

# BKM CASH AID EXPANDED AT JAU

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**T**HE Bantuan Keluarga Malaysia (BKM) cash aid scheme will be expanded — households with less than RM2,500 in income and with five children or more will receive RM2,500 each.

Finance Minister Tengku Datuk Seri Zafrul Tengku Abdul Aziz said the government would continue to take proactive measures to safeguard the welfare of Keluarga Malaysia.

“RM10 billion is allocated for cash aid under the Welfare Department and BKM.”

He said the 2023 Budget would be driven by three R’s — responsive, responsible, reformist.

He said BKM would benefit 8.7 million recipients with an allo-



*A family watching the tabling of the 2023 Budget at a mall in Shah Alam yesterday. PIC BY FAIZ ANUAR*

cation of RM7.8 billion next year.

“BKM 2023 is a comprehensive assistance upgraded from 2020 Bantuan Sara Hidup, where five million people benefited with an allocation of RM5 billion.”

He said the government wanted to reduce the burden of families with multiple kids, so households with four kids would be eligible to receive BKM of between RM1,000 and RM2,000.

“For households with an income of RM2,500 to RM5,000, the aid will be between RM500 and RM1,250, depending on the number of kids they have.

“Senior citizens without spouses and single people will continue to receive RM600 and RM350 in aid, respectively, depending on their income.

“Aid for single mothers and single fathers continues in 2023. They

are eligible to receive a maximum of RM3,000, RM500 more than the RM2,500 they received in 2022.

“For instance, Firdaus and Nor Aliza from Pasir Gudang, who have five kids, received RM2,000 under BKM. Next year, they will get RM2,500.

“Ling Mee Hoon, a single mother of three kids, received RM1,300 this year. In 2023, the assistance will be increased to RM1,500.”