

PERTIWI Health Services Project

In 1985, PERTIWI's Secretary, Che Yah Mohamed, approached PERTIWI with the idea of providing health services to the rural communities. This concept was put forth by Che Yah's then friend, Dr Mukhyuddin, as a charitable platform where doctors, such as himself, can contribute. PERTIWI welcomed this suggestion and subsequently a paper was prepared for discussion.

In September 1985, 'Day Clinic' (*Klinik Sehari*) was held in Puchong, Selangor. It was PERTIWI's first health-related project and it was carried out in partnership with King Scout Malaysia, which was then under the leadership of Tan Sri Dato' Rahim Tak. The Scouts assisted by placing the activity's banners and signages, managing patients' registration, examinations, amongst other things. This project proved to be a success and received encouraging responses.

1987 saw the second 'Day Clinic' being held at Kampung Kuantan, PERTIWI's foster village. In 1989, Kampung Melayu Sungai Buloh was the third village that received PERTIWI's attention. The 'Day Clinic' was held in collaboration with the Village Security and Development Committees (JKKK) and other intermediaries. At the end of 1991, two grand 'Day Clinic' projects were held in Kedah and Perlis.

In 2007, the 'Day Clinic' became the PERTIWI Family Health Camp, the first of which was held at the Tamil Primary School of Taman Permata, Dengkil, Selangor. Held in collaboration with the Inner Wheel Club, it was attended by nearly 400 participants.

On 12 June 2011, in collaboration with Inner Wheel Bangsar, a health camp and a health exhibition were organised at the Tanjong Sepat School, Morib, Selangor. The event was also participated by other agencies such as the Department of Pharmacy from the Selangor Health Department, the Tun Hussein Onn Eye Hospital, the Banting Hospital, the Health Clinic of Tanjong Sepat, and the Cancer Society. Various health screening and examinations were carried out, including examinations for the eyes, teeth (dental), breasts, and pap smears. On February 26, a health camp was organised at Desa KEDA, Baling, Kedah, in collaboration with the Alumni of the SM Sultanah Asma, Kedah.

As of May 2012, PERTIWI provides free health screening services to the homeless and the poor in Kuala Lumpur with the help of dedicated volunteer doctors. This activity, still ongoing and carried out every Sunday, Monday and Wednesday, is now known as the PERTIWI Health Services Project.