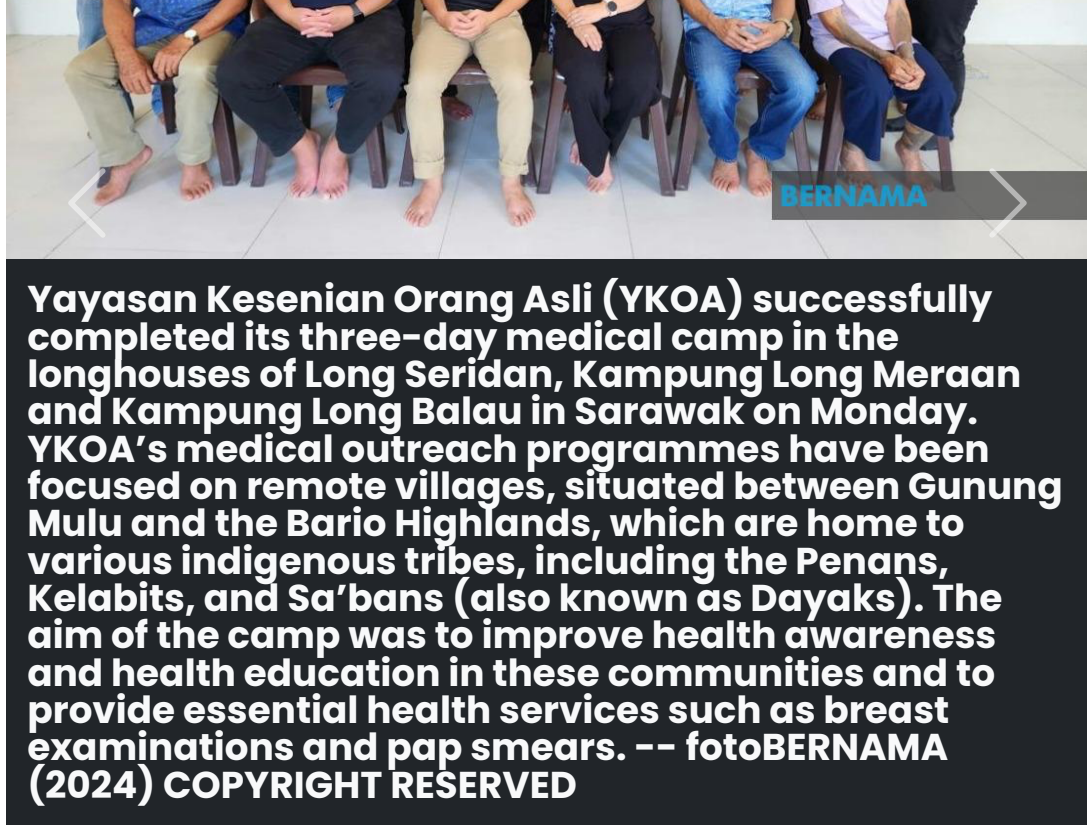


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OVER 100 INDIGENOUS FOLKS BENEFIT FROM YKOA'S THREE-DAY MEDICAL CAMP IN SARAWAK

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Yayasan Kesenian Orang Asli (YKOA) successfully completed its three-day medical camp in the longhouses of Long Seridan, Kampung Long Meraan and Kampung Long Balau in Sarawak on Monday. YKOA's medical outreach programmes have been focused on remote villages, situated between Gunung Mulu and the Bario Highlands, which are home to various indigenous tribes, including the Penans, Kelabits, and Sa'bans (also known as Dayaks). The aim of the camp was to improve health awareness and health education in these communities and to provide essential health services such as breast examinations and pap smears. -- fotoBERNAMA (2024) COPYRIGHT RESERVED

MIRI, June 17 (Bernama) -- Over 100 indigenous villagers in Long Seridan, Kampung Long Meraan, and Kampung Long Balau, in the Miri Division, Sarawak, benefited from Yayasan Kesenian Orang Asli's (YKOA) medical camp on Monday.

YKOA director, Datin Pearl Mohan said that four volunteers from the Health Ministry and 7 locals helped out in the campaign.

The villagers were briefed on health awareness and medical conditions, with 15 villagers being referred to follow-up treatment in hospitals in nearby towns, she added.

"I'm really grateful to our programme sponsors, especially the Australian High Commission and Klinik Dr Leela Ratos, as their generous support was instrumental in reaching and serving those in need.

"Heartfelt thanks as well to Dr Chan Zhen Shun and his dedicated team from Bario Health Clinic, their expertise in the region and focus on the indigenous tribes ensured the smooth and successful execution of the programme," she said in a statement today.

She explained that the medical camp also collected data to build a framework for identifying and evaluating issues for future intervention.

"Ascertaining health well-being is a continuous journey, and YKOA remains dedicated to building bridges of assistance with its partners to support indigenous communities," she added.

Meanwhile YKOA chairman, Dr Andre Ratos, commended the programme, emphasising the importance of ongoing support and initiatives to bridge healthcare gaps for indigenous communities.

"This camp is part of our commitment to making a meaningful and lasting impact on the lives of the indigenous people," he noted, adding that the three-day camp aimed to enhance health awareness and education among these communities, providing critical healthcare services such as breast examinations and Pap smears.

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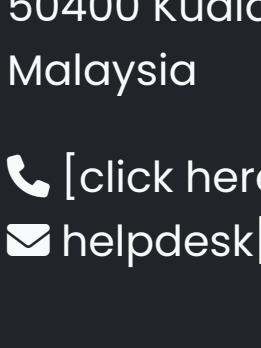
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