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### **WATER CATCHMENT SYSTEM FOR KAMPUNG BOKILONG, KOTA BELUD**

A gravity water system is just what the villagers of Kampung Bokilong, some 10 km from Kota Belud town, needed for their daily lives. Easing the misery of some 250 villagers, Suria Capital Holdings Berhad as the sponsor of the project and in collaboration with HOPES Malaysia Welfare Association (HOPES), a local non-government organization acknowledged their needs for a sustainable water system.

The aim was to build a water catchment system which will accommodate 54 families of Kg Bokilong. The villagers, who are mostly self-sustaining farmers and rubber tappers with income below the poverty line, lacked clean water supply as most of the villages in Kota Belud are not connected with public water supply system.

A group of 20 staff from Suria Capital took turns as volunteers in the community project and got them driving down to Kota Belud in the early mornings of two Sundays respectively on 30 June and 21 July to assist in completing the works.

With the helping hands of the villagers, they assisted in major tasks beginning with the building of the water catchment to laying new pipelines to replace the older ones.

The community project is a worth-while experience for the staff as it exposed them to the lives and woes of rural community and it is hoped this CSR project can be extended to other rural areas in similar needs in line with company's mission to care for the community through sustainable living.

HOPES Malaysia team was led by its President and founder, Mr Sam Lee while for Suria by Datin Mariam Mahmud, Head of Group Corporate Affairs and Communication.



*The sponsored polypipes.*



*Together with the villagers, staff volunteered in major tasks.*



*An overview of the water catchment.*



*Volunteers of Suria Capital with the villagers of Kg Bokilong after completing the work.*