KPLB collecting data on flood damages to prepare for repair work, allocations

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Datuk Seri Mahdzir Khalid (Photo by Patrick Goh/The Edge)

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PUTRAJAYA (Jan 2): The Ministry of Rural Development (KPLB) is collecting data on the damages in flood-hit Hardcore Poor Housing programme, village and rural roads, bridges, drains belonging to sursu, childcare centres, kindergartens as well as other amenities under its supervision to prepare for repair works and cost allocation.

Rural Development Minister Datuk Seri Mahdzir Khalid said in this post-flood period KPLB and all its agencies are evaluating damages suffered by flood victims, apart from carrying out clean-up work through its volunteers in Bentong, Hulu Langat, and Banting.

He said apart from that, Majlis Amanah Rakyat (MARA) also allows flood victims who are borrowers of its education and business loans to reschedule their repayments, in addition to rent exemptions of business premises to affected traders.



"MARA will not carry out any enforcement measures against its funds' borrowers affected by the floods. For tenants of MARA business premises, rent exemption is provided in consideration of the damages and losses that they have incurred [due to the floods]," he said in a statement here on Sunday.

Mahdzir said KPLB hopes that this comprehensive assistance programme will help ease the victims' concerns over financial commitments at these challenging times without having to withdraw from their Employee Provident