, Northern, Sabah, Sarawak, Southern and Eastern regions.

21 FEBRUARY 2024

50 Solution Providers from the Central, Northern, Sabah, Sarawak, Southern and Eastern regions.



SDG Project Visit

11 FEBRUARY 2024

KUALA TERENGGANU

The Duck Farming Project is run by the Malay Traders and Entrepreneurs Association of Malaysia (PERDASAMA) in collaboration with veterinarians and the Malaysian Civil Defense Department (JPAM). Veterinarians visit once in 3 weeks. The duck eggs will be harvested in 2 months and there are still 3 training sessions left for the participants.

14 FEBRUARY 2024

SERIAN

Modern Hydroponic System Farming in Kg Engkeroh, Serian. Mr. Haji Abg Yusuf showed the participants how to treat and maintain their chili plants, especially in disease control measures and pruning techniques to increase yields.

15 FEBRUARY 2024

IPOH

12 people from Kampung Tai Lee participated in the seed planting activity at our Ipoh Model Garden. Chili seed planting was held in the nursery and they also planted fast-growing crops such as kale and sweet corn.

Chili seedlings will be transferred into polybags after one month.

16 FEBRUARY 2024

PASIR SALAK

Healthy and Safe Fresh Food Hydroponic Plant Project. Our Solution Provider runs a hydroponic project with 10 participants and now grows mint, lettuce, Chinese brocolli (*kailan*), mustard, and Asiatic Pennywort (*pegaga*). The solution providers taught participants about fertiliser water systems as well as spraying plants with EM, using organic control methods, and recycling cookie containers as additional crops. They have sold their crops to hospital staff, shops, and markets. As a future plan, they hope to carry out integrated farming and sell the produce in restaurants.

17 FEBRUARY 2024

MUKAH

Community Farming Project (Y23-KK076) Ginger Fertigation, Kampung Tanam, Dalat District, Mukah with our Solution Provider, Mr. Nicholas Bampfield.

Akademi



Academy

APPGM-SDG Training Centre (MySDG Academy)



Striving together : **Partnership with PBT for Sustainable Development**

FEBRUARY 29, 2024

MySDG Academy in collaboration with QF4 Academy Asia hosted an SDG Localization Workshop for Sepang Municipal Councilors (MPS) and Department Head Directors. This workshop marks a proactive step by the Local Authority (PBT) towards sustainable development.

Since 2021, the Sepang Municipal Council (MPS) has led efforts in implementing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), especially among the residents of Sepang. With the appointment of new councilors, this program becomes an important tool to align SDG implementation efforts and strategies with the local context.



Throughout the program, the participants were explained in detail about the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) which include indicators and targets, governance structures in Malaysia, implementation at the national and local levels, as well as SDG localization works carried out by APPGM-SDG.

Through sharing from Ms. Zoel Ng and Ms. Hirzawati Atikah from APPGM-SDG, the participants got to know more deeply the implementation of the SDGs, understand the strategies to localize this global effort in the MPS community, and finally emerge as local SDG Champions.



VVIPS WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED

- Dato' Haji Abd. Hamid Bin Hussain, Chairman of the Sepang Municipal Council.
- Tengku Dato' Dr. Jamaluddin bin Tengku Mahmud Shah Al-haj, Sepang's Most Successful Rich Man and Councilor, Sepang Municipal Council.
- Tuan Muhamad Shah bin Osmin, Deputy Chairman, Sepang Municipal Council.



The implementation of this workshop reflects the collective commitment of APPGM-SDG and MPS to build a sustainable future through community involvement at the grassroots level. Collaboration with local authorities in implementation is important because they have in-depth knowledge of the reality and current situation of the population and their needs. This makes them a strategic entity to effectively localize the SDGs.



The participants are discussing about mapping issues in their respective areas

17 Sustainable Development Goals that have been discussed in this workshop.



Ms. Hirzawati Atikah and Ms. Zoel Ng together with Mr. Nandagobalan Vengettasamy and Mrs. Buvna Jayakumar from QF4 Academy Asia who are the co-organizers of this workshop.

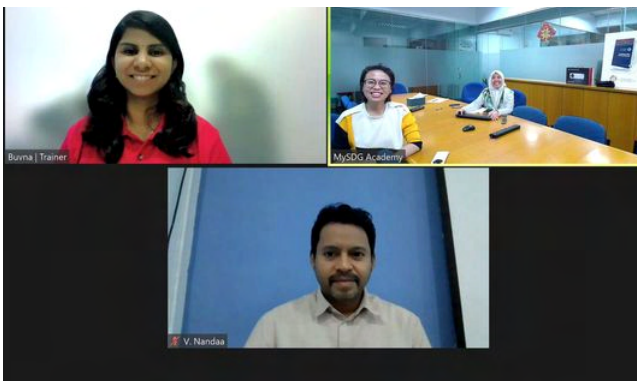
Corporate Partnership Activities



5 FEBRUARY 2024

BOYS BRIGADE

A meeting with Boys Brigade (BB) representatives to explore potential collaborations for the 2024 BB Fest scheduled for September 2024.



5 FEBRUARY 2024

MPS

Meeting with Buvna & Nanda for the preparation of the Capacity Development Workshop involving the Sepang Municipal Council on 29 February 2024. 56 people including 23 council members, 19 Department Heads and 4 MPS staff have registered.



20 FEBRUARY 2024

MSF

Meeting with Froukje Pelsma, Head of Mission and Jolene Anthony Dass, Humanitarian Affairs Manager of *Médecins Sans Frontières* (Doctors without Borders). They are invited to a round table discussion and an upcoming discussion on stateless people.



21 FEBRUARY 2024

SAY

Together with Imran from the Selangor Youth Community (SAY) to explore new potential as partners in developing youth as agents of change.



22 FEBRUARY 2024

CSR SMART RENTAL

Exploring the model of cooperation with the company in our work with the head of CSR Smart Rental, Shaylee. We will have a follow-up meeting in the second week of March.



22 FEBRUARY 2024

IDS

A meeting with the Institute for Development Studies (IDS) to discuss preparations for the upcoming MySDG Conference in Sabah, focusing on the theme of Poverty.



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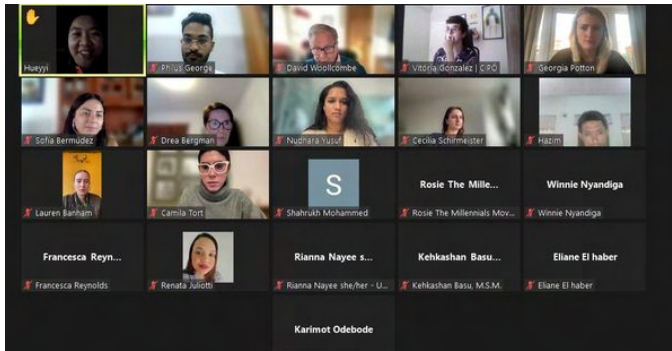
UPTM

Courtesy visit to the Vice Chancellor of UPTM to explore potential future collaborations with the institution. The potential for collaboration is in the aspects of ESG micro qualification programmes, policy advocacy, solution partners, impact assessment and conferences.

Activities of Youth SDG Agents

1 FEBRUARY 2024

C4UN YOUTH COORDINATION MEETING



Philus, Hazim, and Hueyyi participated in C4UN youth coordination meetings towards a small development planning papers / conferences leading up to the UN Summit of the Future and Nairobi Conference.

1 FEBRUARY 2024

UN SOTF POLICY BRIEF NO. 8 AND 9

Dana Claudia, Darshini and 4 SDG Agents (Sharran, Zulhilmi, Ilyas and Sharul Iman) participated in a webinar focusing on Peace - New Agenda for Peace & Space (UN SOTF Policy Brief No 8 and 9).

The webinar focuses on sharing the benefits of space including the prevention of the use of weapons in space, a new agenda for peace including reforms in security councils and the transformation of education.

New Agenda for Peace

Our Common Agenda Policy Brief 9
A New Agenda for Peace
JULY 2023

- Takes forward peace aspects of Our Common Agenda
- Strong on analysis, principles and approaches
- Weak on specific objectives

Principles and approaches

- War is a choice – so too is peace
- Better use of UN Charter conflict resolution mechanisms
- Governments should invest more in peace
- Young people should be included
- Gender aspects of violence should be recognized
- Nuclear weapons should be eliminated

<https://dppa.un.org/en/a-new-agenda-for-peace>

Role of the ICJ

Most ICJ cases are accepted by all parties and implemented in part or whole

- New Zealand v France
- Nicaragua v USA
- Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons
- Climate Case www.vanuatuicj.com www.wy4cj.org
- Genocide Cases

Youth Development

20-21 FEBRUARY 2024

ASIA YOUTH SUMMIT 2024

Asian Youth Summit 2024 at the University of Malaya. Zoel spoke as a panelist on SDG localisation development.

The event was organised by Global Youth Ambassadors from Indonesia and IRSoc Universiti Malaya with the theme 'Future Directions: Empowering Gen Z's Adaptive Leadership and Innovation'.

**21 FEBRUARY 2024**

SUNWAY UNIVERSITY

Sharing with students from the engineering school at Sunway University about SDG Localization. Students plan to implement SDG-related projects as part of their assignments.



Capacity Building

23 FEBRUARY 2024

VA PARTNERS

Fulfilled an invitation by VA Partners to share insights on ESG implementation. The event was attended by 60 C-suite executives. They are exploring the potential of partnering to provide marketable HRD courses.



28 FEBRUARY 2024

SDG AND ASEAN: STATUS OF CHILDREN & YOUTH

The APPGM-SDG Secretariat held a dialogue session with Dr. Victor Prasad Karunan, on 'SDG and ASEAN: Status of Children and Youth'. Dr. Karunan plays a key role at UNICEF and Save the Children-UK, and his work spans Children's Rights, Social Policy, Youth Engagement, and more.



29 FEBRUARY 2024

UNITED CHINESE SCHOOL COMMITTEES ASSOCIATION OF MALAYSIA

Education Training for Sustainable Development was held for 40 teacher representatives from Dong Jiao Zong, United Chinese School Committees Association of Malaysia (UCSCAM) from all over Malaysia.





MySDG Center for Social Inclusion



KEY HIGHLIGHTS 4

Across Borders: World Social Forum 2024, Kathmandu, Nepal

APPGM-SDG visit to World Social Forum 2024, Kathmandu, Nepal

Nepal, 17 - 20 February 2024 - APPGM-SDG has strengthened Malaysia's presence in the international arena by participating in the World Social Forum 2024 (WSF 2024) in Kathmandu, Nepal. WSF 2024 hosted a massive gathering that brings together activists and grassroots groups from around the world to discuss global and local issues facing vulnerable and marginalized communities.

WSF 2024, with the participation of approximately 30,000 participants from 1200 organisations and 100 countries, focuses on 13 major themes that cover various aspects of community life around the world.



'WHOSE PARTICIPATION MATTERS IN GLOBAL GOVERNANCE?'

Dr. Teo Sue Ann, has been selected to be on the panel at the "Whose Participation Matters in Global Governance" session under the International Discourse event on 17 February. This session was organised by Nepal Participatory Action Network (NEPAN) and held at Ratna Rajya Campus.





“LOCALISATION OF ECONOMIC SDGs”

Dr Teo Lee Ken, delivered a presentation entitled "Localisation of Economic SDGs" on 18 February under the World Assembly on Alternative Economy for Prosperity and Sustainability programme. This programme was coordinated by several organisations including the Nepal Development Initiative (NEDI), Home Net Nepal, Nepal SDGs Forum, Fair Trade Nepal, ASEC and Oxfam International.

WORLD ASSEMBLY ON DEMOCRACY AND CIVIC SPACE

World Assembly session on Democracy and Civic Space organised by Federation of NGOs Nepal. In this session, they had the opportunity to meet representatives from Civicus, Oxfam International, the EU Ambassador to Nepal, and the Deputy Speaker of the Nepali Parliament.



GLOBAL ASSEMBLY ON ACCELERATING SDGs

Dr. Teo Lee Ken also participated as a panelist in the Global Assembly session on Accelerating SDGs, together with Members of Parliament of the Nepalese House of Parliament, representatives and officials of the Nepalese parliament, as well as NGO representatives from inside and outside Nepal. Dr. Teo also shared his experience and views as a researcher at APPGM-SDG.

This visit is expected to have a positive impact and further strengthen Malaysia's relationship with the international community in an effort to succeed in the sustainable development agenda at the global level.



Activities in February



14 FEBRUARY 2024

Meeting with Dato' Sri Mustapa bin Mohamed, advisor of the Society for Promotion of Sustainable Development Goals (PPMPL) for a brief update on the study of Kg Sg Rual and gave him an update on upcoming events.



13-14 FEBRUARY 2024

A pilot study on multidimensional poverty with several families experiencing extreme poverty in Tambun.



15 FEBRUARY 2024

Meeting with Mrs. Kavarama, Director, JPW Perak and her team at UTC, Ipoh. Mrs. Kava's team will assist us in contacting women-based NGOs and a group of volunteers known as the Waja Squad to assist us in the MPI Study in Tambun and Ipoh Barat (Buntong).



21 FEBRUARY 2024

Discussion workshop "Reviewing the National Multidimensional Poverty Index" at Mercure Living, Putrajaya.



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Other activities in February



11 FEBRUARY 2024

Meeting of Partners in Accelerating SDG Localisation at the APPGM-SDG Office which has been conducted in a hybrid manner.



The members of the meeting who attended consisted of Advisors from the Sustainable Development Goals Promotion Association, National SDG Center, Malaysian Ministry of Economy, SDG Foundation, Hasanah Foundation, UMSDC Research Officer, Pepper Labs and APPGM-SDG Secretariat.



15 FEBRUARY 2024

Prof. Datuk Dr Denison attended KSI's Chinese New Year luncheon at the KL Hilton.



18 FEBRUARY 2024

Datuk Denison represented the YB Chairman, YB Puan Isnaraissah Munirah in the interview report for the Malaysian chairman to the Global Forum on Global Goals from Denmark.

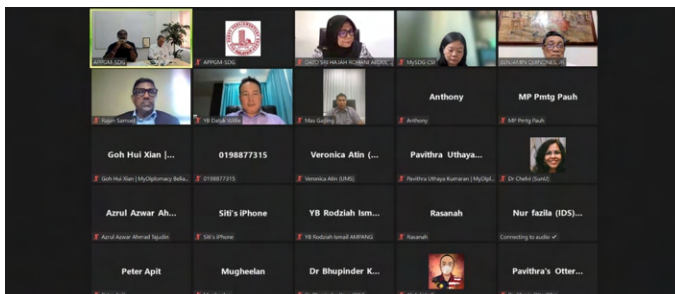




21 FEBRUARY 2024

Strengthening the 2030 Agenda: for Sustainable Development, Poverty Eradication, and Addressing the Multiple Crisis in Asia and the Pacific through SDG Localization.

26 participants have participated in this event.



23 FEBRUARY 2024

The Department of Finance and Administration held a meeting on the latest 2024 Staff Handbook.



28 FEBRUARY 2024

Chinese New Year 2024 celebration at the APPGM-SDG office by the staff.
Gong Xi Fa Cai.



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