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MAYBANK ISLAMIC DISTRIBUTES FOOD SUPPLIES TO MORE THAN 14,000 FAMILIES IN 13 COUNTRIES INCLUDING CAMBODIA

KAMPOT, 15 FEBRUARY 2026: Maybank Islamic Berhad today announces the commencement of its annual flagship food relief programme, the Bank's long-standing commitment to support communities and families in need during the month of Ramadhan.

Maybank Islamic Berhad, through the Maybank Group, has commenced its annual Ramadan Relief programme in Cambodia, reaffirming the Group's long-standing commitment to supporting communities and families in need during the holy month of Ramadan.

In Cambodia, the programme was launched through a symbolic food distribution ceremony in Kampot Province, followed by outreach activities in Kampong Chhnang Province. Through these initiatives, essential food supplies were distributed to 420 beneficiaries, providing direct assistance to families facing economic challenges during the fasting month.

The ceremony in Kampot Province was officiated by Rath Sophoan, Chief Executive Officer and Country Head of Maybank Cambodia, and was honoured by the presence of His Excellency Shaharuddin Onn, Ambassador of Malaysia to Cambodia. The event reflected the shared spirit of compassion, solidarity, and cross-border cooperation that underpins the Ramadan Relief initiative.

Ambassador Shaharuddin Onn and Madam Zuraini Khalil, Chairwoman of the Ladies Association of the Embassy of Malaysia Phnom Penh (PERWAKILAN) also distributed Khmer language translations of the Quran donated by the Government of Malaysia through the Restu Foundation.

"Maybank's continued support to local communities, including the Cambodian Muslim community particularly during Ramadhan, as part of its corporate social responsibility initiatives, is highly commendable. Programmes and initiatives such as these by the Embassy and Maybank were indeed reflective of the strong bilateral relations between Malaysia and Cambodia, particularly from the people-to-people aspect. Further, such community-focused programmes provided the Embassy of Malaysia Phnom Penh to engage and foster goodwill with local communities," he said.

Speaking at the ceremony, Rath Sophoan said the programme reflects Maybank's purpose-driven approach to banking and its commitment to creating positive social impact beyond financial services.

"At Maybank, we believe that banking should serve a greater purpose – one that uplifts communities and improves lives. Ramadan Relief is a reflection of that belief, and we are grateful to continue supporting families in need during this meaningful period," he said.

He added that the values of Ramadan serve as an important reminder of empathy, shared responsibility, and community awareness.

"Ramadan reminds us of empathy and shared responsibility, as well as the importance of understanding the realities faced by our surrounding communities. Through this programme, we aim to extend inclusive assistance to those in need, including vulnerable and marginalised groups," he added.

For the financial year 2026, Maybank Islamic has allocated approximately RM35 million (about USD 8.87 million) for corporate social responsibility initiatives. These initiatives span education, humanitarian aid, and community empowerment programmes across markets where the Maybank Group operates, including Cambodia.

Introduced in 2013, the Ramadan Relief programme has expanded steadily over the years, reaching communities across ASEAN and beyond. This year, the programme is implemented in 13 countries, with Cambodia continuing to be an important part of Maybank Islamic's regional social impact efforts.

The programme is carried out in collaboration with humanitarian partners including Yayasan Ikhlas, MERCY Malaysia, Islamic Relief Malaysia, and Hikmah Islamiah Sarawak, working alongside local counterparts to distribute food supplies. The assistance includes essential items such as rice, cooking oil, flour, sugar, and other basic necessities required during the fasting month.

In Cambodia, the Ramadan Relief programme reflects Maybank Islamic's continued commitment to supporting local communities through meaningful, on-the-ground initiatives. By reaching families in Kampot and Kampong Chhnang, the programme underscores the Bank's role in standing alongside communities and extending support to those in need during the holy month of Ramadan, while reinforcing Maybank's purpose-driven approach to creating positive social impact across the region.