

# Cagamas, FGV contribute relief in medical equipment, food

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**NATIONAL** mortgage corporation Cagamas Bhd has contributed a total of RM50,000 for the purchase of medical equipment in the battle against Covid-19.

The contribution was made via the Malaysian Medical Relief Society's (Mercy Malaysia) Wakaf Covid-19 fund under the company's corporate social responsibility initiative.

President and CEO Datuk Chung Chee Leong said Cagamas is playing its part to support the government's effort to mitigate and curb the virus outbreak.

"Cagamas' contribution will go towards alleviating the potential shortage of ventilators where patients in critical conditions will have access to life-saving medical equipment.

"We hope all Malaysians will do their part to break the chain of Covid-19 by staying at home and staying safe. Cagamas is truly



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grateful to every single health worker and enforcement personnel who are working hard to stop the outbreak," he said in a statement yesterday.

Mercy Malaysia is a volunteer relief organisation that provides medical and humanitarian services

locally and abroad. Through Wakaf Covid-19, it will coordinate the purchase of 20 ventilators to be used in intensive care units at designated hospitals.

ED Ir Amran Mahzan expressed his gratitude to Cagamas for the contribution which will greatly

help in this time of national crisis.

"The pandemic has greatly strained the country's healthcare system and disrupted the lives of all Malaysians in more ways than one.

"As a medical relief society, we are working hard to ensure that our medical facilities are able to cope with the drastic increase in patients in the last month," he said.

He added that the ventilators will be sent to hospitals around the country that need them most critically, especially those that have been designated as Covid-19 centres of referral.

Meanwhile, FGV Holdings Bhd has also taken proactive steps by distributing a total of 13,000 bags containing basic foods such as rice, cooking oil, sugar and other sundries including products of the group under the FGV Food Relief Bag (FGV FreB) programme.

Group CEO Datuk Haris Fadzi-lah Hassan said the contributions are meant for the bottom 40%, espe-

cially those affected by pay cuts and those dependent on daily wages.

"We understand the needs of the community, especially for families in this trying time to ensure that food is always available.

"Being involved directly in the food supply chain industry, this contribution is very close to the heart and part of the group's continuous effort to support the Shared Prosperity Vision 2030," he said in a statement.

The first 3,000 of FGV FreB were dispatched on Wednesday to selected non-governmental organisations namely Pertubuhan Amal Ibnu Sina Malaysia Selangor Division, Pertubuhan Kebajikan Islam Kapar Division, Selangor, and Teraju Ekonomi Asnaf Sdn Bhd.

The balance of the contribution will be distributed to several other locations under the coordination of the Plantation Industries and Commodities Ministry.