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**MALAYSIAN RUBBER COUNCIL (MRC) SUPPLIED WATER TANKER TRUCKS, 25 UNITS OF STATIC WATER TANK AND 25 UNITS OF WATER PUMPS TO THE VILLAGERS IN KUALA NERUS AFFECTED BY THE WATER SUPPLY DISRUPTION**

**KUALA NERUS, 6 AUGUST 2021** – Malaysian Rubber Council (MRC) through the *Bantuan Prihatin MRC* programme together with the Ministry of Plantation Industries and Commodities (MPIC) supplied water tanker trucks, 25 units of static water tanks, and 25 units of water pumps worth RM53,050 to help overcome the water supply disruption at Kuala Nerus district, Terengganu.

A total of 28,700 accounts in Kuala Nerus and Kuala Terengganu districts were affected due to the water supply disruption that occurred last Monday (2 August 2021), and repair work on the damaged pipes are currently underway.

MRC has mobilised 2 water tanker trucks per day, each carrying 40,000 litres of water to the affected areas to ensure the health of the affected villagers by obtaining an adequate supply of clean water to prevent other diseases during this pandemic season.

Due to technical complications, the repair period will need to be extended. Plantation Industries and Commodities Minister Yang Berhormat Dato' Dr. Mohd Khairuddin Aman Razali opined that this assistance would allow the affected villagers to obtain an adequate supply of clean water to further prevent the spread of other diseases during the COVID-19 pandemic.

MRC CEO Nurul Islam Mohamed Yusoff relayed that a total of 25 units of water pumps and 25 units of static water tanks that can accommodate a water capacity of 600 gallons or 2,271 litres will be placed at several locations in 20 villages affected in Kuala Nerus district to make it easier for residents to get clean water supply, including Pusat Khidmat DUN Buluh Gading and Dewan Orang Ramai Tepoh, among the earliest locations.

In addition, MRC distributed 600 bottles of mineral water (to the affected residents since 2 August) to ensure they have sufficient drinking water supplies throughout this water disruption period.

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