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TAJUK : PENGETAHUAN KESIHATAN REPRODUKTIF MASIH RENDAH

HARI : AHAD

AKHBAR : BERITA HARIAN AHAD

TARIKH : 14 SEPTEMBER 2025

M/SURAT : 19

TONE : NEUTRAL

SEKTOR : KPWK

Pengetahuan kesihatan reproduktif masih rendah

Kuching: Tahap pengetahuan kanak-kanak dan remaja di negara ini mengenai kesihatan reproduktif masih rendah meskipun pendedahan maklumat semakin diperoleh melalui media sosial.

Menteri Pembangunan Wanita, Keluarga dan Masyarakat, Datuk Seri Nancy Shukri, berkata usaha berterusan dengan kerjasama kerajaan dan semua pihak termasuk ahli keluarga diperlukan bagi memastikan isu itu dapat ditangani secara berkesan.

“Masyarakat juga perlu lebih terbuka dalam isu ini. Kita tidak mahu apabila program atau pendidikan kesihatan reproduktif dianjurkan, ada pihak beranggapan ia memberi peluang kepada remaja untuk mencuba (melakukan aktiviti seks).

“Sebaliknya, apa yang kita lakukan mencari bahan dan pendekatan terbaik untuk dikongsi sekali gus memberi kesedaran kepada ibu bapa,” katanya kepada pemberita pada Program Advokasi PEKERTI peringkat Sarawak di Sekolah Kebangsaan Gersik, di sini semalam.

Berdasarkan Kajian Tinjauan Kesihatan dan Morbiditi Kebangsaan (NHMS) 2022 oleh Institut Kesihatan Awam, tahap pengetahuan reproduktif dalam kalangan kanak-kanak dan remaja masih rendah, malah prevalens tingkah laku seksual dalam kalangan remaja meningkat kepada 7.6 peratus pada 2022 berbanding 7.3 peratus pada 2017.

Lebih membimbangkan, kajian itu turut mendedahkan umur kali pertama melakukan hubungan seksual adalah seawal 13 tahun.

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TAJUK : REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AWARENESS STILL LOW AMONG YOUTHS

HARI : AHAD

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TARIKH : 14 SEPTEMBER 2025

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TONE : NEUTRAL

SEKTOR : KPWK

Reproductive health awareness still low among youths

KUCHING: The level of knowledge on reproductive health among children and adolescents in Malaysia remains low despite easy access to information through social media.

Women, Family and Community Development Minister Datuk Seri Nancy Shukri said continuous efforts involving the government, stakeholders and family members were needed to address the issue effectively.

"The public also needs to be more open about this issue. We do not want reproductive health programmes or education to be seen as giving teenagers the opportunity to experiment with sex. On the contrary, what we are doing is identifying the best materials and approaches to share, thereby raising awareness among parents," she said at the Sarawak-level National Reproductive and Social Health Education Advocacy programme at Sekolah Kebangsaan Gersik yesterday.

According to the National Health and Morbidity Survey 2022 by the Institute of Public Health, reproductive health knowledge among children and adolescents remains low, while the prevalence of sexual behaviour among adolescents rose to 7.6% in 2022 compared with 7.3% in 2017.

The study also found that the age of first sexual intercourse can be as early as 13.

In response, the National Population and Family Development Board has rolled out advocacy programmes, including the SRH (sexual and reproductive health) for Boys module, to educate boys to be more responsible in their sexual behaviour.

Nancy added that apart from reproductive education, her ministry is strengthening child protection through the Kasih KPWK Advocacy programme under the Social Welfare Department, which has been expanded to 30 children's activity centres nationwide. – Bernama

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TAJUK : KESEDARAN TENTANG PENDIDIKAN KESIHATAN REPRODUKTIF RENDAH

HARI : AHAD

AKHBAR : UTUSAN BORNEO (SARAWAK)

TARIKH : 14 SEPTEMBER 2025

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TONE : NEUTRAL

SEKTOR : KPWK

Kesedaran tentang pendidikan kesihatan reproduktif rendah

Keadaan itu berlaku kerana golongan tersebut kurang diberikan pendedahan sewajarnya, kata Nancy

Oleh Marlinda Mardzuki

KUCHING: Tahap kesedaran remaja tentang pendidikan kesihatan reproduktif masih kekal rendah dan perlu dipertingkatkan melalui kerjasama semua pihak.

Menteri Pembangunan Wanita, Keluarga dan Masyarakat Dato Sri Nancy Shukri berkata, keadaan itu berlaku kerana golongan tersebut kurang diberikan pendedahan sewajarnya.

"Bagi saya, ia memang masih di tahap rendah kerana kita belum memberi ilmu yang mencukupi kepada mereka.

"Justeru, ruang ilmu perlu dibuka agar masyarakat lebih terbuka dalam memberi pendidikan mengenai kesihatan reproduktif dan juga sosial yang tepat kepada remaja," katanya.

Beliau berkata demikian ketika ditemui media selepas merasmikan Program Advokasi Kesihatan Reproktif dan Sosial (PEKERTI) Peringkat Negeri Sarawak dan Sentuhan Kasih: Khatan Perdana di Sekolah Kebangsaan (SK) Gersik di sini,

"Bagi saya, ia memang masih di tahap rendah kerana kita belum memberi ilmu yang mencukupi kepada mereka."

Dato Sri Nancy Shukri

Menteri Pembangunan Wanita, Keluarga dan Masyarakat

semalam.

Nancy menegaskan, kesedaran mengenai pendidikan kesihatan reproduktif dan sosial tidak seharusnya disalah tafsir sebagai galakan untuk remaja mencuba ke arah perkara yang tidak sepatutnya.

"Kita tidak mahu ada yang beranggapan apabila kita menganjurkan program sebegini, ia menjadi peluang untuk mereka mencuba yang tidak sepatutnya. Itu yang kita tidak mahu. Apa yang kita lakukan adalah mencari lebih banyak bahan untuk dikongsi agar ibu bapa juga mempunyai kesedaran," jelasnya.

Beliau berkata, norma budaya sering menjadikan topik seksualiti sukar dibincangkan secara terbuka, namun nilai murni perlu dijadikan panduan anak-anak dan masyarakat.

"Ia bukan kerana kita

mahu mengenakan sesuatu, tetapi kita mahu masyarakat berpegang kepada nilai yang kita anjurkan.

"Sebagai kerajaan, kita perlu bekerjasama dengan keluarga dan masyarakat supaya anak-anak membesar menjadi individu yang bertanggungjawab serta pemimpin pada masa depan," katanya.

Beliau memberitahu, kementerianya melalui Lembaga Penduduk dan Pembangunan Keluarga Negara (LPPKN) terus memperkukuh usaha kesedaran dengan mengadakan program advokasi dan pendidikan di sekolah serta Pusat Aktiviti Kanak-Kanak (PAKK).

"Tahun ini sahaja, kementerian kita menasarkankan 30 PAKK dan sekurang-kurangnya 300 sekolah untuk program advokasi ini, namun biasanya angka penyertaan melebihi sasaran.



RASMI: Nancy menyempurnakan simbolik perasmian dengan menyiram air kepada kanak-kanak pada Program Advokasi Pekerti Peringkat Negeri Sarawak dan Sentuhan Kasih: Khatan Perdana di SK Gersik semalam.

"Program ini penting kerana dengan keadaan semasa, khususnya cabaran yang dibawa oleh AI dan media sosial, kita mesti terus melaksanakannya di seluruh negara," katanya.

Nancy berkata, pendidikan kesihatan reproduktif wajar didedahkan seawal pering-

kat sekolah menengah, bagi memberi panduan jelas tentang batasan dan risiko yang boleh berlaku sekiranya remaja terjebak dalam aktiviti seksual sebelum berumah tangga.

"Mereka perlu tahu apa yang sesuai dengan umur mereka kerana jika terlibat

dengan aktiviti seksual sebelum berkahwin, ia akan memberi kesan kepada individu itu sendiri, keluarga dan masyarakat.

"Sebab itu kita ada pakar-pakar untuk berkongsi ilmu dengan pelajar, ibu bapa dan pemimpin masyarakat," ujarnya.

Terdahulu dalam ucapannya, Nancy berkata, kajian oleh Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS) menunjukkan remaja masih kurang pengetahuan tentang kesihatan reproduktif, malah ada yang mula terjebak dalam hubungan seksual seawal usia 13 tahun.

"Walaupun bilangannya tidak ramai, perkara ini tetap berlaku hari ini.

"Ini kerana pendidikan seksualiti yang menyeluruh masih terhad, ditambah dengan norma budaya yang menjadikan isu ini tabu, ramai anak muda tidak berpeluang membincangkannya secara terbuka.

"Jadi, melalui modul program seperti SRH for Boys dan Modul Cakna Diri Lelaki, LPPKN mendidik anak lelaki tentang isu seksualiti, kehamilan remaja, penderaan seksual, gender dan penyakit berjangkit," katanya.

Beliau menambah, KP-WKM melalui LPPKN akan meneruskan usaha mereka sebagai penggerak utama dalam memperkukuhkan institusi keluarga dan membina masyarakat yang sihat dan berdaya tahan.

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Kesedaran remaja terhadap kesihatan reproduktif masih rendah – KPWK

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Foto FB Datuk Seri Nancy Shukri

KUCHING, 13 September– Tahap kesedaran remaja terhadap kesihatan reproduktif masih rendah dan perlu dipertingkatkan melalui kerjasama semua pihak.

Menteri Pembangunan Wanita, Keluarga dan Masyarakat, Datuk Seri Nancy Shukri memaklumkan bahawa ruang ilmu perlu dibuka agar masyarakat lebih terbuka dalam memberi pendidikan yang tepat kepada remaja.

Menurut beliau, kementeriannya terus memperkukuh pelaksanaan program intervensi termasuk ceramah dan program pendidikan di sekolah serta pusat aktiviti kanak-kanak.

Beliau berkata demikian kepada pemberita pada Program Advokasi Kesihatan Reproductif dan Sosial, PEKERTI Peringkat Negeri Sarawak dan Sentuhan Kasih: Khatan Beramai-ramai @ SK Gersik, Petra Jaya di Kuching, hari ini.

Tahun ini, kementerian menyasarkan sekurang-kurangnya 30 pusat aktiviti kanak-kanak dan 300 buah sekolah.

Tegasnya, pendidikan kesihatan reproduktif wajar didedahkan seawal peringkat sekolah menengah, bagi memberi panduan jelas tentang batasan dan risiko yang boleh berlaku sekiranya remaja terjebak dalam aktiviti seksual sebelum berumah tangga.

Sehubungan itu, lebih ramai pakar akan digembleng bagi memperluas kesedaran melibatkan pelajar, ibu bapa serta pemimpin masyarakat, di samping menyokong nilai kekeluargaan dan budaya yang sedia ada.

“Bagi saya memang masih di tahap rendah kerana kita kurang lagi memberi ilmu ini kepada mereka. Maka, ruang itu perlu dibuka. Maka, masyarakat juga perlu terbuka,” katanya.

Dalam majlis berkenaan, seramai 100 pelajar sekolah rendah sekitar Kuching menyertai Sentuhan Kasih: Khatan Beramai-ramai kali ini.

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Nancy Shukri: Khatan Perdana teaches courage, responsibility and values to boys

BY JUDE TOYAT ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2025, SATURDAY AT 6:24 PM

SARAWAK



Nancy in a photo call with programme participants after the ceremonial shower preceding the circumcision process. – Photo by Jude Toyat

KUCHING (Sept 13): A total of 100 pupils from four schools in Petra Jaya underwent mass circumcision today during the state-level Advokasi Pekerti dan Sentuhan Kasih: Khatan Perdana programme at Sekolah Kebangsaan (SK) Gersik.

The pupils, from SK Gersik, SK Astana, SK Matu Baru and SK Pulo, took part in the symbolic mass circumcision supported by medical teams.

The ceremony also featured a festive shower from a Fire and Rescue Department truck, adding colour to the event.

Women, Family and Community Development Minister Datuk Seri Nancy Shukri, who officiated the programme, said the initiative was about more than just the procedure — it was also about guiding boys through an important stage in life.

“For boys, circumcision is not just a tradition, but a significant milestone. It teaches them courage, cleanliness, and responsibility as Muslims,” she said.

Nancy also emphasised the importance of a father’s presence during the process.

“The presence of a father at his son’s side during circumcision is a lifelong memory – reminding the child that the father is both protector and guide,” she said.

The programme also featured puberty transition sessions by the Sarawak Islamic Religious Department (Jais), while parents attended Pocket Talk discussions on reproductive and social health education (Pekerti).

Nancy stressed the importance of reproductive health education amid rising digital exposure among teenagers.

“Research shows that teenagers still lack knowledge about reproductive health, and some are already engaging in sexual relationships as early as the age of 13,” she said, noting that cultural taboos often hinder open discussion.

She urged parents and communities to play a stronger role in educating the younger generation, while thanking all agencies involved, including her ministry, the Sarawak Health Department, Education Department, Kuching District Education Office, Fire and Rescue Department, Royal Malaysia Police, and school management teams.

“May this programme not just be an event, but a starting point for our boys to step into adulthood with courage, good character, and responsibility,” she added.

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ALOR SETAR, 13 Sept (Bernama) -- Kementerian Pembangunan Wanita, Keluarga dan Masyarakat (KPWK) terus memperkukuh perlindungan dan kesejahteraan kanak-kanak menerusi Program Advokasi Perlindungan Kanak-Kanak: KASIH Kanak-Kanak dan Jelajah Kasih Komuniti 2025 yang diadakan di Pusat Aktiviti Kanak-Kanak (PAKK) Pokok Sena, dekat sini, hari ini.

Timbalan Menteri Datuk Seri Dr Noraini Ahmad berkata program itu bermatlamat menggerakkan seluruh lapisan masyarakat termasuk ibu bapa dan komuniti setempat agar bersama-sama memastikan kebajikan, keselamatan dan perkembangan kanak-kanak terpelihara sepenuhnya.

"Usaha ini juga menyokong inisiatif kerajaan dalam mencegah penderaan fizikal, emosi, seksual, pengabaian, eksploitasi atau sebarang bentuk penganiayaan sejajar dengan Akta Kanak-Kanak 2001.

"Keprihatinan semua pihak amat penting kerana anda adalah mata dan telinga masyarakat. Usah takut untuk membuat aduan kerana semakin cepat laporan dibuat, semakin cepat kanak-kanak dapat diselamatkan," katanya semasa berucap pada program berkenaan hari ini.

Beliau turut menyeru semua pihak segera melaporkan sebarang kes penderaan atau pengabaian kanak-kanak melalui **Talian Kasih 15999**, WhatsApp **019-2615 999** atau aplikasi mudah alih Talian Kasih.

"Menurut statistik Jabatan Kebajikan Masyarakat (JKM) Kedah, sebanyak 514 kes melibatkan kanak-kanak telah direkodkan di negeri ini antara Januari hingga Julai lepas. Situasi ini memerlukan perhatian serius semua pihak bagi mencari jalan penyelesaian.

"Bagi menangani isu ini, KPWK melalui JKJ telah berjaya melaksanakan Program Advokasi Perlindungan Kanak-Kanak: KASIH Kanak-Kanak di 33 sekolah di negeri ini, melibatkan lebih 10,303 peserta pada 2024. Susulan kejayaan itu, program ini akan diperluas di 300 sekolah lagi pada tahun ini sebagai kesinambungan kepada usaha berterusan ini," katanya.

Sementara itu, Noraini berkata sebagai nilai tambah dalam teras strategik untuk melindungi dan membangun kanak-kanak, kerajaan telah memperluas pelaksanaan kepada 30 PAKK di seluruh Malaysia.

Beliau berkata inisiatif berkenaan mencerminkan komitmen berterusan kerajaan dalam memperkukuh advokasi perlindungan kanak-kanak, sebagai satu gerakan nasional yang menyeluruh dan inklusif.

"Program hari ini turut diserikan dengan Kayuhan Jelajah Kasih Komuniti 2025, simbolik kepada semangat empati, perpaduan dan tanggungjawab sosial bersama. Melalui aktiviti kayuhan ini, pemimpin, agensi kerajaan dan masyarakat berpeluang berinteraksi secara lebih dekat, sekali gus memperkukuh jaringan kerjasama dalam komuniti," katanya.

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SWP Bersama KPWKM Bantu Ibu-ibu Tunggal Seluruh Malaysia – Dr Masliha

13 September 2025

Berita Utama

KUALA LUMPUR, 13 Sept – Program KasihNita bersama Ibu Tunggal telah berlangsung dengan jayanya di Grand Continental Kuching, Sarawak serta Shangri-La Hotel Kota Kinabalu, Sabah baru-baru ini.

Pengerusi Sekretariat Wanita Profesional (SWP), Dr Masliha Harun berkata program ini menjadi platform penting dalam usaha memperkasakan golongan ibu tunggal melalui sokongan emosi, bimbingan perniagaan dan peluang jaringan strategik.



"Program tersebut digerakkan oleh pasukan Perubatan Sekretariat Wanita Profesional (SWP) yang diketuai Dr Hasnor bersama Cik Hamidah dan Cik Farah, dengan kerjasama Pusat Psikologi Jwa Damai. Ia menghimpunkan ibu-ibu tunggal dari seluruh Malaysia untuk berkongsi pengalaman, menerima rawatan sokongan bantuan dan ruang untuk berkongsi pengalaman.

"Lebih daripada sekadar pertemuan, KasihNita turut memberi ruang kepada peserta untuk menimba ilmu keusahawanan, merangka strategi perniagaan dan mengembangkan potensi ekonomi.

"Penerapan aspek psikologi dan motivasi turut menjadi teras utama agar Ibu tunggal terus berdaya tahan dalam mengurus keluarga serta kehidupan," katanya kepada UMNO Online.

Mengulas lanjut, Dr Masliha yang juga Exco Wanita UMNO Malaysia menjelaskan kejayaan penganjuran di Sarawak dan Sabah adalah bukti komitmen bersama dalam memastikan golongan ibu tunggal tidak dipinggirkan daripada arus pembangunan negara.



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"Ini bukan sahaja memberi bantuan sokongan, tetapi juga membuka laluan kepada Ibu tunggal untuk meningkatkan pendapatan dan menempuh kehidupan dengan lebih yakin. Inisiatif ini adalah satu usaha serius untuk membela dan mengangkat martabat mereka," katanya lagi.

Pada masa yang sama Dr Masliha turut merakamkan setinggi-tinggi penghargaan kepada Kementerian Pembangunan Wanita, Keluarga dan Masyarakat (KPWK) melalui Menteri, Datuk Seri Nancy Shukri kerana memperkenalkan inisiatif berimpak besar ini.

"Ucapan terima kasih juga turut ditujukan kepada Timbalan Menteri KPWK, Datuk Seri Dr Noraini Ahmad yang sentiasa memberi ruang dan peluang kepada masyarakat untuk menyertai KasihNita.

"InshaAllah, Sekretariat Wanita Profesional seterusnya akan pergi ke empat lagi zon daripada enam zon seluruh Malaysia untuk terus membantu golongan Ibu tunggal," ujarnya.

Ujarnya lagi, KasihNita diharap mampu menjadi wadah berterusan dalam memperkukuh kedudukan ekonomi dan sosial ibu tunggal, sekali gus melahirkan golongan wanita yang lebih berdaya tahan dan menyumbang kepada pembangunan negara. – UMNO Online

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Polis buru lelaki ugut pukul wanita



Oleh .MASZUREEN HADZMAN 13 September 2025, 2:22 pm

PETALING JAYA: Polis sedang mengesan seorang lelaki yang bertindak samseng dengan mengugut seorang wanita selepas melanggar kereta dipandu mangsa pada Jumaat lalu.

Dalam kejadian kira-kira pukul 6.10 pagi itu, mangsa berusia 31 tahun yang juga pegawai eksekutif sebuah syarikat swasta sedang memandu Perodua Myvi untuk ke tempat kerja melalui Plaza Tol Bangi.

Ketua Polis Daerah Kajang, Asisten Komisioner Naazron Abdul Yusof berkata, siasatan awal mendapati kereta Perodua Myvi biru dipandu suspek tiba-tiba menghimpit dari arah belakang sebelum melanggar bahagian kiri hadapan kenderaan mangsa.

“Selepas pelanggaran itu, kedua-dua kenderaan berhenti di tepi jalan sebelum berlaku pertengkaran.

“Suspek lelaki tempatan itu bertindak menengking mangsa dan melakukan perbuatan seolah-olah mahu memukulnya,” katanya dalam kenyataan di sini hari ini.

Katanya, pertengkaran itu dipercayai berpunca apabila mangsa didakwa menukar lorong tanpa memberi isyarat.

“Kes disiasat di bawah Seksyen 279 Kanun Keseksaan kerana memandu secara melulu selain turut melibatkan kesalahan trafik di bawah Rule 6(1) LN 166/59 iaitu memotong dan menghalang daripada memotong.

“Orang ramai yang mempunyai maklumat mengenai suspek diminta tampil membantu siasatan dengan menghubungi Pegawai Penyiasat kes, Sarjan A Vaelmurgan di talian 019-6111660 atau mana-mana balai polis berhampiran,” katanya.

Terdahulu, tular di media sosial memaparkan seorang wanita ditengking seorang pemandu lelaki selepas didakwa tidak memberikan isyarat ketika menukar lorong.

Aksi lelaki itu dirakam menerusi kamera papan pemuka kereta mangsa memaparkan individu itu turut bertindak mengacah seolah-olah mahu memukul mangsa.



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PAEDOPHILIA PROBE

POLICE DISCOVER MORE ABUSED CHILDREN

Video evidence showing assault by suspect overwhelming, say investigators

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POLICE investigating a suspected paedophile have found that he had allegedly sexually abused about 15 other children, a source said.

Police are tight-lipped about the investigations, but sources told the *New Straits Times* that "sickening" evidence, captured on video, indicated that the 29-year-old went beyond sexually abusing children.

The hundreds of images and dozens of videos showing him assaulting children are so graphic that they have left even seasoned investigators shattered.

"Grown men wept openly," the source said. "These are officers who have seen the worst — murders, mangled bodies and brutal crime scenes. But this, this broke them."

"The scale and cruelty were overwhelming."

It was previously reported that the suspect, who is married with children, was arrested on suspicion of uploading child sexual abuse material (CSAM) to the dark web and Telegram groups for profit.

The source said the suspect found the children, who are now in welfare homes, through online advertisements seeking to adopt kids of unwed or single mothers.

The mothers were mostly foreigners and a handful of Malaysians.

The suspect, described as a soft-spoken, bespectacled man with a trimmed beard, only

cracked after three days of interrogation.

It is learnt his wife broke down in hysteria when told of his suspected crimes.

"He hid in plain sight. Nobody suspected him. That is what makes this case so disturbing," the source said.

Bukit Aman Criminal Investigation Department director Datuk M. Kumar had said police were working with foreign agencies to trace the spread of the material online.

"We are facing enemies we cannot see. The dark web makes it difficult to track those accessing this content," he said at a recent press conference in Kuala Lumpur.

He also issued a warning to parents and guardians, advising them to protect their children as "paedophiles often hide in plain sight within communities, targeting children left unsupervised".

The police have also roped in the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC) to help with investigations. MCMC was expected to reveal who had contacted the suspect via the ads he posted online.

State Women, Family and Community Development Committee chairman Khairin-Nisa Ismail cautioned unwed mothers against handing over their babies to strangers online.

"This is not only illegal but exposes children to grave danger. Always use legitimate channels and do not be deceived by offers of cash," she said.

Khairin-Nisa confirmed that the children rescued are now under the care of the state Welfare Department and are undergoing counselling.

She said a public awareness campaign would be launched soon to highlight the risks.

She also urged single mothers, including undocumented foreigners, to seek help through official agencies instead of strangers.

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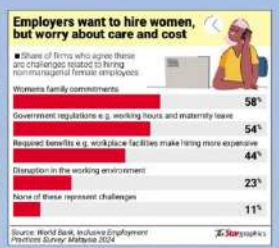
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Trying to empower: The World Bank survey showed that firms are interested in employing more women but have low perceptions that they are 'costlier' hires. — Agencies



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WHEN Malaysian women start their careers, the numbers look promising. Many of them enter the workforce in their 20s, making up more than half the labour force at 56.2% as of 2023. That seemingly happens when women hit their 30s. They begin to leave the workforce, and most don't come back, according to a recent World Bank report.

Unlike in other countries where women often re-enter employment after a career break, Malaysia's women's departure from the labour market tends to be more permanent. "Malaysia has one of the lowest rates of women taking temporary career breaks, reflecting its trend of permanent labour market exit."

But as the country undergoes rapid demographic changes with an ageing population and declining fertility rates, the working-age group in Malaysia is shrinking, posing significant challenges to the labour market.

This means there is an urgent need to have more inclusive employment policies, including how to retain women in the workforce, to boost productivity — something Malaysia needs if it wants to achieve its goal of becoming a high-income nation.

For example, increasing joint women's participation in the labour market could boost Malaysia's GDP by 7% to 12%, as previously noted by Wong Cho Oi, chairman of workforce development agency TalentCorp.

World Bank senior economist Shikina Ikh Shakhmurova, who led the survey team, tells Sunday Star that among the main areas employers can look into when it comes to more inclusive employment practices are policies related to hiring career returnees, childcare provisions and benefits, and flexible work arrangements.

TalentCorp currently already has a Career Comeback Programme to encourage hiring returning women, but Shikina says this can be expanded mindfully.

She points out that a lot of the initiatives are currently being done in major urban centres

like Kuala Lumpur and state with big cities, like Johor and Penang. "So what we recommend suggested in the report is for the programme to be expanded — to SMEs because at the moment, many of the firms participating in the programme are large firms."

Its effectiveness can also be enhanced by tailoring support based on the skills and expertise levels of career returnees, she adds.

The perception of costlier hires

Based on the survey, which looked into this matter from the employers' standpoint, Shikina says there is also a rather common perception among firms that women are more expensive hires, with around 40% of respondents believing that hiring women is "costlier."

"Challenges related to hiring non-managerial female employees are mostly linked to women's care responsibilities," says the survey which found that 58% of their respondents say the main challenge with hiring women are their family commitments.

More than 50% of the firms surveyed also indicated that the required benefits and other expenses such as providing a lactation room or childcare facilities make it more expensive to hire women.

Regardless, the firms are trying to do their part in being more inclusive, 69% of companies offered maternity leave, while 57% provided flexible work arrangements.

But since they have in place to ensure more inclusive hiring, other popular measures include providing financial support for pre-natal and childbirth expenses (52%) as well as onsite facilities such

as childcare centres and lactation rooms (51%).

However, the survey also found that more childcare facilities provided by employers are completely full and have long waiting lists, indicating that there is room for expansion.

But the high costs of the initial setup and ongoing operational costs is a challenge for many employers, especially smaller companies.

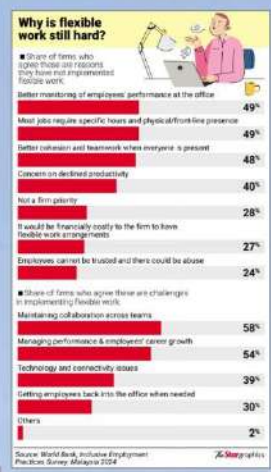
"To further subsidise childcare facility incentives, greater flexibility in how employers provide childcare support can be introduced."

Baby? Please come back!

There is an urgent need to have more inclusive employment policies to help women re-enter the workforce and reignite their careers.



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"The current tax incentives could be expanded beyond the construction and setup of childcare centres to include alternative childcare arrangements.

"To ensure greater efficiency and equity, the government could provide broad guidance encouraging firms to adopt a flat-rate, per-child subsidy model, with higher subsidies for lower-income employees," the report says.

The government's commitment

Employer's efforts are supported by government initiatives, and the recent 13th Malaysia Plan (13MP) has reinforced the government's commitment to facilitating more inclusive hiring practices.

As part of the 13MP, the Malaysian government said it plans to introduce laws related

to hiring these returnees to the workforce as well as a new certification programme to increase the rate of women's participation in the labour force.

"An initiative to facilitate the wage women return to the workforce will be improved by increasing the rate of women's participation in the labour force."

"In line with this, the implementation of policies related to flexible work and career matching programmes will be strengthened," read the 13MP.

"The provision of childcare facilities at workplaces will also be facilitated," said.

The government also clarified its commitment to improving the work-life balance of employees, stating in the 13MP that flexible work arrangements that allow workers to adjust their schedules according to their life needs will continue to be encouraged.

Not only will this improve work-life balance, but the government noted that it will also improve workers' productivity and ensure retention of workers in more secure formal sectors.

Shikina welcomes these announcements from the government, adding that they are so in line with her team's recommendations that the workers of these government-led firms had read their report first.

However, she stresses that these policies should not be seen as a silver bullet to solve the issue of hiring more women, so as to not reinforce the idea that women are "costlier" hires due to their competing duties.

After all, she says, people of all walks of life leave the workforce for a multitude of reasons, such as health and burnout.

"Men also face health issues. Men also want

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raise career levels.

"So communication of those kinds of policies is quite important in terms of making sure these policies are a little bit more general and not just specific to women," she says.

Flexibility for everyone

Flexible work arrangements, for example, can benefit every employee, not just women taking caregiving responsibilities.

The government's support of this is crucial, she says, pointing out that the Malaysian government had previously introduced the At-Risk Jobs (At-Risk) Act, a set of guidelines to support employers and employees alike on flexible work arrangements.

"It's a good move, but one that can be built upon," says Shikina. "We recommended to build on that first, maybe regard to sectors which require a lot more physical presence because that is a challenge."

The report also recommended that the SME guidelines incorporate aspects of managing productivity and efficiency, which are key concerns for many Malaysian employers.

"Strong support by the government for a head-by-example approach from business and political leaders can also play a crucial role in ensuring stronger buy-in and commitment from firms to balance flexibility with productivity."

"Though childcare policies, hiring returning workers, and flexible work arrangements were the major focuses of their recommendations, Shikina says there is no one-size-fits-all approach.

"It has to be a combination of various flexible, responsive measures."

"And the more options that employers make available, the more likely we are to meet women, parents, caregivers, regardless of their responsibilities or their commitments or where they are, and hopefully allow them to participate in the workforce."