



eMADANI

**SARAWAKIAN
INSIGHTS**





eMADANI programme is a one-off **RM100 e-wallet credit**



Announced by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim during the previous budget tabling.



10 million eligible adults aged 21 and above (from B40 and M40) will receive the funds on their **selected e-wallet** upon successful application.



SDI has engaged with several local Sarawakian experts and social activists for their opinion on the government aid;



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For Sarawakians, the program contributes to enhanced financial stability, positively influencing the overall welfare of individuals and families. This positive effect extends to mental health, fostering a sense of security and well-being. Furthermore, the aid acts as a mechanism for heightened consumer spending, with individuals utilizing the additional funds to make purchases, thereby propelling economic activity and providing support to local businesses.

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|| The RM100 aid means different things to different people. With the higher prices of goods today, the RM100 does not go very far. Sarawakians, particularly the elderly and rural communities may find it difficult to access the aid from not having e-wallets or e-credit accepting merchants in their area. Any cash aid is only as good as it is accessible to the people it's meant to assist.





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I believe that on the positive side, it provides qualifying individuals with direct financial support and addresses their immediate financial needs. Some might prefer more conventional types of financial aid, but others could find the aid helpful in covering daily expenses.



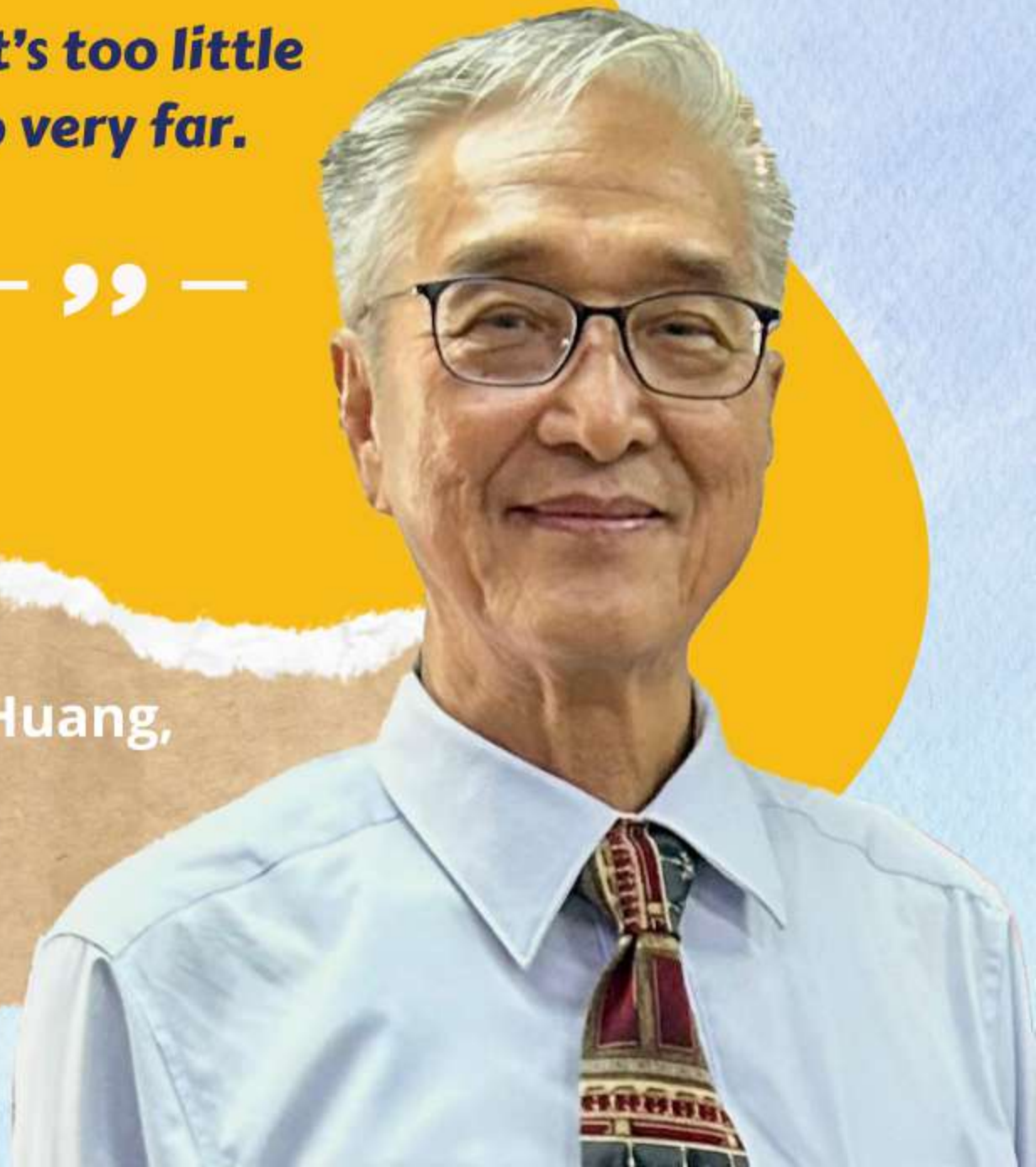


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***The poor are grateful for
the RMIOO assistance.
Unfortunately, it's too little
and doesn't go very far.***

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Ir. Peter Wong Hung Huang,
Society for Kuching
Urban Poor (SKUP)





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EMADANI IS A PERPETUATION OF CASH TRANSFER

The prevailing form of government aid since the administration of Datuk Seri Najib's disbursement of Bantuan Rakyat 1Malaysia. Since then, cash transfer aid experienced multiple rebranding to the current Sumbangan Tunai Rahmah under the current administration of Datuk Seri Anwar.

OVERWHELMING EVIDENCE MONETARY AID SUCCESS

Experts from World Bank and ISIS Malaysia acknowledged the social impact, but as responses obtained from this brief survey conveyed, the RM100 funds are insufficient to make significant improvements to recipients' lives.