

# Poor families to benefit from company's community project

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**MIRI:** Poor families with incomes of RM1,000 and below will benefit from the MyKasih 'Love My Neighbourhood' food aid and training programme here.

Abu Dhabi-based Mudabala Oil and Gas company had launched its first local community project in Malaysia and had committed RM150,000 to support low-income families in the division through the programme.

"By teaming up with the MyKasih Foundation, our aim is not only to provide food aid but also skills training and education covering financial literacy, health awareness and life skills for teenagers," the company's regional vice-president Barry O'Donnell said yesterday.

"Programmes like this prove our commitment to engage with communities close to our operations and to play our part in contributing to local development," he added.

Under the Mudabala Oil and Gas-MyKasih programme, every two weeks each selected family will receive an allowance of RM40 which they can use to buy essential food items from the Giant Supermarket, a partner in the programme, at Bintang Megamall.

MyKasih Foundation CEO Jeff Perera said such programme would help women especially mothers to manage their household income.

The programme will also provide skills training to help families improve their livelihood.

The training will cover finance management on how to plan monthly expenditure and purchasing as well as investment decisions.

There will also be health awareness talks on prevention and early detection of cancer, family planning, nutrition and healthy living; and workshops for teenagers to educate them on the dangers of anti-social and high risk behaviour.



**Grabbing the chance:** Noraini Abdullah, 56, from Kampung Muhibbah in Kuala Baram making her first purchase under the MyKasih programme while Perera (second from left) and O'Donnell (second from right) look on.