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MRCS AIRLIFTS EMERGENCY MEDICAL AID TO SABAH IN SUPPORT OF COVID-19 RESPONSE

The Malaysian Red Crescent Society (MRCS), in collaboration with the Ministry of Defence Malaysia (MinDef) will be dispatching emergency medical items to Sabah to be airlifted by the Royal Malaysian Airforce Cargo Aircraft.

The items form a part of humanitarian aid to Sabah by the Federal Government and will be flown out on Tuesday, 3rd November 2020 from Subang Airport. The MRCS humanitarian aid items comprises mainly of PPEs, face masks and latex gloves for use by frontliners, healthcare workers and communities.

The MRCS consignment weighing 2.8 tonnes worth RM500,000, channeled through the MRCS **#responsMALAYSIA** initiative in aid of COVID-19 will be received by its State branch in Sabah for onward distribution to health-care facilities and communities.

Since the establishment of the **#responsMALAYSIA** initiative by the National Headquarters, the MRCS Task Force Committee for COVID-19 Response (currently known as the MRCS COVID-19 Recovery Development Committee) has been working alongside its National Community and Health Services Committee and MRCS State branches to actively support and assist the Government to cope with the health crisis, filling in the gaps in providing humanitarian aid and services to vulnerable communities. These community outreach efforts of the Society are supported by teams of dedicated and committed Red Crescent volunteers and staff nationwide, striving to reach out to provide humanitarian assistance to vulnerable groups even in the most challenging situations.

We request the kind support of the Media to help promote the work of the MRCS to harness continued support from the members of the public and private sectors to help us to help communities heavily impacted by the pandemic situation. We also take this opportunity to thank our past and present donors and partners for their support and generous contributions towards **#responsMALAYSIA** which enables MRCS to continue providing humanitarian support and assistance to the vulnerable communities in need of help.

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About the Malaysian Red Crescent Society (MRCS):

The Malaysian Red Crescent Society, also known as the Malaysian Red Crescent is a non-profit humanitarian organization, dedicated to voluntary service providing care and relief assistance to the needy and vulnerable communities. It provides a wide range of activities and services, from disaster response and relief; the 24hr emergency ambulance service; community, health and welfare services; to first-aid and cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training programmes to the general public at large. Established by an Act of Parliament, the Society carries out its auxiliary role to support and assist the Government in times of peace and crisis situations.

The MRCS National Headquarters is based in Kuala Lumpur with 16 State branches and 152 District chapters supporting its operations throughout the country. On a global setting, the MRCS is an active Member of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and works hand-in-hand with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) as one of the 192 National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies dedicated to humanitarian services.

About the #responsMALAYSIA Initiative:

The **#responsMALAYSIA** is a response platform established by MRCS for all Malaysians to come together to provide support and assistance during this period of health crisis. Under the **#responsMALAYSIA** (or Malaysia's Response), Malaysians can contribute to help fight this war against COVID-19. The initiative seeks contributions from individuals and corporations towards the provision of essentials needed by frontliners, healthcare workers and communities. It also seeks the spread of important messages within families and communities to garner positive behaviours that can help control the spread of this disease.

Additionally, it urges all Malaysians to step-up in aid of other fellow Malaysians affected by this health crisis and welcomes contributions of resources available that could be offered to help vulnerable communities in need of humanitarian assistance. The **#responsMALAYSIA** calls for a united approach and carries the message that even ordinary individuals can contribute to curb the spread of COVID-19 and its effects in a special way, making a difference in the lives of others. To be a part of **#responsMALAYSIA**, please visit us at www.responsmalaysia.com or call the below contact persons at the MRCS National Headquarters.

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