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## Kes denggi di Pahang meningkat 87 peratus

**KUANTAN** - Kes demam denggi di Pahang menunjukkan trend peningkatan apabila sebanyak 685 kes direkodkan dalam tempoh 1 Januari sehingga 20 Oktober tahun ini.

Pengarah Kesihatan Pahang, Datuk Dr. Nor Azimi Yunus berkata, ia menunjukkan peningkatan sebanyak 87 peratus berbanding 367 kes dalam tempoh sama tahun lalu.

"Dari segi pecahan mengikut daerah, Kuantan mencatatkan jumlah tertinggi dengan 27 kes, diikuti Bentong (empat kes) dan Temerloh (tiga kes).

"Hanya satu kes kematian direkodkan akibat komplikasi denggi dalam tempoh tahun

ini berbanding dua kematian dalam tempoh yang sama tahun lalu," katanya pada Program Gotong-Royong Mega 2.0 Perangi Aedes Peringkat Kebangsaan 2022 di Taman Impianku, di sini semalam.

Lebih 500 penduduk tempatan dan wakil jabatan serta agensi kerajaan menyertai program itu selaras objektif menghapuskan tempat pembiakan nyamuk aedes di lokaliti komuniti bagi pencegahan demam denggi.

Dalam pada itu, Dr. Nor Azimi berkata, keadaan hujan diselang-seli dengan cuaca panas di negara ini pada masa kini amat kondusif untuk nyamuk aedes membiak.

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# 'PLUG GAPS IN PANDEMIC RESPONSE'

Amendments to International Health Regulations will ensure policies are equitable and transparent, says Khairy

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**G**APS in the global system for governing preparedness and responses to pandemics should be addressed by putting in place equitable and transparent health policies among nations, said caretaker Health Minister Khairy Jamaluddin.

He added that the gaps in the world's response to Covid-19 necessitated the amendments proposed for the International Health Regulations (IHR) 2005.

He said Malaysia was part of a working group providing input to the IHR amendments next month.

"These amendments must focus on solidarity, transparency and, most crucially, equity.

"The response to Covid-19 was not even remotely equitable, especially by developed countries which saved themselves first."

He said this in Malaysia's country statement at the 73rd World Health Organisation (WHO) Western Pacific Regional Committee Meeting in Manila, the Philippines.

He added that behavioural science was integral in the region's success in controlling Covid-19 and minimising the burden on healthcare services.

Khairy said this was one of the reasons behind Malaysia's push for the use of behavioural science in healthcare, particularly in controlling infectious diseases.

"Malaysia is proud to announce that we will propose a resolution on 'Behavioural Science for Better Health' at the 152nd Session of the WHO executive board in January next year and the 76th World Health Assembly in May next year.

"We call on the member states

to support this resolution."

He said Malaysia advocated a shift from a disease-oriented model to a person-centred wellness approach, in which governments and society work together.

This was in line with Malaysia's Health White Paper healthcare reform plan.

He highlighted Malaysia's focus on the prevention of non-communicable diseases by citing the Control of Tobacco Product and Smoking Bill that would prohibit the sale and use of all types of smoking products to Malaysians born from 2007 onwards.

"Malaysia is also committed to addressing society's mental health burden.

"Unfortunately, the lack of awareness and social stigma in mental health and mental illness have prevented people from coming forward for help, treatment or intervention."



Khairy Jamaluddin

He said the recently launched National Centre of Excellence for Mental Health was among the measures taken to overcome the issue.

He added that Malaysia applauded WHO for the information document on Workplace Culture and Organisational Change in the Western Pacific.

"Malaysia recently established the Healthcare Work Culture Improvement Task Force to ensure a supportive and safe workplace, in which we adopted PRIDE (People First, Respect, Integrity, Duty of Care and Excellence) as the core value of this initiative. We are policymakers in healthcare, where our duty of care to patients is paramount.

"It is imperative that this duty is extended to all our staff who provide care by ensuring they are valued, respected and not subjected to harassment."