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# HUiTM MOBILE PPV OUTREACH

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***NO ONE is SAFE from  
COVID-19 until EVERYONE  
is SAFE***

***- World Health Organization  
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Amid the relentless crippling claws of COVID-19, rose a community drive aimed to arm the 'already crippled' in society, with the only armor humanity has in its defense against a raging pandemic war: the COVID - 19 vaccine.

Inspired by a team of equally relentless primary care physicians, we embarked on a journey that took us from our campus clinic along city highways to a government health office and its neighboring health clinic, in the Selangor outskirts where the path was paved, to deliver the COVID -19 vaccine to the bedbound, immobilized, physically and mentally challenged: vulnerable members of our community, in areas of Kuala Selangor, Jeram and Puncak Alam.

In a beautiful like minded collaboration between HUiTM with PKD Kuala Selangor, Klinik Kesihatan Bukit Cherakah, and the Usiamas NGO, we finally stepped out with hearts full of hope and bags full of medical equipment, portable mini-ice-cold boxes, personal protection, medications, and documentation necessary, to achieve a safe and valid mobile vaccination exercise in the community.

This humble outreach, borne by sheer will and sustained by unflagging enthusiasm by its team members, rolled out on 13th September 2021 and has covered 11 mobile vaccine trips. A typical outreach would span half a day, starting bright and early at 7:30 am from Klinik 3, Sungai Buloh Campus, with a driver always arriving promptly from university transport services. In addition, we were accompanied by a dedicated team of volunteer nurses and allied health, taking turns among our team members and volunteering fellow lecturers and trainees.





A team would usually comprise two primary care physicians and three nurses, chugging along in a van, traversing a short highway, and into the outskirts of Jeram, Selangor, to make our first pit stop at Klinik Kesihatan Bukit Cherakah. Here, we would collect vaccine supplies and meticulously ensure cold chains in portable ice-cold boxes until they reached our vaccines. Then, guided by the Usiama NGO team, we would take a scenic drive into dense oil palm plantations, passing cattle and poultry farms to the identified vaccine homes.

If the walls of these half wood, half brick homes could speak, they would whisper stories of poverty and quiet suffering, borne gallantly by these frail yet sweet elderlies having endured years of physical deformity and debilitating illnesses. The young we encountered were either immobilized by trauma, chronic medical conditions, or mental health issues. Yet, they were faces of steadfast resilience surrounded by their offspring of tender ages.

Grateful families would bid us farewell with smiling faces of relief, not knowing how much more we wanted to reach out to them at this unprecedented time of need.

Our efforts were also willingly extended to cater for the foreign workers settled amongst these oil palm plantations via the Usiama NGO team, which saw yet another fulfilling experience for us to serve the community regardless of race or creed.



Till date, we have successfully vaccinated 31 citizens and 35 foreign workers from the surrounding areas mentioned throughout a drive that ran strong for a good two months since its commencement.

The fight against COVID 19 is far from over. We are in this for the long haul. Our mission as health care workers is clear, and our journey is arduous as we continue to stand together to tackle the formidable foe of a generation. 📄