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From Silos to Solidarity: A Collaborative Space for Integral Human Development

ABBREVIATIONS

ADKL	Archdiocese of Kuala Lumpur
AED	Automated External Defibrillator
AOHD	Archdiocesan Office for Human Development, Kuala Lumpur
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
B40	Bottom 40% of Malaysian households by income
BEC	Basic Ecclesial Community
CHARIS	Caritas Humanitarian Aid & Relief Initiatives, Singapore
CI	Caritas Internationalis
CJM	Creation Justice Ministry
CM	Caritas Malaysia
CMfD	Catholic Ministry for the Deaf
CPR	Cardiopulmonary resuscitation
CSO	Civil society organisations
ECMI	Regional Episcopal Commission for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerants
FABC	Federation of Asian Bishops' Conferences
FIN	Friend-in-Need
GCKOA	<i>Garam & Cahaya Kawan Orang Asli</i> (Salt & Light Friends of Orang Asli) is the name of the Ministry for Orang Asli (MOA) of the Archdiocese of Kuala Lumpur
IDC	Immigration Detention Centre
IHD	Integral Human Development
ILMU	Immigration and Labour Management Unit
KKD	<i>Komuniti Kristian Dasar</i> (Basic Christian [or Ecclesial] Community)
KPWK	<i>Kementerian Pembangunan Wanita, Kanak-Kanak dan Kesejahteraan Komuniti</i> (Ministry of Women, Children and Community Wellbeing)
MAJODI	Malacca Johore Diocese
MJD	Malacca Johore Diocese
MMI	Ministry for Migrants and Itinerants
MOA	Ministry for Orang Asli
MSF	<i>Médecins Sans Frontières</i> (French for 'Doctors Without Borders')
MSN	Ministry for Special Needs
NGO	Non-governmental organisation
NSO MAPO	National Strategic Office – <i>Majlis Anti-Perdagangan Orang dan Penyeludupan Migran</i> (Council for Anti-Trafficking in Persons and Anti-Smuggling of Migrants)
PIHDM	Parish Integral Human Development Ministry
PJIN	<i>Pusat Jagaan Istimewa Nathanael</i> (Nathanael Special Care Centre)
POHD	Parish Office for Human Development
PSN	Person with Special Needs
SSVP	Society of St. Vincent de Paul
UNHCR	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UN Refugee Agency)
VMT	Volunteer Management Training

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MESSAGE FROM BISHOP PRESIDENT

Greetings from the Archbishops and Bishops of Malaysia.

We walk with you in this journey of becoming a more visible Church, where we are invited to break away from our ghetto mentality, to go beyond to the peripheries and fringes, and to reflect living faith that hears the cry of the poor and Creation. Simply, the Lord and His Word ask each one of us: “Do you love Me? Feed My lambs. Feed My sheep.”

The most beautiful development was the coming together of 28 persons, comprising ecclesiastical assistants, directors and board members from the nine diocesan Caritas offices, for a three-day strategic retreat to discern the will of God for Caritas Malaysia, facilitated by Consulus, a Catholic consultancy.

Thoughts, feelings and consensus from the retreat include:

- Need for a new Catholic Social Action in a changing Malaysia;
- Three realities that we are seeing: the ‘invisible hand’ vs the common good; the worker no one sees; and the marginalised in a ‘civilization of love’;
- Call to respond as One Church, as a people, as a human community; not alone, not as “sendirian berhad” (private limited companies).

The retreat outcome was presented to the Catholic Bishops’ Conference Malaysia (CBCM), and CBCM granted Caritas Malaysia the mandate to be a national office to coordinate, represent, engage, build and set standards for Catholic Social Action. A bishop remarked: “It is a prophetic vision. We must go for it.”

It is a move towards ‘One Caritas Malaysia’.

Recalling Louis Armstrong’s song: “I hear babies cry, I watch them grow. They’ll learn much more than I’ll ever know. And I think to myself: What a wonderful world.”

To the above, I add: “There will be tears; there will be fears, there will be cheers, there will be jeers, but there will be seers and peers. And I think to myself: What a wonderful world.”

┌ *“Leaders are called to be active “artisans of hope”
who rebuild societal fractures, rather than be passive
commentators; and emphasising that “no one rebuilds alone”.*
– Pope Leo XIV (cf. Magnifica Humanitas, 241)

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Together Building His Kingdom
Bishop Bernard Paul



MESSAGE FROM NATIONAL DIRECTOR

「 *“Let us not love with words or speech
but with actions and in truth.”*

(1 John 3:18)

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If last year I asked, “Who are we becoming?”, perhaps 2025 has given us a few glimpses of the answer.

Caritas Malaysia is still a work in progress. But this year, I have seen something growing among us – not simply more programmes, but greater confidence in who we are, a willingness to learn from one another, and a deeper desire to work together.

We invested in our people through volunteer management and leadership formation. We began to give more deliberate attention to Creation and our ecological mission. We strengthened our relationships across the dioceses and, at our National Assembly, put into words what I believe is becoming increasingly important for us: “From Silos to Solidarity.” It is a simple phrase, but it carries a challenge. We cannot face the realities of our time – poverty, migration, exclusion, disasters and the woundedness of Our Common Home – by working alone.

For me, solidarity is more than collaboration. It is choosing to stand with one another and, above all, to stand with those whose voices are too often unheard. Caritas cannot be content simply to respond to needs. We are called to listen, to accompany, and when necessary, to speak. Our faith calls us to see the dignity of every person and to allow the cries of the poor and the cry of Creation to disturb our comfortable ways of doing things.

I am deeply grateful to our bishops, diocesan Caritas and Human Development teams, volunteers, partners and friends who continue to make this journey possible. This year also marked a transition in the leadership of Caritas Malaysia, with the appointment of a new Board of Directors. I am sincerely grateful to the previous Board for its guidance, commitment and trust during the formative years of our journey, and I warmly welcome the new Board as we continue building on what has been entrusted to us. I look forward to their wisdom, support and partnership in the years ahead.

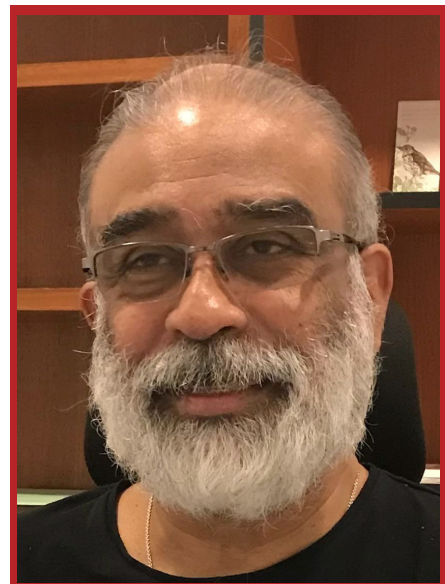
I also want to thank Ms Pauline Yeo, who has completed three years of service as our Administrative Executive. Much of what has happened in Caritas Malaysia during these years has quietly carried her fingerprints, and I am grateful for her dedication and friendship. I wish her every blessing in this next chapter of her life. I thank Mr Adrian Chern as well for his contribution during his short time with us, and wish him well.

At the same time, I warmly welcome Ms Catherine Wang as our Programme Manager and Mr Jude Manickam as our Office Administrator. I look forward to walking with them as we enter the next chapter of Caritas Malaysia.

There is still much to learn and much to do. But perhaps that is what it means to be a living Church. We keep listening, discerning, stumbling, beginning again and trusting that God is at work among us.

My hope remains simple: that wherever Caritas Malaysia is present, people will encounter not simply an organisation that offers help, but a Church that stands with them, recognises their dignity and makes the love of Christ visible.

Fr Fabian Dicom



Activities and Highlights 2025

Caritas Malaysia's 2025 calendar centred on strengthening the organisation's disaster response capacity, deepening leadership and formation across dioceses, and convening the wider Caritas family to chart a shared path forward. The year built directly on the disaster management training held in Penang in September 2024, with dioceses following through on commitments made there, and expanding into volunteer management, environmental stewardship, and national coordination.

Disaster Management Follow-Up

15 January, 5 & 26 February | Online

Diocesan focal points who took part in the 2024 Disaster Management Training continued their work through three online follow-up sessions. Discussions centred on finalising diocesan disaster response teams and policies, and advanced a draft of the Caritas Malaysia National Contingency and Emergency Response Plan.

Volunteer Management Training

7 – 9 March | Penang

Held in conjunction with the Jubilee of the World of Volunteering (Rome, 8 – 9 March), Caritas Malaysia partnered with Caritas Philippines to deliver a Volunteer Management Training (VMT) attended by 23 members and volunteers from every diocesan Caritas office. Facilitated by a member of Caritas Philippines, the training introduced a structured nine-step approach to the volunteer lifecycle, from recruitment through evaluation and continuous improvement. The VMT helped participants understand the importance of building a more structured and respectful approach to volunteer management.

Community of Practice on Disaster Management

9 May | Online

An online Community of Practice session brought together Caritas Penang and Caritas Miri to share how they applied lessons from the 2024 disaster management training within their dioceses. The sharing affirmed that the intended outcomes of the training were being realised: equipping diocesan teams with tools and templates for emergency response, applying the CI Toolkit and Humanitarian Standards, and establishing Disaster Response Committee structures with action plans for organisational development.

Caritas Asia Regional Conference 2025

11 – 12 June | Bangkok

Caritas Asia convened a two-day regional conference, bringing together 51 presidents, directors and senior staff from 21 Caritas member organisations, CI and FABC. The conference reviewed the 2022 – 2025 regional strategic plan, and opened consultations on the Caritas Asia Strategic Framework 2026 – 2030. Fr Fabian Dicom, national director, represented CM at the conference.

Leadership Development Programme

30 June – 3 July | Miri

Under the theme *The Caritas Way: United in Mission, Rooted in Love*, Caritas leaders from across Malaysia gathered for a retreat hosted by Caritas Miri. The programme combined theological reflection, strategic visioning, and practical formation, including a session on Caritas Malaysia's origins and her 10-year vision. Participants examined the principle of subsidiarity, practised servant leadership, and took part in a community immersion guided by the instruction to "bring nothing" (Luke 9:3), encountering families in need through listening rather than material aid. The retreat closed with participants committing to shared insights, and a renewed sense of mission.

Care for Creation Training

22 – 24 August | Sandakan

Participants from across Malaysia gathered to reflect on ecological concerns, and strengthen coordinated diocesan responses in line with the Church's mission rooted in *Laudato Si'*. The workshop emphasised integral ecology, national-diocesan coordination, and partnerships, and the establishment of Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability, and Learning (MEAL) frameworks, leaving participants with practical tools, and a renewed commitment to ecological mission.

Situation of Migrants in Asia and the Way Forward Workshop

31 August – 3 September | Kuala Lumpur

Caritas Malaysia sent two representatives to a regional workshop for pastoral workers serving migrants and refugees, jointly organised by the International Catholic Migration Commission (ICMC), Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation (JPIC) Commission, Caritas Asia, and the FABC Office of Human Development/Climate Change Desk. The workshop addressed the region's fast-growing displacement and human trafficking challenges, with participants sharing good practices on safe migration, and strengthening national and regional networks of advocacy. Discussions centred on the Church's role as a 'welcoming tent' for migrants, refugees, and displaced people, recognising them not only as those in need of accompaniment but as evangelisers whose lived experience and faith enrich local Church communities.

Regional Conference on Climate, Biodiversity and Energy

20 – 22 October | Kuala Lumpur

Two representatives from Caritas Malaysia joined 17 organisations from across Southeast Asia for a regional conference on climate, biodiversity and energy. The conference sought to bridge ASEAN regional goals with civil-society action on the ground, build shared understanding of the region's current environmental challenges, and shape a strategic advocacy agenda ahead of the Philippines' ASEAN chairmanship in 2026. Participants called for a unified Southeast Asian civil-society position to advance it during the chairmanship, and affirmed regional solidarity among stakeholders committed to climate and environmental action.

National Assembly 2025

27 – 30 October | Johor

Caritas Malaysia convened a national assembly on the theme *From Silos to Solidarity: A Collaborative Space for Integral Human Development*, bringing together members and representatives from 11 ecclesial bodies and NGOs for a collective discernment process. The assembly's objectives were to build trust and mutual understanding across the Caritas network, to map existing integral human development (IHD) work nationwide, to discern the purpose of a collaborative IHD platform, to clarify Caritas Malaysia's role as convener, and to commit to concrete next steps moving from isolation to communion. The assembly renewed a shared sense of collaboration and mission among the Caritas family and partner organisations, with participants committing to capacity-building and IHD formation programmes, strengthened national communication and coordination, and a shared partner-contact database over the following two years.

Directors and Ecclesiastical Assistants Quarterly Meetings

17 January, 29 April, 27 October, 16 December | Online & In-person

Caritas directors and ecclesiastical assistants convened four times in the year to coordinate priorities and share updates across dioceses.

Caritas Malaysia Humanitarian Aid & Community Project Contribution

(Local and International)

Beyond its formation and coordination programmes, Caritas Malaysia extended direct financial aid to communities affected by disaster and hardship, both within Malaysia and across the region. In 2025, CM disbursed a total of RM 946,641 through diocesan and international Caritas partners to support flood and landslide relief in Miri, to support a sustainable livelihood initiative for the Keningau community, to assist victims of a job-scamsyndrome in Cambodia, and to provide relief for earthquake victims in Myanmar.

Town/ Country	Receiving Partner	Amount	Beneficiaries
Miri	Caritas Miri	RM 50,000	People affected by flood and landslide in January
Keningau	Caritas Keningau	RM 38,000	<i>Projek Purun</i> : Cultivating coconut plantations to provide sustainable humanitarian funding for local community.
Cambodia	Caritas Cambodia	RM 2,290	Victims of job-scamsyndrome
Myanmar	Catholic Bishops' Conference of Myanmar	RM 856,351	People affected by earthquake



CARITAS MALAYSIA
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

	2025 RM
Income	
Donations	1,185,318
Amount received from other Caritas office	38,014
Interest Income	12,459
	1,235,791
Expenditure	
Aids & outreach activities	
Disaster relief & humanitarian	957,574
Education	96,566
Homes and institutions	3,090
Keningau Project Purun	38,000
	1,095,230
Caritas Malaysia National Assembly	19,465
Administrative and operational expenses	176,681
	196,146
Deficit	(55,585)





Consolidated Programmes Report 2025

Stewardship Programme

Jointly organized by Caritas KK, Creation Justice Commission (CJC), Migrants & Itinerants Commission (ACMI), and supported by the Youth Commission, the Stewardship programme was held from February to November 2025. • Parish committees met on 11 February to identify poor families, and conducted visits to listen to concerns and to offer hope. • Briefing for parish representatives was held on 2 June to prepare for the Jubilee of the Poor. • On 15 November, the archdiocese celebrated the Jubilee of the Poor at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, attended by about 1,000 parishioners, including 225 representatives of poor families, and 250 youth. • The impact of the Jubilee celebration was that it strengthened synodality, solidarity, and awareness of stewardship as a spiritual and communal responsibility.

Emergency Disaster Response Toolkit Training

About 65 participants represented parishes for the training on 27 June. The objective was to equip parishes with practical tools for disaster response, especially floods and emergencies. The training was intended to build resilience and readiness, and to ensure parishes could respond effectively to crises.

Induction Programme for Caritas Volunteers

On 7 June, 35 volunteers across the archdiocese participated in a half-day orientation at the Catholic Archdiocesan Centre. The purpose was to introduce new volunteers to Caritas' mission and values, and to learn practical roles. The programme strengthened the volunteer base, and ensured continuity of service.

Caritas KK Study Trip & Pilgrimage

In conjunction with the Jubilee of the poor, 40 Caritas KK members joined a pilgrimage cum study to the Diocese of Malacca-Johore (MJD) from 22 – 26 July. The trip was also intended as an exposure programme to get to know the practices of Caritas MJD, for spiritual enrichment, and for community bonding. The experience broadened participants' perspectives, deepened their faith, and reinforced unity among Caritas members.

Forum on Human Rights

The theme of the forum on 9 August was The Catholic Church and Civil Law Perspectives. The forum aimed to educate parishioners on human dignity and rights, bridging faith and civic responsibility. The forum encouraged reflection on justice, advocacy and the Church's role in society.

Caritas KK Recollection

Held for Caritas KK committee members, the recollection on 25 October was a reflection and study on Pope Leo XIV's apostolic exhortation *Dilexi Te* (On Love for the Poor). The study was intended as spiritual renewal, and grounding in prayer and love.

Back-to-School Programme

The programme was aimed at supporting children with school supplies, and tuition aid for a poor student from Babagon, Penampang (Montfort College). The aid directly supported education, alleviated burdens of poor families, and embodied Christ's blessing on children. About 30 children from B40 families benefitted from this programme held during the Advent and Christmas season.

Programmes Overview – Caritas KK

Caritas KK's 2025 programmes reveal a Church deeply engaged in service, solidarity and spiritual renewal. The Stewardship Programme and Jubilee of the Poor anchored the year, while practical initiatives like disaster training, volunteer induction, and the Back-to-School outreach addressed immediate needs. The pilgrimage, recollection, and ecological workshops reminded members that service flows from prayer and care for Creation. The challenges of the Transit Centre highlighted the ongoing call to creativity and trust in God's provision. Altogether, these activities embody synodality – the Church walking together in love, justice, and hope.

Parish Caritas Consolidated Programmes & Activities Report

January – May 2025

- **Blood Donation Campaigns:** Bundu Tuhan, Ranau, Kiulu.
- **Pastoral Care & Outreach:** Hospital visits, elderly and sick visits, grieving families, including anointing of the sick.
- **Disaster Relief:** Aid for flood victims in Beaufort, Membakut, Kuala Penyu (Inobong).
- **Fundraising & Economic Support:** Vegetable sales, recycled goods, second-hand items, and catering services.
- **Structural Formation:** Caritas committee formation at zone level (Kiulu).
- **Training & Formation:** Stewardship briefings, emergency response induction, human rights forums, and pilgrimages in conjunction with Jubilee Year 2025.



Observations – Parish Caritas

- **Families aided:** several dozen through flood relief and Lenten campaign.
- **Blood donors:** successful blood donation campaigns.
- **Volunteers:** parish committees and zone groups mobilised, though participation was limited.
- **Organizations:** Diocesan Caritas, parish BEC/KKD groups, and the Catholic Nurses Guild.

June – December 2025

Blood Donation Campaigns

- Limbahau, Kiulu, Tuaran; large number of donors.

Disaster Relief

- Floods & Landslides: Limbahau (261 families, 18 zones), Inobong (40 stranded, 20 families relocated).
- Fire Relief: Papar, Kipouvo.

Jubilee of the Poor / Hope Visits

- Telipok: families in Kg. Maruah, Karambunai, Timbok, Lapasan, Telipok Ria.
- Bundu Tuhan: Jubilee pilgrimage to Ranau (Dec 13); 23 parishioners + 17 Hope Families joined archdiocesan celebration (Nov 15).
- Kiulu: 15 families visited 3 times each, celebrated Dec 27.
- Stella Maris: 2 families joined archdiocesan Jubilee; Advent visits to 9 households.
- Inobong: 7 families visited, including disabled parishioner.

Advent & Christmas Outreach

- Bundu Tuhan: 5 families + 2 chapels received Advent gift baskets.
- Inobong: Advent/Christmas aid assessments of 6 families.
- Limbahau: fellowship meals for elderly and sick.

Economic Empowerment

- Kinabalu Hope Garden (Bundu Tuhan, 14 families, RM 50 – RM 100/month income); Tuaran Lenten aid (250 families).

Training & Formation

- Stewardship, emergency response, human rights forums, pilgrimages.

Diocesan Solidarity

- Participated in celebrating World Day of the Poor at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

Beneficiaries & Contributors

- Families aided: more than 600, for floods, fires, Hope visits, Advent outreach.
- Blood donors: successful blood donation campaigns.
- Volunteers: parish committees, zone groups, archdiocesan Caritas, external donors.
- Organizations involved: Hospital Tuaran, Papar District Hospital, Catholic Nurses Guild, archdiocesan Caritas, external donors: Elken Sabah, Johor benefactors, Prolific Quality (private limited company).

Observation & Reflection – Parish Caritas

The reports reveal two distinct phases of mission.

January – May 2025 was a period of foundation and resiliencebuilding. Parishes focused on pastoral care, health support, and Lenten solidarity. Blood donation campaigns and outreach visits strengthened parish unity, while disaster relief showed readiness to respond to emergencies. Training programmes equipped parishioners with skills, though volunteer participation remained a challenge.

June – December 2025 was marked by crisis response, Jubilee celebrations, and Advent outreach. Floods, landslides and fires tested parish resilience, but relief efforts reached hundreds of families with strong collaboration from external donors. The Jubilee of the Poor and Hope Visits were transformative, rekindling faith among families and deepening parishfamily bonds. Advent and Christmas outreach embodied compassion and solidarity, ensuring the elderly and sick were not forgotten. Economic empowerment projects, like the Kinabalu Hope Garden, showed promise, though participation was uneven and required renewed motivation.

Programmes Overview – Parish Caritas

Caritas in 2025 was not only about aid but about building communities of hope, resilience, and faith. Challenges in mobilising volunteers remained, but the collective witness of charity and solidarity across Sabah parishes showed the living mission of the Church in action. These reports provide a comprehensive picture of parish-level Caritas work across the Archdiocese of Kota Kinabalu.





CARITAS KENINGAU

LAPORAN PROGRAM & AKTIVITI – TAHUN 2025

Misi Bantuan Kemanusiaan Mangsa Banjir

Pada minggu kedua bulan Mac, beberapa kawasan pedalaman Sabah telah dilanda banjir yang menjejaskan kehidupan ramai penduduk. Sebagai tindak balas segera, Caritas Keningau telah melaksanakan misi bantuan kemanusiaan kepada 700 buah keluarga yang terjejas di lima daerah pedalaman Sabah. Bantuan yang disalurkan merangkumi bakul makanan, barangan keperluan harian, kit kebersihan dan sokongan pastoral dan kehadiran sukarelawan kepada komuniti yang terjejas.



Pelancaran Projek Purun – Penanaman Kelapa Tacunan

Pada 10 Mei, Caritas Keningau telah melancarkan Projek Purun: Penanaman Kelapa Tacunan di Kg. Purun, Kuala Penyu. Projek ini bertujuan mewujudkan sumber pendapatan yang mampan bagi menyokong pelaksanaan program-program Caritas pada masa hadapan. Projek ini merupakan hasil kerjasama dan sokongan geran permulaan daripada Caritas Malaysia dan Theng Kah Loke & Wong Ah Yin Charitable Trust. Projek ini menjadi langkah strategik ke arah memperkukuh kelestarian kewangan Caritas Keningau.



Caritas Unity Fun Run 2025

Pada 5 Julai, Caritas Keuskupan Keningau telah menganjurkan Caritas Unity Fun Run sebagai kempen kesihatan dan pencarian dana. Program ini dilaksanakan secara serentak di tujuh paroki meliputi enam daerah, dengan penyertaan seramai 850 orang peserta. Objektif program: • menggalakkan gaya hidup sihat • memupuk semangat perpaduan komuniti • menjana dana bagi menyokong aktiviti Caritas.



Sambutan Hari Migran dan Perantau Peringkat Keuskupan

Pada 27 – 28 September, Caritas Keningau berjaya menganjurkan Sambutan Hari Migran dan Perantau peringkat Keuskupan Keningau buat kali pertama. Program ini melibatkan penyertaan kira-kira 1,500 orang migran dari Filipina dan Indonesia. Sambutan ini bertujuan • menghargai sumbangan komuniti migran; • memupuk perpaduan; dan • memperkukuh semangat persaudaraan dalam Gereja.



Rekoleksi Akhir Tahun

Rekoleksi Akhir Tahun Caritas Keningau telah diadakan pada 5 – 7 Disember di Rumah Retret Keuskupan Keningau, Purun, Kuala Penyu. Objektif rekoleksi: • mensyukuri perjalanan pelayanan sepanjang tahun • memperbaharui komitmen pelayanan • memperkukuh kehidupan rohani para sukarelawan • merancang hala tuju organisasi bagi tahun 2026.



CARITAS KENINGAU
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

	2025 RM
Income	
Donations	3,500
Amount received from other Caritas office	58,000
Tiket bertuah sambutan Hari Minggu Migran	8,497
Caritas Unity Fun Run	32,000
3rd collection Hari Minggu Migran dan Perantau	3,700
	105,697
Expenditure	
Aids & outreach activities	
Disaster relief & humanitarian	30,000
Migrant and refugees	4,500
Poor and needy	10,000
Project Purun	48,000
	92,500
Contribution for Caritas National Assembly	1,200
Administrative and operational expenses	5,000
	6,200
Surplus	6,997





Programmes & Activities – Year 2025

Pilot Project – Eco Farming

16 February | Bukit Garam

Caritas Sandakan launched their pilot project to promote healthy and safe food through eco-farming. The one-year pilot project will be carried out by the St. Anthony Community, Bukit Garam.

The project was inspired by and developed as a follow-up to the Integral Ecology Workshop held in Bangkok in July 2024. The project aims not only to provide healthy and safe food but also to ensure that the land used remains healthy through organic farming practices.



Volunteer Management Training

7 – 9 March | Penang

Caritas Sandakan participated in the VMT through the director and another representative.



Ecology Pathways Training Workshop

27 – 29 June | MAJODI Centre

The workshop provided participants with a deeper understanding and greater awareness of the realities and challenges faced by our Earth. It also shared practical solutions and actions that could help reduce pollution and prevent further harm to the environment.

Through this formation, participants were encouraged to become more responsible stewards of Creation, and to take meaningful steps to care for Our Common Home.

Caritas Sandakan participated in the training through one of their members. The workshop was organized by the Regional Episcopal Commission for Creation Justice (RECCJ), and led by the director of RECCJ.



Caritas Malaysia Leadership Development Programme

30 June – 3 July | Miri

Caritas Sandakan participated in the leadership programme through their director and another representative.



Care for Environment Programme

22 – 24 August | Sandakan

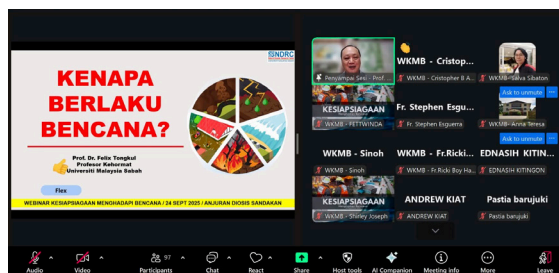
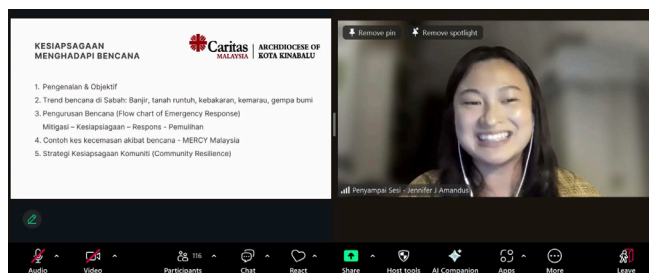
The ecclesiastical assistant, director and six other representatives of Caritas Sandakan participated in the environment programme.



Disaster Preparedness Webinar

24 September | Online, Lahad Datu & Beluran

The aim of the webinar was to help participants understand why natural disasters happen, and learn necessary preparations and steps to take in order to respond effectively when faced with disasters. The webinar had 222 participants who joined online and through two hybrid venues.



Caritas Sandakan Meeting

3 – 5 October | Tawau

The programme was not only a platform for meeting and discussion but also provided an opportunity for spiritual formation, and to strengthen the spirit of service among members. The gathering also helped to build stronger bonds of friendship through introduction sessions and various activities.

The formation focused on understanding the Vision and Mission as well as the Pastoral Plan of the Diocese of Sandakan. The formation was important to ensure that every Caritas initiative and service remained aligned with the direction and spirit of the diocese.



After the formation, Caritas Sandakan members discussed reports from Caritas groups in each parish, the Child Protection Policy, and upcoming programmes.

Through this gathering, Caritas members were strengthened in their commitment to serve, inspired by a shared vision, and encouraged to work together in bringing hope, care and compassion to the communities they served. The meeting became a meaningful step forward in building a stronger, more united, and mission-driven Caritas ministry within the Diocese of Sandakan.

Webinar on Earthquake Disaster Preparedness in Sabah

17 October | Online

The webinar was conducted as a follow-up to the Disaster Preparedness Webinar held on 24 September.

The session focused specifically on earthquakes in Sabah, and the necessary steps that everyone could take to improve their preparedness and response towards such disasters.

The programme was presented by Prof. Dr. Felix Tongkul, a renowned geologist. He highlighted the importance of understanding the history and patterns of earthquakes in the region as an important step towards strengthening community preparedness.



Participants gained greater awareness and knowledge on earthquakes, as well as the importance of being prepared before disasters happen. It is hoped that the webinar would encourage individuals, communities, and organizations to work together to build a safer and more resilient society in facing future challenges.

Caritas Malaysia National Assembly 2025

27 – 30 October | Johore

Caritas Sandakan was represented by the director and another participant.



Caritas Sandakan Meeting with Parish Caritas

Caritas Sandakan initiated a series of meetings with Parish Caritas across the Diocese. The meetings aimed to strengthen relationships with parish members, deepen their understanding of the mission, vision and role of Caritas Malaysia, and provide a platform to listen to their experiences, feedback and challenges in carrying out the Caritas ministry at parish level.



Relief Aid

- Through Caritas Sandakan, the Diocese of Sandakan contributed RM 13,793.65 to the Myanmar Fund in May 2025.
- On 7 October, the Diocese of Sandakan, through Caritas Sandakan, contributed RM 15,000.00 to flood victims in Sabah through Caritas Kota Kinabalu.

CARITAS SANDAKAN
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

	2025 RM
Income	
Donations	33,794
Expenditure	
Disaster relief & humanitarian aid	
- Myanmar	13,794
- Caritas Kota Kinabalu	15,000
	28,794
Amount paid to other Caritas office	5,000
Surplus	-





Kuching Archdiocesan Commission for Mission and Human Development

PROGRAMMES & ACTIVITIES – YEAR 2025

Caritas Kuching Assembly 2025

The Kuching Archdiocesan Commission for Mission and Human Development (CMHD) Assembly 2025 was held on 25 January • to enable members to recognize the network that is available among themselves, • to recall the Vision and Mission of CMHD and to adapt the Spiritual Conversation approach to empower and encourage members, and • to inform members on programmes led by CMHD, such as LANDINGS, Perjalanan Salib (Journey of the Cross) and Caritas-related programmes, e.g., Disaster Response Team set-up. The assembly had 46 participants who represented the various ministries under CMHD.

Disaster Response Team Workshop

The workshop, held on 15 February at St. Stephen, Bau, began with an introduction to CMHD, followed by an introduction to the Disaster Response Team (DRT) at parish-level by Elizabeth Kho, a volunteer with the Catholic Welfare Services. The session concluded with the procedure for a proper set-up of DRT for Bau parish. The workshop was participated by 16 parishioners and two priests of St. Stephen.

Volunteer Management Training

The VMT programme was designed for new members to understand the importance and principle of setting up a proper organization for volunteer management in the context of responding to disasters. The training, which was held from 7 – 9 March in Penang, was led by a member from Caritas Philippines. Two participants, including the chairperson of CMHD, represented the Archdiocese of Kuching.

CARITAS Leadership Development Programme

The programme, held from 30 June – 4 July in Miri, was organised by Caritas Malaysia national office in collaboration with Caritas Miri. Two participants, including the chairperson of CMHD, represented the Archdiocese of Kuching.

KASIH Collection 2025

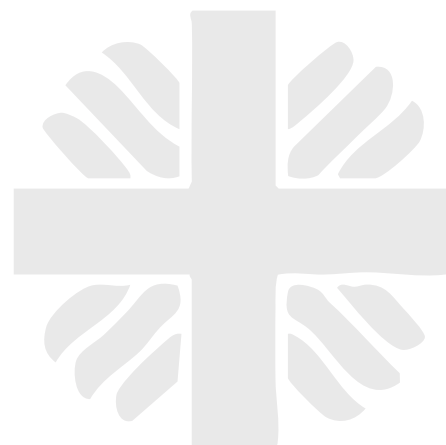
The contribution from the Archdiocese of Kuching, which amounted to RM 72,538.22, was submitted to Caritas Malaysia.

CARITAS Myanmar Relief Collection

The Archdiocese of Kuching collected RM 130,385.18 for Myanmar relief aid.

LEARNINGS & REFLECTIONS

Continuity in Mission: Kuching CMHD needed to focus on efforts to recruit members who could help to run CMHD effectively.



CARITAS KUCHING
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

	2025 RM
Income	
Donations received	769
Donations received for LANDINGS	4,000
Collection for Myanmar & Thailand Earthquake 2025	112,484
E-Kasih received in 2025	17,458
	134,711
Expenditure	
Disaster relief & humanitarian aid (Myanmar & Thailand Earthquake 2025)	112,484
E-Kasih 2024 payment	69,240
CMHD meeting expenses	650
Jubilee Year 2025 expenses - passports & prayer cards	5,920
Protec 2.0 posters printing	504
Travelling expenses	1,839
	190,637
Deficit	(55,926)

Note: Flight fares of the programmes mentioned covered by CARITAS Malaysia National Office.

LAPORAN KEGIATAN CARITAS MIRI – TAHUN 2025

AKTIVITI DI DALAM KEUSKUPAN MIRI

Nama Kegiatan : **Bantuan Kepada Mangsa Banjir**

Tempat Kejadian : Miri, Bekenu, Sebauh, Bintulu

Tarikh Kejadian : 1 Februari 2025

Nota : Sumbangan dari Caritas Malaysia national office untuk membantu meringankan beban mangsa banjir dan juga sumbangan bakul dari dari Ministry St. Vincent de Paul, Urban Poor dan juga umat yang pemurah hati.



Nama Kegiatan : **Bantuan Kepada Mangsa Kebakaran**

Tempat Kejadian : Rumah Lapie

Tarikh Kejadian : 21 Mac 2025

Nota : 27 keluarga terjejas



Nama Kegiatan : **Bengkel Pengenalan dan Kesedaran Caritas**

Tempat Kejadian : St. Dominic and the Rosary

Tarikh Kejadian : 21 – 22 Mac 2025

Nota : Bengkel Kesedaran Caritas itu telah dihadiri oleh wakil daripada setiap paroki. Tujuan bengkel adalah untuk memperkenalkan Caritas, termasuk peranan, misi dan pelayanannya dalam Gereja serta masyarakat. Selain itu, bengkel itu turut menampilkan sesi kolaborasi bersama Komisi Creation Justice bagi meningkatkan kesedaran tentang tanggungjawab memelihara ciptaan Tuhan dan menggalakkan tindakan ke arah keadilan alam sekitar sebagai sebahagian daripada misi Caritas.



Nama Kegiatan : **Lawatan Rumah ke Rumah**

Tempat Kejadian : Di kawasan perkampungan di dalam Miri

Tarikh Kejadian : 7 Jun 2025

Nota : Program lawatan rumah ke rumah dilaksanakan setiap tiga bulan sekali. Tujuan lawatan itu adalah untuk mengunjugi, memberi sokongan dan semangat Kepada mereka yang sakit, uzur, atau memerlukan perhatian. Selain itu, para pelawat turut meluangkan masa untuk berdoa bersama mereka sebagai tanda kasih, keprihatinan, dan sokongan rohani.



Nama Kegiatan : **Pameran Booth Sempena Sambutan Hari Patron St. Dominic**
 Tempat Kejadian : St. Dominic and the Rosary
 Tarikh Kejadian : 9 Ogos 2025
 Nota : Pameran itu bertujuan untuk memberikan pendedahan serta memupuk kesedaran umat mengenai Karya Misi Kemanusiaan, keadilan Sosial dan nilai kehidupan dan Ciptaan berteraskan iman Katolik.



Nama Kegiatan : **Hari Migran & Pelarian Sedunia ke-111**
 Tempat Kejadian : St. Dominic and the Rosary
 Tarikh Kejadian : 5 Oktober 2025
 Nota : Komisi Caritas Miri telah berkolaborasi dan bekerjasama dengan Komisi ECMI Miri dalam merayakan Misa bersama para migran, serta mengadakan jamuan makan malam sebagai tanda penghargaan dan sambutan mesra kepada para migran yang hadir ke dalam komuniti Gereja Katolik Miri.





Nama Kegiatan : **Leadership Development Programme**
 Tempat Kejadian : St. Dominic and the Rosary, Taman Tunku & St. Francis of Assisi Centre
 Tarikh Kejadian : 30 Jun – 3 Julai 2025



Nama Kegiatan : **Caritas Malaysia National Assembly 2025**
Tempat Kejadian : MAJODI Centre, Johor
Tarikh Kejadian : 27 – 29 Oktober 2025



CARITAS MIRI
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

	2025 RM
Income	
Amount received from other Caritas office	50,000
Expenditure	
Disaster relief & humanitarian aid	48,233
Surplus	<u>1,767</u>



Programme & Activity Highlights – Year 2025

Collaborations and Partnerships

Shelter Home for Trafficked Persons

Caritas Sibu has set-up a shelter home to provide a safe haven for trafficked persons in Sibu in partnership with NSO MAPO and KPWK. Caritas Sibu has also been involved with homelessness, mental health issues and drug and substance addiction.

International Congress on Faith, Life and Family

Together with the Diocese of Sibu, especially the Pro-Life Committee of the Diocesan Ministry for Pastoral Healthcare, Caritas Sibu and Human Life International co-organised the 24th Human Life International Asia-Pacific Congress on Faith, Life and Family held from 21 – 23 November in Sibu. The congress aimed to defend the dignity of human life, strengthen family values, and foster interfaith cooperation in facing complex social challenges.



Ecological Pathways Workshop

Caritas Sibu participated in the workshop hosted by the Regional Episcopal Commission for Creation Justice held in Sibu from 11 – 13 February. The workshop enabled an understanding of the ecological stance and sustainability of the environment, apart from the inevitable climatic changes.



Diocesan Activities

Anti-Drug Campaign

On 14 May, Caritas Sibu, in partnership with OSC MIDS, and with three co-organiser agencies, helped raise greater awareness for the anti-drug campaign by producing and launching a Say NO to Drugs poster. The launch was participated by about 200 participants. The co-organiser agencies were Methodist Pilley Institute, Victory Home, and Malaysia Relief Agency.



Study Tour to Immigration and Labour Management Unit

Caritas Sibu visited ILMU of the Sarawak premier's office on 1 October to understand its roles and services rendered to the public.

Launch of Community Social Services Centre

On 7 November, Caritas Sibu joined the launch of CSSC in Sibu. CSSC, which provides services such as foodbank, soup kitchen, counselling, and a temporary shelter for domestic violence victims, also enables NGOs and CSOs to conduct their training. Caritas Sibu is a strategic partner of CSSC.

Caritas Malaysia Programmes

Training on Volunteer Management

The follow-up training, which was held in Penang from 7 – 9 March, was participated by two representatives, including the president, of Caritas Sibu.

Caritas Malaysia National Assembly 2025

Two representatives, including the president, participated in the national assembly from 27 – 29 October at MAJODI Centre, Johore. The theme From Silos to Solidarity: A Collaborative Space for Integral Human Development was timely for participants to work together to continue the work of Caritas.

Other Programmes

Online Forums Against Human Trafficking

Caritas Sibu, through her president, participated in two online forums organised by Talitha Kum Asia. • On 4 February, the Young People as Ambassadors of Hope forum was aimed at uniting agencies working against human trafficking. • The Pilgrimage of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking was held on 7 February.

Webinar on Humanitarian Aid

The Webinar on Global Aid Cuts, Humanitarian Reset and Its Impact on Humanitarian Response was held on 14 August. Caritas Sibu participated through her president.

Celebrating World Mental Health Day 2025

Caritas Sibu, through her president, participated in the annual commemoration of the importance of mental health on 17 October.

Workshop for Civil Society Organisations

A workshop themed Strengthening Ethical Recruitment & Counter-Trafficking Responses for CSOs in Sarawak was held on 15 December in Kuching. The workshop sought • to strengthen the role of CSOs as informed, effective and collaborative partners in promoting fair recruitment; • to safeguard the rights and wellbeing of migrant workers; and • to strengthen the capacity of CSOs to handle counter-trafficking issues in Sarawak. The president of Caritas Sibu participated.

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CARITAS SIBU
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

	2025 RM
Income	
Donations	20,150
24th HLI ASPAC Congress Fees and BES	174,348
	194,498
Expenditure	
Aids to homes and institutions	19,962
24th HLI ASPAC Congress	181,964
	201,926
Administrative and operational expenses	586
Deficit	(8,014)





ARCHDIOCESAN OFFICE FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (AOHD)

Programme & Activity Highlights 2025

Safeguarding: AOHD reps and the Ministry for Special Needs participated in courses on Safeguarding of Minors & Vulnerable Persons on 7 Dec 2024 and 7 Jan 2025. Those sessions, which were part of ongoing collaborations to share insights, examples and best practices for safeguarding minors, vulnerable persons and the wider community, led to the PIHDM Safeguarding Course in May 2025.

Empowering the Needy: AOHD reps volunteered to tutor children at a learning centre between August and October 2025. Both academic and skills classes were conducted, led mainly by retired professionals and volunteers.

Caring for Creation: AOHD joined the National Clean-up Day programme in September 2025 aimed to raise public awareness and encourage a cleaner environment. AOHD worked closely with government and ministry partners, while volunteers and student groups supported the programme. The initiative, which included educational booths and recycling demonstrations, was organised by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government. Participants appreciated the Church's involvement in a government-led initiative.

Humanitarian Response: An AOHD rep co-organised an earthquake relief mission with a humanitarian partner, and formed a response team in April 2025. The international multi-agency relief effort took essential supplies and equipment into the affected area after a devastating earthquake in late March 2025. Working across faiths reflected AOHD's mission of building bridges, supporting one another, and serving together in unity and solidarity. • The AOHD Team responded when a landslide affected a local community. The team assessed needs, and provided emotional support; a parish ministry assisted with basic provisions.

Outreach to Migrants & Refugees: AOHD reps and parish ministry members visited a migrant community on 26 Jan 2025. The visit, which included mass and fellowship, reflected AOHD's support for migrant and poor communities through parish-based activities. • World Refugee Day was celebrated with refugee-focused partners. Programmes included booths, panel discussions, and engagement with organisations and individuals working in the refugee space. A separate event was organised in June 2025.

Building Capacity: AOHD reps participated in a Caritas leadership programme from late June to early July 2025. The reps also discussed possible collaboration, especially in sustainable flood management. • The AOHD Team participated in a flood emergency and survival training programme in August 2025. The training provided practical tips to help save lives during floods. • The AOHD Team took basic sign-language classes over several months. The course, which was also opened to staff from other archdiocesan offices, concluded with a final assessment in October 2025. • New AOHD Team members (and archdiocesan staff) participated in CPR and AED training in September 2025. The session provided practical emergency responses.

Formation & Training: AOHD reps participated in the Humanitarian Forum & Fair on 14 June 2025 organised by CHARIS on the theme Here I Am, Lord. The forum included booths showcasing the work of member organisations. AOHD reps also joined study tours to community service centres. • AOHD participated in a humanitarian community event in July 2025 in which the director joined a panel discussion with humanitarian speakers. The programme was organised by student and community groups from several higher-education institutions. • AOHD Team attended a series of lectures by Fr. Paul Dass, author of the book Integral Human Development. The inaugural talk was held on 7 Mar 2025.

Collaboration & Networking: An AOHD delegation, together with interreligious and humanitarian partners, undertook an exposure trip in November 2025. The delegation met with senior interfaith reps and participated in dialogues at interreligious, diplomatic and religious institutions. The visit focused on humanitarian collaboration, interfaith understanding and peacebuilding. • The AOHD Team participated in a charity dinner organised by a humanitarian relief organisation with whom AOHD has conducted disaster relief projects. In booths, AOHD ministries showcased their work and products in support of the communities they serve. • AOHD presented its mission work to the Pontifical Mission Societies delegation in June 2025. The visit included an engagement on mission-related initiatives.



Learning Visits: The AOHD Team visited a humanitarian organisation that provides relief and support to communities in need through compassion-based service, including disaster relief, medical care, education and other community-support initiatives. The team better understood approaches that promote care for humanity beyond religious differences. The visit aimed to strengthen existing ties and explore further collaboration in the areas of humanitarian service and ecology. • AOHD reps visited an overseas Caritas organisation from late October to early November 2025. The trip exposed the delegation to community support services, charity initiatives, migrant-related programmes, and women's shelter services. • AOHD visited a refugee centre (RC) with a partner organisation to better understand the RC's journey and challenges. The RC presented on their development. • In July 2025, AOHD Team made a learning visit to a youth training centre. The team learnt more about vocational training opportunities, particularly for special-needs students, and refugee students, supported by an existing collaboration. • AOHD Team made courtesy and learning visits to education, humanitarian and migration-related organisations in October 2025. The visits aimed to strengthen existing relationships, and explore opportunities for collaboration.

Planning & Coordination: The Caritas National Assembly from 27 – 30 Oct 2025 was participated by an AOHD delegation. Participation was more inclusive with an interpreter who supported accessibility during the assembly. • A study day was held in September 2025 for ministries under Archdiocesan commissions. Several ministries and AOHD reps participated in the session to reflect on the way forward for the commissions. • In July 2025, mission delegates from the region gathered to review and plan for 2026. AOHD presented on mission work and upcoming mission trips.

Sharing & Exchanges: AOHD hosted a range of visitors, including religious communities, Church groups, humanitarian organisations, social activists, diocesan reps, school groups and youth ministries. Those visits included a presentation on AOHD's mission, values and work, and discussions on possible collaborations. • A delegation comprising participants from various nationalities and religious backgrounds visited AOHD as part of a study tour to learn about supportive services for communities from diverse cultural backgrounds. AOHD gave a presentation, and had learning exchanges with several organisations and community groups. • The AOHD director was a keynote speaker (on IHD) at an international presidents' conference in July 2025 participated by national reps from several countries.

Synodal Journey: As part of the synodal process, AOHD participated in the pastoral assembly themed Walking Together Towards a Synodal & Prophetic Church – A People for Missionary Discipleship in August 2025.

Jubilee Year of Hope: The AOHD Summit was held from 21 – 24 Mar 2025. The summit formed part of the Lenten Campaign, and ADKL's Jubilee Year of Hope programme. • The summit, themed A Lenten Journey of Hope, brought together speakers from various faith communities and NGOs. It included talks, community storytelling, exposure and immersion activities, a concert, prayer sessions, ministry booths, workshops, and social experiment corners.



Social Communications

• **Podcasts:** In conjunction with World Day Against Trafficking in Persons (30 July), an anti-trafficking organisation reached out to AOHD with a proposal for collaboration. A series of podcast interviews were filmed and edited. The interviews featured reps from enforcement, civil society, and related service organisations.

• **Social Media Promotion:** Materials, including posters and videos, were designed to promote and publicise AOHD programmes on social media.

• **Photo & Video:** IHD and related programmes were documented through photography and videography for posting on social media.

Missions

Supporting Flood Relief: From 25 – 28 Feb 2025, AOHD worked with Crisis Relief Services and Training (CREST) and Kelantan Disaster Relief Network to support emergency flood relief work in villages affected by the Northeast monsoon in Kelantan. AOHD Team worked with local villagers to build emergency rafts for communities in Rantau Panjang and Pasir Mas. The rafts were intended to support families in Kelantan during future floods. Essential supplies were stored at the local Catholic church for distribution to those affected by floods when needed.



Sharing the Mission Spirit: An evening of mission sharing with the youth of the Church of the Sacred Heart, Kuala Lumpur, was held on 20 Jan 2025. Mission participants who had travelled to Calcutta and Amritsar in 2024 shared their experiences and their desire to serve wider communities. The session inspired youth to ask questions about the challenges and joys of mission work.

Ecology Mission: A group of participants embarked on a mission to Taiwan from 3 – 9 Nov 2025. In collaboration with Tzu Chi Foundation, the mission focused on ecology, service values, and recycling. The team visited a recycling centre, a technology centre, a hospital, a factory, a university, and an abode. A dialogue session was also held to share ideas and strengthen cooperation. Several pre-mission programmes were held in October 2025.

Projects

Communicating with Deaf Persons: Basic sign-language classes were conducted over several weeks in collaboration with the Catholic Ministry for the Deaf (CMfD). The purpose of the class was to help staff communicate more effectively with deaf persons, and to encourage greater inclusivity within AOHD and ADKL. • **Raising Awareness on Safeguarding:** A formation programme on safeguarding was held in May 2025 to raise awareness on protecting children and vulnerable adults. The programme was organised in collaboration with AOHD ministries and related offices. The session included a talk, group discussions, and case-based reflections, with accessibility support provided for participants from the Deaf community. • **Inspiring Missionaries:** A mission sharing session was organised in October 2025. The speaker shared personal experiences of mission work, service to poor and marginalised communities, and time spent with overseas mission communities. The session, which aimed at inspiring participants to reflect on the meaning of mission, and how they could contribute, concluded with a Q&A. • **Collaborating with Parish Leaders:** AOHD restarted its parish roadshow initiative in 2025 to strengthen collaboration between the AOHD Team and parish ministry leaders. The roadshow aimed to listen to parish needs and challenges, offer support, and help establish parish-based structures where needed.

Lenten Campaign

■ **THEME:** Pilgrims of Hope, in line with Jubilee Year 2025 theme. ■ **RESOURCES:** Supported with online resources to promote awareness, education and advocacy through Lenten Campaign website (<https://aohd.org/lent/>) and social media networks so that the faithful would be able to participate more effectively through multiple media platforms. • Actionable materials included poster, banner, weekly Family Reflection & Activity Sheets, theme video with Archbishop's Lent Message, and Lenten reflections. ■ **PROGRAMMES:** • **Briefing Roadshows** in the eight districts in ADKL. Briefings, which were conducted in several languages, began on 4 January and ended with final briefing on 23 February. • **Theme Video** with Archbishop's Lent Message highlighted voices and concerns of the Orang Asli in ADKL. • **Lenten Outreach:** Several AOHD ministries and archdiocesan ministries collaborated with AOHD to carry out Lenten programmes, including • **Women's Ministry:** women's empowerment programme on 8 March to encourage women entrepreneurs. • **Ministry for the Poor:** outreach on 10 March to accompany and befriend street communities. • **Prison Ministry:** reconciliation-focused programme on 16 March for parolees and their families. • **Ministry for Migrants & Itinerants:** awareness programme to highlight sacrifices and contributions of migrant communities. • **Ministry for Special Needs:** mobile dental clinic and awareness talk on 29 March. • **Family Life Commission:** materials on ecological stewardship; and collection of recyclable materials in aid of Orang Asli. ■ **FEEDBACK:** Online feedback exercise completed on 20 May. Overall, the Lenten Campaign was well received, and encouraged the faithful on their Lenten journey as Pilgrims of Hope in their parishes and local communities.



Ministry for Special Needs

Creating Home Accessories: In March 2025, students took part in a candle-making and keychain-making project to produce handmade items for sale during the AOHD Summit. Participants developed fine motor skills as they participated in every stage of the candle-making process. Students assembled wooden key chains under the guidance of teachers. The hands-on activity further enhanced their creativity, coordination and confidence. The candles and keychains were sold, and enabled students to contribute meaningfully and gain a sense of accomplishment and pride while experiencing the rewards of purposeful work.

Engaging Initiatives: On 9 Jan 2025, MSN assisted with counting and packing Lenten money boxes. • On 3 July 2025, five vocational students packed goodie bags for the MSN movie screening. The activity promoted responsibility, teamwork, and practical skill development.

Hands-On Gardening: Sensory Gardening: On 1 Mar 2025, persons with special needs took part in a sensory gardening session held in collaboration with a community partner. Hands-on activities enabled participants to engage their senses while promoting relaxation, emotional wellbeing, social interaction, and a sense of responsibility. The second phase of the programme was conducted on 27 April 2025. Plants grown during the first session were transplanted into permanent garden beds, creating a sensory-friendly environment that encouraged engagement with nature for persons with disabilities. • Vegetable Gardening: On 11 Aug 2025, students transplanted sprouting vegetable seedlings from nursery pots into the prepared garden beds as part of the vegetable gardening project that would provide them with hands-on learning experiences.

Jubilee Year Celebration: Jubilee Year mass for persons with disabilities (PWD) was celebrated on 26 Apr 2025. Programme featured performances by persons with special needs. PWD served as altar servers and readers at mass. • On 9 Aug 2025, a Jubilee Year mass for PWD was celebrated. The celebration promoted spiritual inclusion, recognized the unique gifts of PWD, and fostered awareness, inclusion and unity. PWD served at mass.

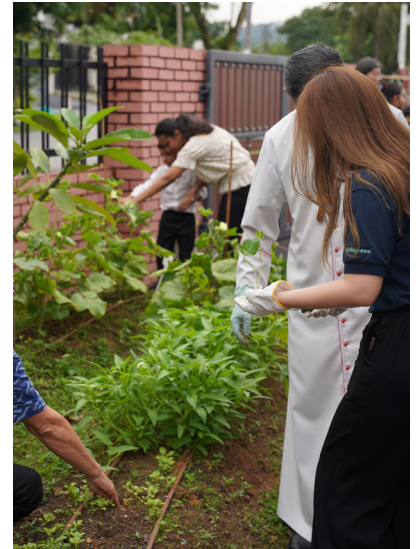
PJIN Programmes: An Open Day was held on 20 Feb 2025 to enable parents, children, community members and ministry reps to learn more about PJIN. The programme encouraged partnerships and sponsorships to support its mission of improving care and resources for persons with autism. • The Parent-Teacher Day was held from 3 – 5 Feb 2025. Teachers met with parents to discuss the progress and person-centred plan for each student. • On 29 Aug 2025, a Merdeka celebration was held with students, families and staff to promote national pride and community spirit. Programme included flag-raising, singing the Negaraku, cultural performances, and a food fair. • Teachers' Day was celebrated on 16 May 2025. Programme included songs, colouring activities, games and a potluck lunch contributed by parents. The celebration strengthened bonds within the school community. • PJIN had discussions with a volunteer, who joined them on 5 Aug 2025, on how his interests and strengths could be integrated into PJIN programmes through vocational activities and creative sessions.

Skills Training: On 7 Aug 2025, the first drama class with 14 participants was held to foster creativity, build confidence, encourage teamwork, and promote social interaction among students, teachers, and volunteers. • On 9 June 2025, the first trial sign language class was conducted by the CMFD coordinator, and participated by 10 participants (students, parents, teachers and volunteers).

Therapeutic Engagements: A tyre-painting workshop was held on 22 Aug 2025 to provide persons with autism a fun and creative art experience. Participants painted and decorated recycled tyres while exploring colours, textures and patterns in a supportive environment that encouraged social interaction and fine motor-skill development. Many of the 20 students who participated demonstrated a noticeable sense of calmness throughout the workshop. • A clay therapist met with PJIN on 20 May 2025 to explain the use of clay-based activities as therapy for people with mental health needs.

Getting to Know PJIN: On 16 Jan 2025, programmes and services offered by PJIN were explained to a rep from a special-needs centre. The rep said that she would refer persons with autism to PJIN, as her centre mainly supports persons with cerebral palsy. • Reps from an embassy visited PJIN on 7 Feb 2025 to discuss, among other concerns, similarities and differences in the way autism is understood and managed across various cultural contexts. • On 25 Apr 2025, three members of an overseas mission team visited PJIN to learn about its needs, and to prepare for an upcoming mission trip. • On 13 June 2025, 40 participants from a Singapore mission team engaged in fun activities with the students, followed by an inspiring session from a special-needs teacher and a parent. The team donated teaching aids, and supported a movie screening as part of the Jubilee Year celebrations. • On 2 Sep 2025, visitors toured and observed PJIN's inclusive teaching approaches. The visit focused on understanding how PJIN identified and supported students with learning difficulties, engaged parents in the learning process, and applied holistic approaches to student development.

Other PJIN Highlights: On 21 June 2025, PJIN celebrated the 30th anniversary of the Special Needs Centre. Programme included student performances showcasing their talents, and fun games. • On 3 Oct 2025, PJIN celebrated the first anniversary of the reopening of Special Needs Centre under its new name Pusat Jagaan Istimewa Nathanael. During the celebration, the Hope Garden was blessed and opened, and vegetables were planted and harvested from the Hope Garden.



- On 12 July 2025, the Superman charity movie screening welcomed about 500 participants, including 35 persons with special needs and their families, in an inclusive programme supported by staff and volunteers to promote community spirit and togetherness.
- On 1 July 2025, five students from the early childhood education programme participated in a one-day internship in the Early Intervention Programme. They gained insights into the goals, challenges and importance of early intervention in supporting children with special needs.

Ministry for the Poor

Care for Creation: On 16 July 2026, a recycling awareness programme was held for university students. The demonstration showcased how used plastics could be recycled into useful products while promoting environmental stewardship and responsible care for Creation. The programme also encouraged sustainable practices among participants.

Tackling Homelessness: On 11 Oct 2025, a census of the homeless population was conducted to collect accurate data on homeless people in the Kuala Lumpur city centre. Volunteers carried out the survey overnight to gather updated information that would support planning and outreach initiatives. • The White House Project, under the Ministry for the Poor, was an initiative to strengthen services to homeless people. Renovation works were done to equip the building (called White House) for future operations. The ground-breaking ceremony on 28 Oct 2025 was a milestone in the Church's continuing mission to serve and support the homeless community. • A guidebook for homeless people was launched on 3 Oct 2025. The booklet served as a practical resource with information on temporary shelter, food distribution, medical assistance, and other essential support services. It was distributed during a street outreach programme involving secondary school students, with copies given to several community support centres to increase accessibility for those in need. • On 10 & 11 Mar 2025, an immersion programme Go Homeless for 24 Hours was held as part of the Lenten Campaign. Fifteen participants experienced the daily realities faced by homeless persons by spending 24 hours on the streets. Participants engaged with the street community, learnt about their daily struggles, and developed a deeper understanding of their lives while building meaningful friendships and offering companionship.



Outreach: On 7 Mar 2025, an outreach programme was held with 90 Orang Asli children. Participants joined the children for buka puasa (breaking of fast), played games and interacted with them, and learnt about their lives. The outreach promoted mutual respect, harmony and unity while creating meaningful memories with the children. • On 8 May 2025, a visit was conducted to a government-run elderly care home. Many residents had limited family support, and rarely received visitors. The visit focused on spending time with the residents through conversations, fellowship and refreshments to provide companionship and encouragement.

Relief & Support: On 17 June 2025, emergency rafts were handed over to families living in flood-prone areas. Between 2024 and 2025, 70 emergency rafts were built, which benefitted about 490 families. • From 25 – 28 Feb 2025, participants joined a flood relief mission to build 25 emergency rafts for communities affected by floods. •

Street Feeding: On 3 Jan 2025, a street-feeding programme was held in collaboration with community partners. The activity provided opportunities for learning, networking and serving the street community while strengthening relationships among the five participants from diverse backgrounds. • On 28 Aug 2025, a street-feeding programme brought together 30 youth, who served meals to 80 homeless people. The programme provided meaningful exposure to humanitarian service, while fostering compassion, friendship and positive engagement with the street community.

Support for Underprivileged: The urban-poor community participated in the AOHD Summit from 21 – 24 Mar 2025 by selling food and handmade products, while participants joined an outreach programme to spend time with the street community. • A community café was opened to serve staff, students, teachers and visitors. The café also provided opportunities for the underprivileged to gain experience in food preparation and customer service. It features a suspended meals initiative that encourages community members to support those in need through donated meals.

World Day of the Poor: On 19 Oct 2025, World Day of the Poor was celebrated with mass and fellowship with parishioners and families in need. Food assistance was distributed to beneficiaries receiving support. Pastoral resource materials, including the pope's message, were shared with parishes to encourage local celebrations in their communities.

Fundraising: Two charity movie screenings were held on 12 & 24 July 2025 to support ministries serving persons with special needs, the poor, and other vulnerable communities. The programme highlighted collaboration among ministries. • On 24 July 2025, a charity movie premiere brought together 160 participants, including 84 persons from underprivileged communities. The programme provided many families with an opportunity to join a movie screening for the first time, supported the work of the participating ministries, and benefitted the wider community.

Other MfP Highlights: A Family Day was held on 18 Jan 2025 for about 80 staff and their families. Programme featured telematches and other interactive activities that encouraged teamwork, family bonding and community spirit. • At the request of a parish, students and staff participated in a community sharing session that focussed on environmental sustainability, and support for the poor.

Women's Ministry

Bereavement Support Group: A New Year gathering was held on 22 Feb 2025 for the Bereavement Support Group (BSG) and their families. The luncheon provided an opportunity to reconnect, share experiences and continue supporting each other. • On 10 May 2025, seven BSG members met for a jewellery-making session led by a group member. The programme also included sharing of childhood and wedding photographs, personal stories, prayer and fellowship. The gathering provided meaningful companionship, particularly for widows living alone. • On 6 July 2025, the Women's Ministry collaborated with a widows' support group to commemorate International Widows Day. The programme included fellowship activities for 55 participants, who had opportunities for meaningful conversations. The gathering strengthened friendships and encouraged mutual support among widows from across ADKL. • On 20 Sep 2025, a movie outing was held for the BSG. The outing provided the 10 participants with an opportunity for fellowship, relaxation and mutual encouragement.

Formation & Empowerment: On 19 July 2025, 20 Women's Ministry members from various parishes gathered for a fellowship to share experiences, discuss challenges and exchange ideas. The discussion covered mental health awareness, domestic abuse awareness, and strengthening the ministry through improved collaboration and leadership development. • On 23 Aug 2025, a talk on safe and responsible digital citizenship was conducted for 28 participants. The interactive session, which covered responsible social media use, online scams, AI and deepfakes, helped participants develop greater awareness of digital safety, and cultivate responsible online behaviour. • On 1 May 2025 (Labour Day), the Women's Ministry held a forum on Human Trafficking: Modern-Day Slavery in collaboration with AOHD. The programme featured a talk, and a panel discussion with reps from various human rights and community organisations. The forum with 90 participants brought together social activists, community leaders, NGOs, faith-based organisations, and parish reps to raise awareness and encourage collaborative action against human trafficking. • A talk on dementia awareness and prevention, brain health, and positive approaches to caregiving was held on 18 Oct 2025 for about 110 participants. The session provided practical knowledge and guidance for caregivers and families, while promoting greater awareness and understanding of dementia. The large participation reflected the community's growing interest in the topic.



International Women's Day: On 8 Mar 2025, the Women's Ministry held a Lenten Campaign Outreach in conjunction with International Women's Day. The outreach included inspirational talks, and a bazaar featuring women entrepreneurs operating small independent businesses. The programme with 74 participants focused on empowerment and hope, and encouraged women to develop their talents and build sustainable livelihoods in their communities. • On 10 Mar 2025, a Women's Ministry rep participated in the International Women's Day Forum, which focused on advancing gender equality and empowering women and girls. The forum ended with a networking session, which enabled participants to exchange ideas and strengthen collaboration in promoting women's rights, equality and empowerment.

Outreach: On 5 Apr 2025, 22 volunteers visited a welfare home as part of a Lenten Campaign outreach. They spent time with residents aged 16 to 65 through singing, dancing, heartfelt conversations, and serving lunch. The visit fostered friendship, encouragement, and a sense of belonging.

Prison Ministry

Creating Awareness: The 40th anniversary of the Catholic Prison Ministry in ADKL, and the Feast of St. Maximilian Kolbe, were celebrated with spiritual activities and formation sessions. About 130 participants joined the celebration to foster faith, unity and gratitude for the ministry's journey. • On 9 Apr 2025, the Catholic Prison Fellowship Association (CPFA) gave a presentation to ADKL priests to promote the mission of CPFA, raise awareness of prison ministry, encourage establishment of prison ministry teams within parishes, and highlight the need for more male volunteers.

Outreach: On 20 Aug 2025, the Prison Ministry participated with other NGOs in an outreach programme held in conjunction with Merdeka month. A certificate of appreciation was presented in recognition of the participation. • From July to September 2025, an outreach was done to interview families of prospects, and prepare reports for those requiring further assistance. The community empowerment initiative was conducted in collaboration with parish-based human development groups and community partners.

Reintegration: On 16 Mar 2025, a family outreach programme under the Jalanan Kasih Hari Keluarga (Family Day Bonds of Love) was held with the participation of 28 families, one residential home, 30 volunteers, and 10 invited guests, bringing together 300 people. The programme, part of the Lenten Campaign, aimed to strengthen relationships between families, former inmates, and the wider community while promoting compassion, support, and successful reintegration into society. • On 16 Mar 2025, a buka puasa programme was held to strengthen relationships between Muslim parolees and the community while demonstrating care and support for their reintegration. The gathering, part of the Lenten Campaign, had 60 participants, including parolees, priests, volunteers and officers. The programme fostered stronger relationships between parolees and supporting agencies. • The Prison Ministry participated in the AOHD Summit by operating a booth showcasing handicrafts made by prisoners. The exhibition, managed by 13 volunteers from 21 – 24 Mar 2025, highlighted stories of resilience and personal transformation through the displayed crafts.



Spiritual Nourishment: Easter masses were celebrated at 11 prisons from 28 Apr – 30 June 2025. The masses by 14 priests and 32 volunteers provided spiritual support and fellowship to the prison community. •

Reassuring Visits: On 7 Aug 2025, a dialogue was held between NGO reps and prison officers to better understand expectations, address concerns faced during prison visits, exchange constructive suggestions to improve rehabilitation programmes, and strengthen collaboration. The dialogue resulted in clearer communication, stronger partnerships, and practical action points to enhance ongoing rehabilitation efforts. • Weekly prison visits continued at eight prisons, while fortnightly visits were carried out at three prisons. • A comprehensive six-day training programme (19–20 July, 16–17 Aug & 27–28 Sep 2025) was conducted to prepare new volunteers for prison visits. The formation sessions for about 50 participants were presented by 15 volunteers and speakers. •

Wellbeing & Welfare: From January 2025, the Prison Ministry sponsored and delivered monthly supplies, including milk powder, for babies under the Mother-Child Care Project. The supplies were contributed each month by a different parish prison ministry group. The Mother-Child Care Project continued up to November 2025. • To support the needs of inmates, three sponsors enabled two refill drinking water boilers to be installed on 27 Aug 2025. The initiative aimed to improve access to clean drinking water, and address concerns arising from the shortage of functioning facilities.

Ministry for Migrants and Itinerants

Collaboration: On 12 July 2025, MMI conducted a one-day case management training session for members of a partner organization, together with a self-care workshop facilitated by a trainer. The session with 15 participants gave an opportunity to share knowledge and strengthen collaboration across dioceses. • From 31 Oct – 7 Nov 2025, MMI visited migrant ministry organizations in Hong Kong to learn from their experiences, exchange best practices, and strengthen collaboration in supporting migrant communities.

Empowerment: From February to March 2025, MMI coordinated an integrated wellbeing programme for about 60 migrant leaders from various countries and backgrounds. The session included activities focused on personal wellbeing, reflection, and community building. Participants also discussed future programmes addressing the spiritual, personal, and social needs of migrant communities. The programme ended with a celebration of migrants' birthdays from January to March. • From July to September 2025, MMI coordinated six integrated wellbeing workshops for about 70 migrants from various countries and regions. The sessions focused on emotional, personal and social wellbeing, with each workshop ending with the celebration of birthdays or cultural festivals. Participants expressed appreciation for the opportunity to build friendships, and celebrate together as a multicultural community.

Formation: On 26 Jan 2025, MMI, in collaboration with a partner organization, conducted an awareness programme on human trafficking for about 40 Indonesian migrants. The programme aimed to educate migrants on the risks of exploitation, and provide information on available reporting channels. • From 26 – 28 May 2025, MMI supported a camp held for the migrant Kachin Catholic youth community. More than 60 young people participated in the programme, which focused on leadership development, spiritual growth, cultural interaction, and creation of a safe and supportive environment for participants.

Migrant Updates: MMI participated in the ECMI meeting which discussed updates on migrant ministry activities and future coordination. MMI took on a leadership role in the ECMI, and the preparation of Migrant Sunday materials was entrusted to ADKL. • From 31 Aug – 3 Sep 2025, MMI participated in a regional consultation Situation of Migrants in Asia and the Way Forward. About 60 participants gathered to exchange insights and explore possible responses to challenges faced by migrants. MMI shared on its services, and contributed to discussions on strengthening migrant support, collaboration, and reintegration efforts.

Parish Support: On 8 Aug 2025, MMI conducted a half-day case management training session for PIHDM members. The session included case-management skills and self-care practices. Participants gained a better understanding of how and when to seek appropriate assistance for various situations. • On 25 Oct 2025, MMI coordinated an information session for PMM reps and other interested persons. The session provided updates on UNHCR services, and information on medical insurance support for migrants.

Pastoral Support: From 29 – 31 Jan 2025, MMI supported a three-day youth retreat for the Myanmar Catholic youth community. About 100 young people participated in the retreat, which focused on faith formation, strengthening relationships, and building a supportive community among youth. • From 6 – 7 July 2025, MMI collaborated with the Catechetical Ministry to hold a two-day training programme for Myanmar catechists. About 10 catechists from various ethnic backgrounds participated in the formation, which focused on strengthening their skills in teaching and accompanying young children. The collaboration marked a significant step in supporting catechetical formation among migrant communities. • On 16 Nov 2025, the Jubilee for Migrants was celebrated with the migrant community. The celebration included fellowship and activities aimed at strengthening connection, inclusion and community among migrants. • From 16 – 21 Apr 2025, MMI coordinated pastoral support for the Vietnamese community through a visiting priest. About 100 Vietnamese participated in the Easter celebration, which included two baptisms.

Skills Training: From May to June 2025, MMI interviewed about 30 refugee youth referred by parishes, community learning centres, and community leaders to assess and recommend suitable applicants for an education programme intake. • On 9 Mar 2025, MMI collaborated with CMfD to conduct a rosary-making workshop as part of the Lenten outreach programme. Migrants from various communities participated in the workshop, and shared cultural food while learning the process of making rosaries. • On 7 July 2025, a volunteer trainer conducted a workshop for migrants, focusing on stress management, self-awareness, and building healthy relationships. Participants found the sessions meaningful and encouraging.



UNHCR Programmes: On 29 Aug 2025, MMI participated in the UNHCR Partner Referral Network meeting, which provided an opportunity for partner organizations to strengthen networking and renew engagement with UNHCR. More than 40 partners participated, with updates on referral procedures, prioritization criteria, anti-fraud measures, and data security practices. An update was subsequently shared with Parish Migrant Ministry (PMM) reps. • On 20 May 2025, MMI facilitated an information session for ADKL priests by inviting a UNHCR rep to share on available services and relevant support policies. The session enabled priests to have a better awareness and understanding of migrant-related matters. • On 21 Jan 2025, MMI participated in a Partner Referral Network meeting held by UNHCR. The session provided an opportunity for partners to strengthen collaboration and receive updates on referral procedures, prioritization criteria, anti-fraud measures, and data security practices. • On 21 Aug 2025, MMI participated in a refugee health stakeholder coordination meeting held by UNHCR. Nearly 50 partner organizations participated in the session, which included updates on health services, medical insurance initiatives, and discussions on improving coordination among service providers to prevent duplication of assistance. The outcomes of the meeting were shared with PMM reps.

Migrant Matters: The Fifth Sunday Collection was held at the 29 – 30 Nov 2025 weekend masses to support migrant ministry initiatives and services. • On 23 Aug 2025, MMI visited a migrant inmate who had not received a visit for almost three years. The visit ended with prayer, and provided comfort and encouragement to the inmate. • From 21 – 24 Mar 2025, MMI coordinated migrant volunteers to support the AOHD Summit. About 10 migrants from various countries participated by assisting with event preparations and food distribution.

Creation Justice Ministry

Caring for Creation: On 25 Oct 2025, an eco-focused Jubilee event was held to promote ecological awareness and sustainable living. The programme included a Eucharistic celebration, talks, workshops and exhibitions that encouraged participants to deepen their understanding of caring for Creation. An eco-marketplace was also held to provide opportunities for participants to explore sustainable practices and environmentally responsible choices. As part of CJM's ecological initiatives, electronic waste, expired medicine, old religious items and other materials were collected to ensure proper disposal.

Eco-Clean-Up: On 5 Sep 2025, an ecumenical ecological plogging activity was organized at district level, involving Christian communities, parish reps, and people from various faith backgrounds. The clean-up activity had 55 volunteers of various ages. • The Hari Cuci Malaysia (Malaysia Clean-Up Day) environmental initiative, with 190 volunteers including students, had a beach clean-up and gotong royong (working together for the common good) to promote environmental responsibility and community participation.



• As part of the Lenten Campaign, 12 parishes participated in an environmental outreach programme on 29 Mar 2025. The beach clean-up was participated by 104 volunteers, including youth. The initiative, which promoted a culture of care for the environment and responsible stewardship, collected about 160 kg of plastic waste, 15 kg of glass waste and other general waste.

The Hari Cuci Malaysia initiative contributed towards achieving two Malaysia Book of Records recognitions for environmental participation and waste-collection efforts.

Eco-Education: On 7 Feb 2025, 66 participants from various faith communities participated in an ecological education excursion. The programme, in collaboration with the Malaysian Rubber Board, included a visit to an educational centre and gallery, where participants learnt about the rubber industry and experienced rubber tapping activities. • On 24 Mar 2025, an educational tour was organized in conjunction with World Water Day to promote awareness of sustainability practices. The programme, which gave exposure to sustainable operations, including recycling initiatives, energy efficiency, responsible water management, and environmental conservation efforts, had 43 participants. • On 21 Apr 2025, 50 persons from various faith communities participated in an ecological education excursion. The programme, in collaboration with a cocoa industry partner, provided insights into the cocoa industry, sustainable agricultural practices, and environmental considerations in food production. Participants also took part

in a chocolate-making demonstration. • An annual educational tour has been held to commemorate World Water Day. In 2025, 43 participants took part in the programme, which focused on sustainability practices, responsible water management, renewable energy initiatives, and environmental conservation efforts. The programme also highlighted creative approaches to recycling and sustainable product development. • An ecological education session was conducted with 50 participants, focusing on composting, recycling and appreciation of biodiversity. The session also included a guided nature walk where participants learnt about various plant and tree species. • An educational excursion to the Forest Research Institute of Malaysia (FRIM) was conducted in October 2025 to promote appreciation and awareness of nature. Participants learned about biodiversity, forest conservation, and the importance of protecting natural ecosystems.

Eco-Exchange: CJM participated in a knowledge exchange session with university students as part of an environmental awareness programme. The session highlighted Laudato Si', and shared various CJM initiatives undertaken in ADKL to promote care for Our Common Home. • On 21 Mar 2025, a leadership team from a Christian NGO engaged with CJM reps. Ten participants from various countries took part in the exchange, in which CJM shared on its activities and ecological initiatives inspired by Laudato Si'. • From 3 – 9 Nov 2025, CJM participated in a knowledge-exchange visit with an international humanitarian organization. The visit provided opportunities to learn about humanitarian efforts, environmental initiatives and community-based programmes.

Eco-Formation: Ecological leadership and ecological spirituality formation sessions were conducted in various parishes as part of the Ecological Parish initiative. The sessions focused on strengthening awareness, spirituality, and commitment towards caring for Creation. Various parish communities participated in the formation sessions in 2025 as part of the ongoing ecological formation programme. • On 13 Sep 2025, a recollection on Care for Creation was conducted for parish ecological teams and interested persons in ADKL. The programme, which focused on reflection, ecological spirituality, and strengthening commitment towards environmental stewardship, had 52 participants. • A reflection session on Laudate Deum was conducted on 24 Jan 2025. It was part of a six-session formation series that ended in January 2025, focusing on ecological awareness and care for Creation. • A series of ecological leadership and ecological spirituality formation sessions were conducted in several parishes from February to June 2025. The sessions provided formation on ecological responsibility, spirituality, and practical action in caring for Creation. Various parish communities participated in those sessions.

Eco-Pledge: On 12 Jan & 19 Feb 2025, parishes took the Ecological Parish Pledge, and planted trees to signify their pledge. Mass was celebrated to mark the occasion, with clergy and parish reps participating in the celebration. • As of May 2025, several parishes had adopted the Ecological Parish initiative. Participating parishes committed to reduce the use of disposable items; to eliminate Styrofoam containers and cups; to encourage the use of reusable items; and to promote waste reduction practices during parish activities, meetings, celebrations and gatherings. Recycling bins were also made available in selected parishes to encourage responsible waste management. • On 20 Sep 2025, the Ecological Diocese Pledge was celebrated through a Eucharistic celebration. The programme marked the commitment towards becoming an ecological diocese, and encouraged continued efforts in caring for Creation. Clergy, parish reps and others in ADKL participated in the celebration.

Eco-Practices: In line with the PROTEC (Protec Our Earth, Protect Our Children) 4 theme (Cut Fuel Consumption), shared transportation arrangements were encouraged for activities and outreach programmes to reduce fuel consumption and promote environmentally-responsible practices. • During the AOHD Summit, CJM supported environmental sustainability efforts by collecting food waste for composting. The team also conducted outreach sessions to share information on ecological parish preparation, bio-enzyme production, composting, and other environmental initiatives.

Recycling: In collaboration with a recycling partner, a parish was designated as a collection point for used cooking oil. CJM volunteers engaged with nearby eateries and restaurants to raise awareness on the importance of proper disposal of cooking oil, and to encourage recycling practices. • The Used Cooking Oil (UCO) collection initiative continued through collaboration with a recycling partner. Collection points were set-up to encourage nearby food establishments and communities to dispose of used cooking oil responsibly instead of releasing it into drains and waterways. A total of 130 kg of UCO was collected from January to August 2025, with the added participation of another parish community. The initiative promoted sustainable waste management practices. • Cloth recycling bins, which were placed at various locations in ADKL, continued to be actively used by parish communities to encourage proper disposal and recycling of unwanted fabric.

Season of Creation: On 6 Sep 2025, an outdoor Eucharistic celebration was held in conjunction with the Season of Creation 2025. The 149 participants from various age groups also took part in nature walks, and had opportunities to appreciate Creation. The celebration highlighted the theme of regenerating hope for flora and fauna. • A Season of Creation toolkit was distributed to parishes to encourage communities to participate in ecological activities. The suggested activities included creating awareness materials, preparing prayers for Creation, organizing environmental initiatives, and incorporating ecological reflections.

Tree Planting: CJM participated in the AOHD Summit by hosting an outreach booth, and conducting an environmental immersion activity. On 22 Mar 2025, 20 trees were planted as part of the initiative, in collaboration with environmental partners. CJM also supported the summit's sustainability efforts by ensuring that food waste from the summit was composted. • CJM collaborated with parish groups and community partners to organize a tree-planting initiative at a special needs centre. The programme promoted environmental awareness and encouraged collective responsibility in caring for Creation. • On 28 June 2025, CJM collaborated with environmental partners to organize a tree-planting activity as a tribute to Pope Francis. A total of 236 volunteers from various parish communities, youth groups, and faith communities participated in planting 400 trees. • On 22 Mar 2025, school students participated in a tree-planting activity in conjunction with the International Day of Forests. The programme was conducted in collaboration with relevant partners, with 30 trees planted to encourage environmental awareness among young people.

Eco-Moves: A communication group was established for CJM parish coordinators to share updates on ADKL activities, exchange ideas, and share best practices with parish communities. • The adoption of an orangutan through a conservation initiative was renewed for another year. CJM continued its commitment towards supporting wildlife conservation and environmental protection through the ongoing initiative.

Ministry for Orang Asli

Parish MOA: Church of the Divine Mercy, Shah Alam

Women Empowerment: The beading project was initiated as part of the GCKOA Women's Social Enterprise to support the development and empowerment of Orang Asli women through skills training and income-generating opportunities. • On 3 May 2025, a centralized training workshop was conducted to teach Orang Asli women the skills of producing lanyards and keychains. The workshop aimed to equip participants with practical skills that could support future community-based enterprise activities. • A follow-up workshop was conducted in July 2025 to further develop skills in making keychains. The completed products were promoted and sold in parish communities and through personal networks. Marketing efforts were also initiated to create greater awareness of the products.

Sustainable Farming: The sustainable farming initiative continued to support food production and agricultural development in Orang Asli communities. Activities included improvement of farming infrastructure.



Community Centres: Rumah adat (traditional house = community centre) were completed in two Orang Asli communities on 11 April and 8 May 2025. Those spaces served as important areas for community gatherings, activities and cultural engagements.

Water Project: A tube-well project was initiated to provide access to clean water for the communities. The wells were designed to provide a sustainable water source, with plans to improve water distribution in the communities.

Provision Assistance: Basic provisions were distributed to 32 families in two communities to support their daily needs.

Parish MOA: Church of the Assumption, Petaling Jaya

Community Assistance: Food aid distribution and water accessibility support were provided from March to July 2025.

Community Engagement: On 23 Feb 2025, a rep participated in a Q&A session following an Orang Asli awareness talk held as part of the Lenten Campaign. • From 21–23 Mar 2025, the Orang Asli Ministry supported the AOHD Summit by assisting with an exhibition booth and sharing information on water-related challenges faced by Orang Asli communities. • On 22 May 2025, reps participated in a ADKL Orang Asli meeting to discuss matters related to Orang Asli Ministry and community support. • On 3 Aug 2025, a fundraising coffee morning was organized to support Orang Asli Ministry activities.

Parish MOA: Church of St. Thomas, Kuantan

Provisions: Food aid was distributed to 300 families residing in Orang Asli communities in several areas. The distribution included contributions made in November and December 2024 through parish initiatives, with support from a charitable foundation.

Parish MOA: Chapel of St. Theresa, Pandamaran (Fr. Paulino Miranda)

Community Development: Community visits were conducted to several Orang Asli villages to engage with residents, understand their needs, and discuss ongoing support initiatives. Key areas discussed and followed up included: • development of recreational spaces for youth activities in selected villages; • installation of water pipeline system connecting water source to homes in one community; • agricultural activities and livelihood opportunities; and • community concerns related to land encroachment issues.

Health Awareness: In February 2025, awareness sessions on women's hygiene and youth sports activities were conducted to promote health, wellbeing and community engagement among Orang Asli communities.

Education Support: In February 2025, an Orang Asli student was supported to pursue education opportunities through a vocational programme.

Awareness & Engagement: In March 2025, visits were conducted to seven Orang Asli villages. Awareness on hygiene practices was shared, and youth engagement activities through sports were conducted.

Support Initiatives: From 13–17 May 2025, visits were conducted to other Orang Asli communities to assess needs and strengthen engagement. Activities included: • engaging with new communities and meeting local families; • assessing housing needs and identifying families requiring support; • continuing work on the community water project; • exploring possibilities for establishing a mission centre; and • supporting education opportunities for Orang Asli youth through interviews and placement assistance.

Development Updates: From 22–24 June 2025, community visits continued with focus on ongoing development initiatives. Activities included: • reviewing progress of youth recreational facilities; • supporting water project through purchase of agricultural and water-related materials; • continuing engagement regarding land-related concerns and providing support through appropriate channels; and • visiting communities and collecting local produce to support community income generation.

Improving Quality of Life: From 9–13 July 2025, visits were conducted to eight Orang Asli villages to strengthen community engagement and monitor ongoing initiatives. Activities included: • continued development of the community water project; • celebrating a priestly anniversary with community members through fellowship gatherings; • supporting an Orang Asli youth to join a vocational skills programme; • engaging with community leaders regarding faith formation and pastoral matters; and • raising awareness in communities regarding potential scams and advising caution when signing documents.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

State Councils: SSVP continued its ministry through four state councils, each overseeing conferences, homes and community projects in collaboration with parish communities. The four state councils were: Selangor, Wilayah Persekutuan (Federal Territory of Kuala Lumpur), Pahang and Negeri Sembilan.

Conference Programmes: SSVP conferences continued providing assistance and accompaniment to Friends-in-Need (FINs) through various initiatives, including • conducting home visits and spending time with FINs; • visiting and assessing new FIN cases; • providing monthly food rations and essential supplies; • supporting parish-level human development initiatives; • sponsoring tuition classes for children from low-income families; • operating collection and distribution centres for household and medical items; • providing regular meal assistance through soup kitchen initiatives; and • supporting Orang Asli communities through food distribution.

Community Projects: SSVP continued implementing projects to support vulnerable individuals and families, including: • providing free educational classes at community learning centres; • operating medical assistance initiatives; • assisting FINs with applications for social security, employment, welfare support and disability registration; • supporting individuals in accessing government assistance; • assisting patients requiring medical follow-up and ongoing care; • collaborating with vocational and higher-learning institutions to provide opportunities for education and skills development; • organizing holiday programmes, educational activities and community celebrations; and • sharing information on available government assistance programmes for the poor and marginalized.

Support Through SSVP Homes: SSVP homes continued providing care and support through: • regular tuition and educational support for children; • collaboration with corporate social responsibility programmes; • supporting children's participation in faith-formation activities; • providing educational programmes through student and community partnerships; • encouraging children's participation in sports and personal development activities; • supporting volunteer involvement in community care; and • enrolling young children in early childhood education programmes.

Summary: SSVP, in the various regions, continued its mission of serving the poor, vulnerable and marginalized communities. SSVP provided ongoing support through food assistance, home visits, medical aid, education programmes, welfare support and community outreach initiatives. • Education remained a key focus, with tuition programmes, preschool support, school assistance, and learning opportunities provided for children from disadvantaged backgrounds. SSVP also supported individuals through employment assistance, documentation support, and access to welfare services. Community activities, awareness programmes, and fundraising initiatives strengthened engagement and sustained SSVP's outreach. • Through those efforts, SSVP continued to demonstrate commitment to serving those in need through compassion, practical assistance, and faith-based community support.

Catholic Ministry for the Deaf

Creating Awareness: CMfD held a medical awareness session with 18 participants. The session focussed on common health concerns in Malaysia, and emerging health therapies. • On 27 Apr 2025, CMfD held a health awareness session titled Know Your Medicines. A pharmacist from the Ministry of Health Malaysia gave a two-hour presentation on the safe and appropriate use of medicine and cosmetics, including on how to identify genuine and counterfeit products. The 26 participants increased their awareness of safe healthcare practices. • CMfD participated in the AOHD Summit by conducting two awareness workshops on Deaf culture and basic sign language. The workshops promoted greater understanding, inclusion, and effective communication with the Deaf community.

Collaborative Connections: On 24 Aug 2025, a visit was made to the Deaf Catholic community in Penang. The programme, which included mass and fellowship with the local Deaf community, strengthened connections and promoted collaboration between diocesan Deaf ministries. • CMfD established a new collaboration with a professional sign-language-interpreting organization to strengthen the development of interpreters and Deaf interpreters. The initiative supported ongoing education, skills development and capacity building to enhance accessibility and inclusive communication in the Church and wider community.

Forming the Faith: Bible Knowledge classes continued in 2025. • On 13 Apr 2025, a Lenten formation titled *Heart of a Servant* was conducted with 25 participants, and reflected on themes of servanthood and Holy Week. • On 11 July 2025, CMfD held a talk to explore the relationship between Scripture and scientific perspectives on the Shroud of Turin. The talk, with 20 participants including interpreters, encouraged deeper reflection on faith and the person of Jesus Christ.

International Day of Sign Languages: On 28 Sep 2025, CMfD held the International Day of Sign Languages celebration to promote Deaf rights, inclusion, sign language, and Deaf culture. The commemoration attracted more than 80 participants, and provided opportunities for learning, fellowship and greater public awareness of the Deaf community.

Jubilee Year Celebrations: On 1 May 2025, CMfD held a Jubilee pilgrimage themed Pilgrims of Hope with about 35 participants. The pilgrimage included reflection sessions, renewal of baptismal promises, personal prayer, and the presentation of pilgrim 'passports.' • About 45 adults and six children participated in the annual community retreat and children's camp held in conjunction with the Jubilee Year of Hope. The retreat focused on personal growth, faith, family life, community, and becoming instruments of hope through reflection sessions. Concurrently, a children's programme comprising teambuilding activities, songs, indoor and outdoor games, and faith formation was conducted with the support of four facilitators. The retreat strengthened fellowship, faith and community bonds. • On 20 July 2025, nine deaf persons and two interpreters contributed to the filming of the Jubilee Year music video themed Pilgrims of Hope by teaching and performing the sign language version of the chorus alongside various Church choirs. The video by AOHD promoted greater inclusion and accessibility for the Deaf community. • On 9 Aug 2025, eight members of the Deaf community participated in the Jubilee Year celebration for persons with special needs (PSN). The programme, which included a Eucharistic celebration and fellowship with PSN and their families, promoted inclusion and unity in the Church.

Conference Networking: CMfD and AOHD reps participated in a humanitarian forum and learning visit. The programme provided exposure to humanitarian initiatives, networking opportunities, and the exchange of experiences in community service. • From 31 July – 2 Aug 2025, 11 CMfD reps participated in the World Association of Sign Language Interpreters Asia Conference, which focused on professional development, dialogue and best practices in sign language interpretation. The conference strengthened knowledge and promoted greater accessibility and inclusion for the Deaf community.

Pastoral Accompaniment: Pastoral visits were done to provide spiritual encouragement and emotional support to a deaf person who was recuperating. The visit offered pastoral accompaniment and support during a period of personal and family challenges. • On 26 July 2025, the pastoral team visited an elderly deaf person who was recovering from heart bypass surgery. The visit, which included prayers, spiritual encouragement and Anointing of the Sick, provided pastoral support during recuperation. • On 27 July 2025, a pastoral visit was made to the Deaf community in Klang during the Feast of St. Anne. The programme, which included mass, fellowship and home visit, strengthened relationships in the Deaf community.

Safeguarding the Vulnerable: The Deaf community participated in a safeguarding formation programme for the protection of children and vulnerable adults. The training, with 22 participants, covered safeguarding principles, practical case studies, and the importance of creating a safe environment in the Church community.

Sign Language Training: The second intake of the basic Bahasa Isyarat Malaysia (BIM, Malaysian sign language) course commenced in 2025. Thirteen students enrolled in the 10-week programme. • A collaborative programme between MSN and CMfD introduced basic sign language to children with special needs and their parents. The session, with 12 participants, encouraged communication through sign language in an enjoyable and interactive environment. • CMfD conducted two 10-week basic BIM courses between May and September 2025. The courses, which trained 35 participants in basic sign language vocabulary, Deaf awareness and Deaf culture, contributed to greater inclusion and communication in parish communities. • On 3 Aug 2025, CMfD undertook a project with 12 participants and volunteers to develop a sign language Rosary video. The initiative reviewed and updated existing signs, introduced new signs, and incorporated visual resources to make the Rosary more accessible to the Deaf community to foster deeper prayer and spiritual engagement. • On 11 Sep 2025, a sign language workshop was conducted for children with special needs in collaboration with MSN. Fifteen children, together with staff and volunteers, participated in the workshop to encourage communication and inclusion, particularly for non-verbal children. • On 12 Apr 2025, a graduation ceremony was held for participants who completed the 10-week Basic Sign Language course. Ten participants completed the programme and demonstrated their learning through a short sign language presentation, highlighting their understanding of Deaf culture and communication. • The Basic Sign Language programme was introduced to promote greater inclusion between Deaf and hearing staff in AOHD. The first session was held on 6 Feb 2025, with 10 staff participating, followed by a second session on 20 Feb 2025 that included participants from other ADKL departments. The training covered Deaf culture, effective communication with the Deaf community, basic sign language, and visual gesture communication. Participants obtained sign language reference materials to support their continued learning. • CMfD collaborated with AOHD to conduct Basic Sign Language classes for ADKL staff. Between April and May 2025, about 10 staff participated in weekly lessons covering visual-gesture communication, the alphabet, colours, fruits, Malaysian states, and family-related signs. A sign language practice video was also produced to support continuous learning.

Capacity Building: On 9 Mar 2025, CMfD collaborated with MMI to hold a rosary-making workshop as part of the Lenten Campaign. More than 20 people from each community participated, promoting fellowship, inclusion, and the sharing of skills. That was the first collaborative initiative between the two ministries.

Tech Orientation: CMfD conducted a session on digital communication platforms, covering the functions and practical use of messaging applications and social media. The session, with 20 participants, included hands-on learning led by the Deaf community for the Deaf community. • On 7 Sep 2025, CMfD conducted a technology-awareness session which focussed on domains, websites and digital communication. The programme with 20 participants combined general knowledge with practical learning.

Resilience Sessions: On 13 July 2025, the Deaf community took part in the Family Day celebration themed Families of Hope by operating a fruit juice stall. More than 20 volunteers and community members participated, and contributed to a day of fellowship, service and community engagement. • On 6 Sep 2025, CMfD collaborated in holding a friendly futsal programme as part of AOHD's Monthly Mindfulness and Sports initiative. The programme, participated by 30 adults and 8 children, promoted physical wellbeing, fellowship and community building through recreational activities.

Complementary Measures: On 9 May 2025, CMfD reps participated in an educational visit together with AOHD members to learn about humanitarian services and community outreach initiatives at a humanitarian organisation. The visit enabled the 16 participants to gain valuable insights into compassionate service and volunteerism. • CMfD continued to expand its outreach and formation through various programmes, including: • basic BIM Sign Language classes at parish level; • participation in an international sign language conference; and • interpreter formation programmes between June and August 2025.

Young Lives Malaysia

Advocacy Initiatives: Between November 2024 and April 2025, Young Lives participated in advocacy and networking initiatives through the Myanmar Ethnic Refugees Advocacy Team (MERAT). Activities included presenting data on newly-arrived refugees, discussing their vulnerabilities, and developing collaborative advocacy strategies. The initiative strengthened partnerships among NGOs, CSOs, and refugee community groups. • Young Lives contributed to the development of a parliamentary resource guide designed to improve policymakers' understanding of refugee issues, and support informed advocacy. The draft has undergone review and design development. • On 18–19 Jan 2025, Young Lives co-organized an advocacy workshop attended by 25 people. The programme focused on strengthening the advocacy skills of refugee community leaders through stakeholder engagement, needs assessment, and advocacy planning, to enable participants to better identify priorities and develop effective advocacy strategies.

Needs Assessments: From March to September 2025, Young Lives managed 67 cases. The majority involved vulnerable individuals. The ministry strengthened referral pathways and collaboration with community-based organizations to provide more holistic support. Financial assistance was provided primarily for medical, livelihood and housing needs. • In August 2025, Young Lives collaborated with partner organizations to conduct needs assessments within refugee and asylum-seeker communities. Assessments were successfully completed with five community-based organizations and one learning centre, helping to identify community needs, available resources, and areas requiring further support.

Refugee Entrepreneurship: Research on refugee entrepreneurship commenced in mid-2025. Conducted in collaboration with a local university, the study explored the challenges, opportunities and business strategies of refugee entrepreneurs to support evidence-based policy development and more inclusive livelihood initiatives. • Interviews and focus group discussions were completed with refugee entrepreneurs and community members. • The initiative also documented personal stories highlighting shared experiences between refugees and Malaysians, promoting social cohesion while supporting future advocacy, research, and policy development.

Cultivating Awareness: Young Lives continued developing a podcast series to increase public awareness of refugee issues in Malaysia through storytelling and dialogue. On 30 Sep 2025, the second episode of the refugee awareness podcast was successfully filmed as part of the ministry's ongoing advocacy and public education efforts. • Young Lives participated in a human trafficking awareness programme by supporting the event and moderating a panel discussion. The session promoted greater understanding of human trafficking issues, and encouraged collaborative responses among participating organizations.

Running Bootcamps: On 2 Aug 2025, Young Lives held a supplementary English training and personal formation programme for 20 students from refugee learning centres. Supported by parish volunteers, the programme focused on English proficiency, communication, self-awareness, personal safety, creative expression, and confidence building. Participants demonstrated improved language skills and personal development through interactive learning activities. • English language and personal development programmes were conducted for 44 students from refugee learning centres. Activities included interactive English lessons, grammar games, safeguarding education, and personal and social development sessions to help students strengthen both language and life skills.



Rights Consultations: On 12 Jan 2025, Young Lives participated in a focus group consultation held by the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights together with partner organizations to enable human rights monitoring in the context of migration. Reps from NGOs, CSOs and community-based organizations participated in discussions that generated recommendations and insights for submission to the UN Human Rights Council. • Young Lives participated in a multi-agency working group reviewing existing deportation procedures, and contributing recommendations to improve policy and practice. The initiative, which ran from November 2024 to April 2025, resulted in a draft policy framework that was submitted to the relevant authorities for consideration. • On 24 Jan 2025, Young Lives participated in a closed-door diplomatic briefing with reps from several embassies to raise awareness of transnational repression and the refugee situation in Malaysia. The session encouraged diplomatic engagement and advocacy for the protection of vulnerable refugee communities.

Facilitating Orientations: A five-day residential orientation programme called Crossroads 3.0 was held for 48 newly-arrived asylum seekers from Myanmar. The programme provided practical information on living in Malaysia, promoted integration, encouraged networking among various communities, and equipped participants with knowledge of available services and support systems. • From 10–15 Aug 2025, Young Lives conducted Crossroads 3.1, a five-day residential orientation programme for 36 newly-arrived asylum seekers from Myanmar. Participants received practical information to support their integration into life in Malaysia, built relationships across various ethnic communities and community-based organizations, and gained greater confidence in accessing available resources and support services. • From 23–28 Nov 2025, Young Lives conducted Crossroads 3.2, continuing its orientation and integration programme for newly-arrived asylum seekers by providing practical information, support and opportunities for community integration.

Capacity Building: On 16 Sep 2025, a classroom management training session was conducted for refugee teachers. The programme also included personal formation to strengthen teaching practices and leadership within refugee learning centres. • From 16–19 June 2025, the Young Lives team conducted a retreat focused on team building, reflection, strategic planning, and strengthening collaboration within the ministry.

Ongoing Initiatives: Young Lives continued several ongoing initiatives including: • assessing refugee learning centres in preparation for future teacher formation programmes in collaboration with partner organizations; • contributing to the development of rights-based deportation procedures through consultations with CSOs and community-based organizations. The initiative focused on strengthening oversight mechanisms, addressing vulnerabilities, and improving coordinated responses for refugees and migrants.

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Introduction

With the signing of the agreement between the Bishops' Conference of Malaysia and Caritas Internationalis, the renewed effort to strengthen the social mission work of the Malaysian Church began. Caritas Malacca Johore Diocese (MJD) was established as the diocesan arm of Caritas Malaysia to strengthen and develop increased participation of the laity in the social mission of the Church in Malacca and Johore. Caritas MJD is managed by a board of lay members, and the board is supported by a secretariat to achieve the aims of Caritas MJD.

Social Mission

Based on the principle 'Every Catholic involved in social mission,' the core approach 'Different strokes for different folks' was taken by MJD to reach the diverse population of the Church to take into account the varied interests that drive individuals.

Thrusts & Focus Areas

Four general thrusts were decided on:

- To strengthen existing organisations and help them become more inclusive in their activities (existing areas of service);
- To provide more opportunities for those interested in new areas of charitable activities to organise themselves to do works of charity as an organisation or as individuals;
- To provide support and training to all laity and interested parties to build their interest in social work and to provide them skills and support facilities to act; and
- To develop a culture of Christian charity in the Catholic community.

PROGRAMME & ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS 2025

This report captures the key activities organised by Caritas MJD. The various monthly/regular service outreach and activities organised by the various affiliates and partners of Caritas MJD, such as Caritas POHDs/SSVPs, Creation Justice Commission, Migrants and Itinerants, Aru Bumi (MJD Ministry for Orang Asli), Homes & Institutions, etc., are not covered here.

STRENGTHENING ORGANISATIONS

Grants to Caritas POHD/SSVP Affiliates, Homes and Institutions

Grants were provided: RM 60,000 to Caritas POHD/SSVP of MJD, and RM 180,000 to Homes and Institutions. Funding support was also provided for initiatives under Creation Justice for the Seed to Tree programme and other training expenses, medical and subsistence aid to migrants & itinerants and Orang Asli piping project in collaboration with Aru Bumi.

Caritas Canossa Home Opening 25 March 2025 | Segamat

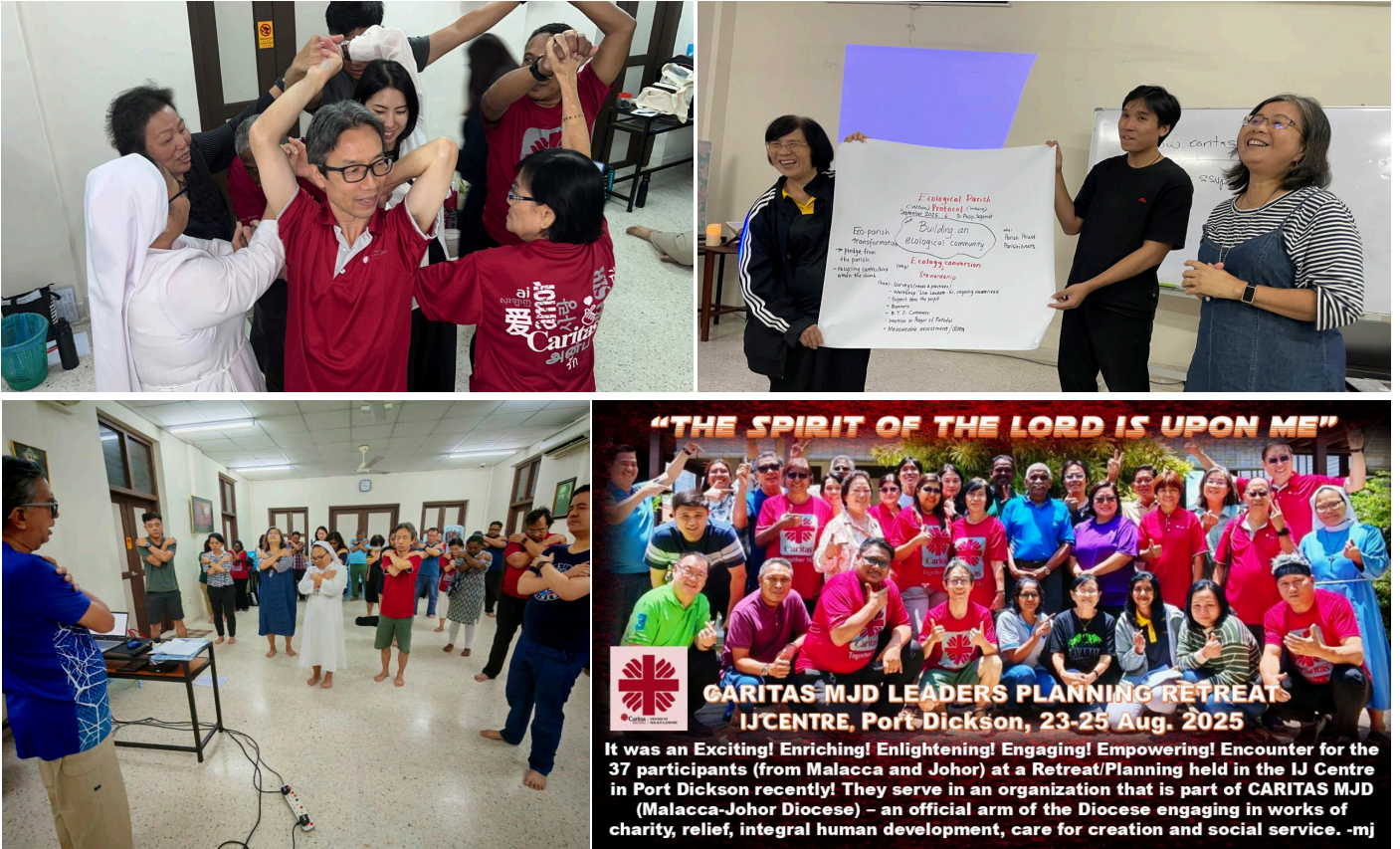
In response to new needs, new responses and new ministries of MJD, Caritas Canossa Home was opened to provide accommodation for less-privileged girls who wish to continue their secondary studies in Segamat in a safe and conducive environment. The project, which involved the renovation of the convent, was done in collaboration with MJD, Caritas MJD and the Canossian Sisters. Parishioners of St. Philip, Segamat, will be engaged in fundraising activities for the new home.



Caritas MJD Leaders Planning Retreat 23 – 25 August 2025 | Port Dickson

The retreat emphasized servant leadership and deep spiritual formation as the heart of Caritas work. Leaders reflected on how their role must mirror Christ's example – guiding and nurturing others, not merely managing projects or raising funds. Caritas was reaffirmed as more than social service; it is "love in action," where prayer, Catholic social teaching, and personal conversion fuel every outreach. Programmes, volunteer training, and meetings are called to integrate both outward service and inward transformation, forming "dynamic Catholics" who serve with joy, sacrifice and authenticity.

Retreat facilitator Martin Jalleh underscored prayer as the foundation of charitable action. Discussions explored how Caritas, unlike secular NGOs, is a “school of charity,” forming disciples through fellowship, forgiveness and mission. Leaders recommitted to building communities that embody love, service and faith, ensuring that Caritas remains focused on transforming lives rather than simply delivering aid. The retreat concluded with renewed inspiration to be true witnesses of God’s love – serving the poor while deepening their spiritual lives, embodying the very heart of Caritas.



Presentation on UNHCR Malaysia 5 October 2025 | Johor Bahru

The talk, Introduction to UNHCR Malaysia, provided an understanding of UNHCR’s mission, their refugee protection work, and collaborative opportunities available. The presentation deepened awareness of issues affecting displaced persons in Malaysia, and strengthened participants’ shared commitment to serve with compassion and solidarity. Michelle, staff of UNHCR Malaysia, presented the talk to 30 leaders from various organisations serving migrant and refugee communities.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH INITIATIVES

Hospital Patient Care Support

Caritas MJD has engaged over 270 volunteers in HPCS that saw groups of about 10 volunteers serving at each session held twice monthly at Hospital Sultanah Aminah (HSA) Johor Bahru. Volunteers provide a needed listening ear, assist patients to run errands, such as getting food, drinks and toiletries, and help them sit or move about.

Volunteers were required to agree to the volunteer guidelines of HSA, and Caritas Malaysia Safeguarding Policies. After the session, a lunch debrief was held to enable volunteers to reflect, share and learn from their experience.

Hospital patient care support was initiated in response to the need for a supportive presence and a touch of cheer, especially for patients who might not have anyone to attend to them.



Caritas Kindness Bazaar 23 February 2025 | Kota Tinggi

The bazaar was held to express solidarity with the poor (mainly from the Rohingya community) through the repurposing of useful and reasonable-condition goods to those in need at low prices. About 200 beneficiaries turned up for the three-hour bazaar to shop for household items, clothing and toys. Sessions on women's issues were conducted, and a desk for queries on UNHCR was set-up by Johor Outreach Community Centre (JOCC).

Headed by Caritas POHD of Kota Tinggi (KT), CKB was held in collaboration with the youth of St. Elizabeth Church, KT, Creation Justice Commission, hechinah Association, JOCC, and other Caritas POHD members who assisted in organising CKB.



Disaster Response: Post-Flood Relief 28 March 2025 | Skudai

In collaboration with Sulaman Kaseh (Malay for 'Embroidery of Love', a community welfare organisation), Caritas MJD contributed RM 6,000 to buy provisions for flood victims of Kampung Maju Jaya in Skudai. Volunteers from Caritas MJD and Sulaman Kaseh helped distribute provisions directly to the families.



Water Piping Project for Orang Asli 10 May 2025 | Tangkak

The community in Tanah Gembur, Bekoh, had voiced concerns about their water source drying up during the dry season. As a solution, they appealed for support to install a four-kilometre pipeline to a more reliable water source upstream in the jungle. They also requested for renovation of their dilapidated community kitchen, which would enhance the functionality of the community's shared spaces.

Caritas MJD proposed the project to the local Lions Club which secured a funding grant of US\$ 5,000 from Lions Club International. The combined efforts raised about RM 30,000 to finance the installation of the new pipeline. Caritas MJD and Raffles University collectively contributed RM 7,000 towards the project. They also collaborated with Leo Clubs from Raffles University and several secondary schools, to bring together young volunteers in a meaningful initiative.

During the opening ceremony on 10 May 2025 to celebrate the collaboration, Leo Club members held tree-planting activities with the community.



Bringing Sustainable Water Access to Orang Asli Bekoh

For the Orang Asli community of Tanah Gembur, Bekoh, access to clean and reliable water has long been a challenge. During the dry season, their water source frequently dries up, leaving families vulnerable and uncertain about meeting their daily needs.

Recognising the seriousness of the situation, community leaders approached Caritas MJD with a simple but urgent request: help them secure a more reliable water supply, and improve their deteriorating community kitchen, an important gathering place for the village.

After listening to the community and assessing their needs, Caritas MJD brought the proposal to partners who shared the same vision of serving vulnerable communities. Through the support of Lions Clubs in Johor, a grant of US\$ 5,000 was successfully obtained from Lions Clubs International. The project also attracted the involvement of Leo Clubs from Raffles University and several secondary schools, bringing together young volunteers eager to make a difference. Caritas MJD and Raffles University further contributed RM 7,000 towards the initiative.

Together, these efforts raised about RM 30,000, enabling the installation of a new 4-kilometre pipeline connecting the village to a more dependable water source deep upstream in the jungle. The new system provides the community with access to two separate water sources, significantly improving water security and ensuring continuity of supply should one source fail.

Beyond the pipeline, the project also addressed another important community need. The village kitchen, which had fallen into disrepair

and had a leaking roof, was renovated to provide a safer and more functional communal space for gatherings, celebrations, and community activities.

The success of the project was celebrated during a simple opening ceremony on 10 May 2025. Representatives from Caritas MJD, Lions Clubs, Raffles University, Leo Clubs, and the Orang Asli community gathered to mark the occasion. Appreciation certificates were presented by Fr Aaron Alammalay (coordinator, Caritas MJD) in recognition of the many individuals and organisations whose generosity and commitment made the project possible. Leo Club members also joined the community in a tree-planting activity, reinforcing a shared commitment to environmental stewardship and sustainable development.

For the families of Tanah Gembur, the project represented much more than pipes and infrastructure. It means greater security, improved health, and peace of mind knowing that clean water will continue to flow even during difficult seasons. It is also a testament to what could be achieved when communities, educational institutions, service organisations, and faith-based groups come together with a common purpose.

The initiative reflects Caritas MJD's belief that lasting change happens when we listen to communities, walk alongside them, and empower them to build a more resilient future.

Caritas FINS Outing 16 August 2025 | Kulai

The Caritas POHDs/SSVP from five parishes (Kulai, Ulu Tiram, Masai, Plentong and Johor Bahru) came together for a joyful Friends in Need (FINS) Outing at a golf park in Kulai. Led by Caritas POHD Christ the King, Kulai, the programme gathered volunteers and parishioners in a celebration of unity and service.

The fun-filled day included energetic exercises, engaging games, a Caritas Got Talent performance, and a swimming session. Bags of Love filled with food items were also distributed. The outing was a living expression of faith, fellowship, and the enduring mission of Caritas: to serve with love and compassion, and to bring joy.



Seed-to-Tree Reforestation Project 18 September 2025 | Klang

The Creation Justice Commission of MJD joined the nationwide Seed-to-Tree Reforestation Programme at Hutan Lipur Gunung Belumut. Partnering with Caritas MJD, the Malaysian Nature Society, and the Johore State Forestry Department (JSFD), the project was part of the REGENERATE Campaign themed Regenerate Hope for Flora and Fauna. The aim was to care for Creation, protect biodiversity, and renew the natural world entrusted to us by God.

The Seed-to-Tree programme was participated by 45 participants, including parishioners from six South Johore churches, MAJODI Centre staff, and members of the Malaysian Nature Society. They collected 752 wild saplings under the guidance of JSFD. After brunch, they were challenged in a mini competition to mix soil, prepare the seedlings, and plant 50 wild fruit trees. Those trees, sponsored by MJD Bishop Bernard Paul, parishioners from seven parishes, and the Rotary Club of Johor Bahru Sentral, grow as living symbols of unity, care and hope.

Participants described the experience as both enlightening and uplifting, with a newfound appreciation of the effort needed for a forest to thrive, and the experience of the quiet healing found in nature. Many took home seedlings to nurture, and carried with them a renewed commitment to Creation care. The Seed-to-Tree programme underscored that reforestation is not only an environmental task but a shared spiritual calling: each tree planted, a prayer; each seedling, a promise for future generations.





Kasih Deepavali: Sharing the Light of Hope 10 October 2025 | Johor Bahru

In collaboration with Shechinah Association Johor Bahru, Caritas MJD jointly organised the Kasih Deepavali Food Aid for forty B40 students of a secondary school in Larkin. The initiative, which united caring individuals and partners to spread joy to students in need, was supported by three food companies, and a children's care centre. In addition to donating food items, the owner of one of the food companies also gave a motivational talk to the students. The programme, which embodied the spirit of compassion and unity, was a reminder that kindness knows no boundaries, and that when we share the light of love, we help renew hope in others.



Pusat Kasih Caritas Service Centre

Twenty-five FINs were given financial and subsistence support, medical aid, legal aid and even enrolment to the Montfort Youth Centre. Cases which required longer follow-up were referred to the relevant Caritas SSVP/POHD or other collaborative organisations.

TRAINING & EMPOWERMENT OF VOLUNTEERS

Photography & Videography Workshop 10 May | Johor & 11 May 2025 | Melaka

The workshop aimed to equip participants with practical skills in photography and videography, and to enhance the communication of programmes, especially for ministries under the Caritas MJD umbrella. Good media content and effective storytelling through visuals are essential to inspire others, and to promote greater volunteerism and engagement across ministries involved in social missions. Beyond building skills, the workshop would create a pool of volunteer media personnel who would help document and visually capture social mission programmes and activities. A total of 58 participants took part in both workshops.



First Aid Training 31 July | Johor & 2 August 2025 | Melaka

The training on life-saving skills was led by a resource person from the Red Cross Society. Real-life examples and demonstrations made the lessons practical and memorable, and benefitted a total of over 60 participants.



Other Trainings Participated by Staff & Volunteers

Caritas Malaysia Volunteer Management Training • 7 – 9 March 2025 • Penang
AOHD Summit • 21 – 24 March 2025 • Kuala Lumpur
Silent Retreat • 15 – 23 June 2025 • Chiangmai, Thailand
Leadership Development Programme • 30 June – 3 July 2025 • Miri
Total Disaster Risk Management Workshop • 3 – 5 Oct 2025 • Penang

DEVELOPING A CULTURE OF CHRISTIAN CHARITY

Lenten Reflections, Banners & Almsgiving Envelopes

Lenten reflection leaflets on the theme Servanthood in the Model of Jesus, incorporating Catholic Social Teachings and Catholic Works of Mercy, were produced and distributed in MJD. The leaflets were distributed together with Lenten envelopes and banners to all parishes. A Lenten website <https://lenten.caritasmjd.org/home> was created to provide added reflection materials, activities for Lent and service volunteering opportunities organised by various vicariates.

Caritas Newsletter

Caritas MJD's first newsletter was distributed in March 2025. The newsletter had a brief introduction of Caritas MJD, and past programmes and initiatives. A report on Lenten funds 2024 was also included, along with contacts of Caritas MJD partners, institutes and homes under MJD as easy reference for those who wished to get involved.

Lenten Bag of Love

The Caritas Bag of Love project was a Lenten programme to assist struggling families with aid in kind, including groceries, household items, children's items and school supplies. A bag was given to each parishioner family during the Lenten season, which they would fill with items they wished to bless the needy community with. The filled bags were then distributed to beneficiaries.

The programme aimed to engage parishioners to exercise their faith in action, not only by almsgiving but by making the effort to discern, buy, and even help to distribute the donated items to the needy, particularly B40 families, homes and institutions identified by Caritas member organisations and parishioners.

A total of 3,000 bags were distributed to parishes and Caritas affiliates. In Johor, collaborations with corporations saw 100 bags distributed to needy families in the Plentong flats, while in Melaka, Young Adults Melaka collaborated with Agape Care to distribute 53 bags.





Advent Back to School

Caritas Back to School was an Advent project to assist struggling families with school-going kids to enable them to sufficiently equip their children with back-to-school necessities. A donation of RM 100 was given per student, and Caritas MJD would sponsor up to 500 children in B40 families identified by Caritas member organisations. Applications for 601 students were made, and grants distributed.



Caritas Enable Fund

Caritas Enable Fund is an initiative with the central objective of empowering economically-disadvantaged individuals and families, particularly those in the B40 income group, in Malacca and Johore. The fund is dedicated to improving their quality of life by addressing specific needs related to education, employment, mobility and healthcare. The primary aim is to provide practical support, such as laptops, motorised wheelchairs, spectacles and hearing aids to enhance their access to education, employment opportunities and healthcare, thereby promoting greater independence and overall wellbeing.

Since its inception in 2023, 26 laptops, 25 spectacles, 2 hearing aids, 2 motorised wheelchairs and 2 manual wheelchair aids were delivered to deserving applicants through the assistance of Caritas SSVs and POHDs.



Hosting Caritas Kota Kinabalu Delegation

A delegation of 41 participants visited Pusat Kasih Caritas on 23 July 2025 to learn more about the ministries of Caritas MJD. The group took part in a mission to feed the hungry: they prepared and served meals to 120 street dwellers and individuals in need under the Street Feeding Programme of Caritas SSV Church of the Immaculate Conception, Johor Bahru. Health checks were also conducted at the service site. To commemorate their visit and to promote ecological solidarity, a tree-planting activity was also carried out.



Hosting of Caritas Malaysia National Assembly

Caritas MJD hosted the Caritas Malaysia National Assembly held from 27 – 29 October at MAJODI Centre. The assembly was participated by more than 60 representatives from all diocesan Caritas, the Creation Justice Commission, the Migrants and Itinerants Commission, and several Catholic social mission ministries. Participants met with the aim of connecting and creating spaces in line with the assembly theme From Silos to Solidarity: A Collaborative Space for Integral Human Development.



Caritas to Parish / Ministry Briefings

Caritas MJD coordinated with parish priests and leaders of organisations to promote the social mission of the Catholic Church and its vehicle, Caritas MJD, in Malacca and Johore. Twelve briefings were given to parish pastoral councils, BECs and ministry leaders on the following topics:

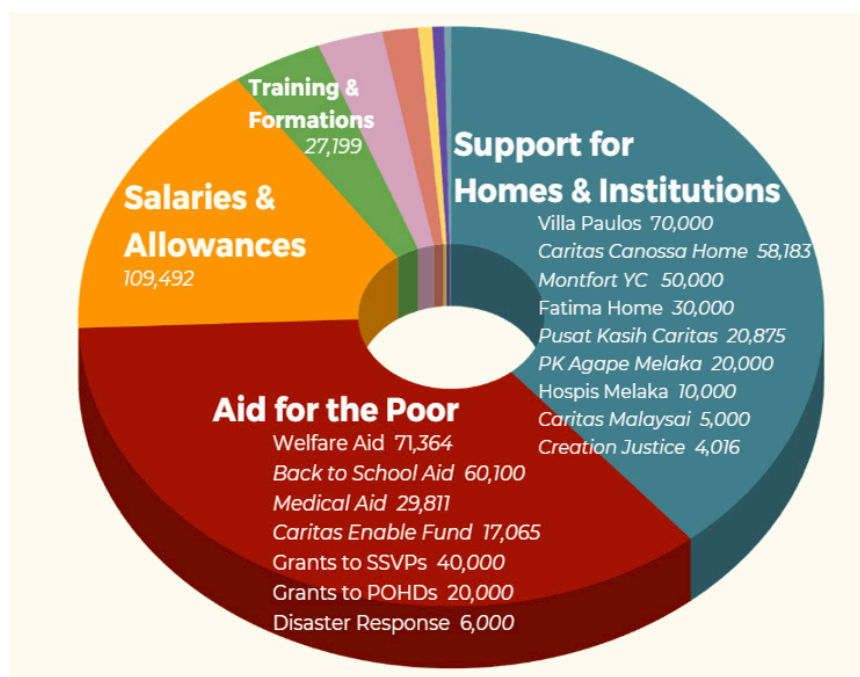
- Why does social mission matter? Every Catholic involved in social mission.
- What can we do together? Reaching out to parish leaders, young adults and youth to create awareness, to encourage and to call to action.
- How to join social mission activities through the parish SSVP, POHD, other ministries, and Caritas MJD, and how to start their own initiatives.
- Invest in the sowing through connection and collaboration.
- Caritas MJD structure and member organisations.



FINANCIAL REVIEW & RESOURCE ALLOCATIONS

2025 Income and Expenditure

INCOME	RM
Donations & Interest Income	643,945
EXPENDITURE	RM
Support for Homes & Institutions	268,075
Aid for the Poor	244,340
Salaries & Allowances	109,492
Training & Formations	27,199
Office Expenses	19,474
Website & Social Communications	10,700
Lenten Offering Materials	4,152
Fixed Assets Depreciation	3,605
Travelling & Transport	2,081
Total	689,118



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Highlights, Activities & Collaborations 2025

No.	Activity / Programme	Focus Area	Key Highlights
A	Penang Diocese Lenten Campaign 2025 – Love Squad	Faith Formation & Volunteerism	Mobilised parish volunteers to animate the Lenten Campaign through social mission, reflections and community outreach.
B	Donation of hygiene items to IDC Belantek	Humanitarian Assistance	Coordinated a donation drive with MSF to provide hygiene essentials for refugees in immigration detention centres.
C	Cheque presentation to social mission groups	Capacity Building & Partnerships	Provided financial aid while strengthening networking and collaboration among social mission groups.
D	Caritas Penang Day of Prayer and Planning	Formation & Strategic Planning	Brought together Caritas Penang, <i>Lighthouse</i> , and St. Joseph's Home for prayer, reflection and collaborative planning.
E	Medical Camps – Diocese of Penang	Health & Community Outreach	Organised medical camps with healthcare partners to provide basic healthcare services and health education to marginalised communities.
F	Neighbourhood Clean-Up	Creation Care	Promoted environmental stewardship through community clean-up activities, recycling education, and collaboration with local partners.
G	YOUMAD (You Make a Difference) 2.0	Youth Formation & Creation Care	Immersed young adults in the Orang Asli community to deepen understanding of social justice, climate change, and Christian stewardship.

(A) Penang Diocese Lenten Campaign 2025

Theme: Pilgrims of Hope ... Rediscover Hope, Proclaim Hope, Build Hope

LOVE SQUAD

Summary

The Love Squad initiative encouraged parish volunteers across the Diocese of Penang to animate the Lenten Campaign 2025 as Pilgrims of Hope. Through formation, inspiring parish stories, reflections, and practical activity ideas, Love Squads were empowered to initiate social mission projects, promote charity and compassion, and respond to the needs of the poor, vulnerable and marginalised.

Impact

The overwhelming participation of Love Squads strengthened volunteer engagement across parishes, and inspired more people to put their faith into action. The initiative fostered a culture of hope, service and solidarity, and encouraged communities to embrace the social mission to make a positive difference through simple acts of love and compassion.



(B) Donation of Hygiene Items to IDC Belantek

Summary

Caritas Penang, in collaboration with Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF or Doctors Without Borders), organised a humanitarian campaign to collect essential hygiene items for refugees detained at immigration detention centres (IDC). The initiative invited parishioners and the wider community to contribute basic necessities to support the dignity and wellbeing of detainees.

Impact

The campaign mobilised community support for a vulnerable group often overlooked, and provided much-needed hygiene items while raising awareness of the humanitarian needs of refugees in detention. It also strengthened collaboration between Caritas Penang, MSF, and the community in responding with compassion and solidarity.



(C) Cheque Presentation to Social Mission Groups

Summary

Caritas Penang presented donations to various social mission groups while providing a platform for each organisation to share its mission, growth, achievements and challenges. The cheque presentation also served as an opportunity to strengthen networking and collaboration among organisations serving vulnerable communities.

Impact

The financial support was a contribution towards the important work of social mission groups, while the sharing sessions fostered stronger partnerships, greater understanding of their needs, and a shared commitment to advance the Church's social mission through collaboration and solidarity.



(D) Caritas Penang Day of Prayer and Planning

Summary

On 5 September 2025, Caritas Penang, together with Lighthouse and St Joseph's Home, held a day of prayer, recollection and planning in conjunction with the Feast of St. Teresa of Calcutta. The recollection focussed on Caritas Malaysia's guiding principles and the call to live as a Synodal Church through Communion, Participation and Mission. Inspired by the witness of St. Teresa, participants reflected on their personal encounter with Christ, their ministry, and opportunities to collaborate more closely in serving those in need.

Impact

The reflection invited participants to discern their personal encounter with Christ through others, and to prayerfully examine their ministry. It encouraged them to recognise where God was calling them next, and fostered a renewed sense of purpose and openness to journey together in mission while remaining faithful to Christ's call.



(E) Medical Camps – Diocese of Penang

Summary

Recognising health as a fundamental human right, Caritas Penang, in collaboration with Parish Caritas teams, the Ministry of Health, NGOs, and local universities, has organised medical camps for marginalised communities. The outreach programmes provided basic medical treatment, health education, and referrals to essential services for individuals who faced barriers to healthcare due to poverty, isolation or lack of documentation.

Impact

The medical camps improved access to healthcare for underserved communities while promoting human dignity and the right to health. Beyond addressing immediate medical needs, the initiative brought hope, compassion, and practical support, ensuring that vulnerable individuals experienced the Church's care through holistic accompaniment and access to essential services.



(F) Neighbourhood Clean-Up

Summary

Caritas Penang collaborated with the Creation Justice Commission (CJC), Penang Diocesan Youth Network (PDYN), and the Penang Refugee Network (PRN) to organise a community environmental programme involving about 36 participants, including 21 members of PRN, 11 representatives from the Catholic Church, and 3 local residents. The programme featured a gotong-royong (community clean-up), recycling education, and storytelling sessions to raise awareness of environmental stewardship.

Impact

The programme increased awareness of environmental responsibility and encouraged participants to care for their shared living environment. It also laid the foundation for a long-term recycling initiative, with a CJC commitment to accompany and empower residents to establish a sustainable recycling programme and foster a cleaner, healthier community.



(G) YOUMAD (You Make a Difference) 2.0

Summary

In conjunction with the Season of Creation 2025, themed Peace with Creation, Caritas Penang organised a three-day, two-night YOUMAD 2.0 Immersion Camp in partnership with PDYN, World Youth Day pilgrims, and Malaysian CARE. The camp invited young adults to journey with the Orang Asli community through Bible reflections on the Prophet Jeremiah, community work, and immersion at Ladang Care. Participants experienced the daily realities of the Orang Asli, learned about the impact of climate change on vulnerable communities, and reflected on their Christian responsibility to care for Creation and the poor.

Impact

The immersion enabled participants to encounter the lived experiences of the Orang Asli, deepening their awareness of the challenges faced by vulnerable communities and the effects of climate change. Through prayer, Scripture, and hands-on service, they gained a renewed understanding of their vocation as stewards of God's Creation, and were inspired to translate their faith into concrete action by living with greater compassion, solidarity, and care for both people and the environment.



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CARITAS PENANG
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

	2025 RM
Income	
Donations	579,100
Interest Income	63,900
	643,000
Expenditure	
Disaster relief & humanitarian	18,000
Education	91,000
Homes and institutions	41,000
Indigenous	10,000
Medical	35,000
Migrant and refugees	33,000
Parish Lenten Campaign	111,100
Poor and needy	18,000
Women support	5,000
Human development	5,000
Other aids and outreach activities	21,700
	388,800
Amount paid to other Caritas office	2,500
Caritas Malaysia National Assembly	750
Administrative and operational expenses	18,200
	21,450
Surplus	232,750





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