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Reaching out to our Community

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On September 3rd, 2023, we were alerted to a situation where a lady (Lala, a pseudonym is used to protect her privacy) in the community was ill at home and who also fell within the B40 group. Basically, she needed help. What was most important was medical aid. Only a doctor could help.

This is when we decided to collaborate with Dr R. Elangovan Radakrishnan, our Panel doctor at Polyclinic Seremban 3, one of our UiTM Panel clinics.

To fast forward this narrative and to sequence this report as accurately and quickly as possible, I shall place the events in bullet points:

- We got news of Lala from a friend in the community.
- We visited Lala and then contacted Dr Elangovan with more details.
- Dr Elangovan, Polyclinic Seremban 3, made a visit and assessed her condition to be poor. However, more tests were required.
- Dr Elangovan arranged for a second visit with all the needful for various blood and urine tests to be taken in Lala's home. (Lala is unable to walk and lies on a mattress in the living room).
- The results of these tests were that Lala was not doing well and needed hospitalization and, very possibly, dialysis.
- Dr Elangovan made arrangements with Hospital Tuanku Jaafar through doctor colleagues to help facilitate this and the possibilities of a very likely dialysis Lala and,
- When discharged, to continue treatment with the KK (Klinik Kesihatan) or the local government clinic closest to Lala's home, to continue with her medication and treatment, and
- The likelihood of arranging for transport and a wheelchair to help Lala get through these trips.
- We also provided items such as pampers, food and kitchen stocks.
- Some takeaways... This was about collaborating with others in reaching out to the community. The collaboration came by way of a few of us from UiTMCNS, Seremban Campus, our panel doctor, Dr Elangovan, our main partner, Hospital Tuanku Jaafar and more partners to join as this case moves forward. This is a clear example of spreading wings – wings of Healing and Hope....

For collaboration to take place, we realised important criteria needed, which are usually silent. Among the criteria are: A passion towards what one does, commitment, care and support for others. Together with expertise, these factors will enhance and ensure the success of the collaboration.

My thanks and acknowledgement go out to ALL in this mission, which is still a work in progress. May God help us to ensure that Lala will be well and that her life will not be restricted to being bed-ridden.

While we work academically with our minds, we also work from our hearts and here is just one story on this. This project is ongoing as we look at ways to support Lala.....



Picture showing Dr Elangovan filling out the blood sample from the syringe to a blood collector container for further tests at the laboratories. Lying on the mattress, placed on the floor, is Lala.