INFORMALITIES AT THE TIMES OF COVID19 PANDEMIC

SUBANG JAYA CITY, MALAYSIA
UCLG Live Learning Experience
Sharing
29th April 2020
Ensuring citizens safety and subsistency

- Malaysian report:
  - Persons infected
  - recovered
  - Deaths

- Subang Jaya City report:
  - Infected
  - Death

- Movement Control Order
  - Started from 18 March
  - Extended to 12 April
Ensuring citizens safety and subsistency

• Functions of Subang Jaya City Council during MCO
  • Monitoring of public places and ensuring essential services are conducted safely by regulating operating hours, keeping safe distance
  • Garbage disposal and general area cleaning
  • Disinfecting markets, bus stops, and ensuring operators disinfect their premises
  • Distribution of food and disinfecting solutions to the poor
  • Registering e-hailers and food handlers, dispatchers
  • Infra repair
  • Emergency assistance eg. fallen tree, flash floods
  • Contact tracing and PPE making assistance to the Health Department
• Economic stimulus package by the Federal Government
  • Income subsidy to the lower income group
  • Moratorium on loans repayment

• Subsidization by the State Government
  • Income subsidy
  • Subsidy to petty traders
Communities ACTIONS

• DONATIONS BY COMPANIES
• Food distributions
  • By govt agencies
  • By NGOS
• DISINFECTING SERVICES
• SOCIAL DISTANCING
• OBSERVING MCO
• HELPING THE HEALTH CARE WORKERS
Institutionalizing COORDINATION BETWEEN ALL ACTORS AND LEVELS OF GOVERNMENTS

• VERTICAL COORDINATION
  • NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
  • STATES ADOPTION
  • LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION

• HORIZONTAL COORDINATION AT THE LOCAL LEVEL
  • Petaling District security Committee
  • Police, army, health department, welfare department, local authorities
Housing and shelter security

• Loan moratoriums
• Rent free period for government housing
• Shelter for the homeless
• Risk of infection spread among workers in Hostels
• crowding and risk
• MCO and stress at home
Acknowledging INFORMAL SECTOR AND INTEGRATIONS INTO THE URBAN FABRIC

• PETTY TRADERS
  • LOSS OF INCOME DURING MCO
  • RELOCATING TO NEW SITES
  • DISTANCE AND TRANSPORT ISSUES

• HOME BASED BUSINESS
  • ACKNOWLEDGMENT BY REGISTERING
  • SETTING NEW RULES AND GUIDELINES
  • THE NEW NORMS – ONLINE BUSINESSES
  • FACILITATING INFRA N INFOSTRUCTURE
INTEGRATING GRaSSROOT MOVEMENT INTO STRATEGIES DURING AND AFTER COVID

- ACKNOWLEDGING COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS
- ACKNOWLEDGING INFORMAL BUSINESSES
- LEGALIZING
- NEW GUIDELINES
- EMPOWERING AND FACILITATING IN PLACE OF UPROOTING, IGNORING, ABOLISHING
- THE NEW NORM
- HOPE FOR EQUALITY
THANK YOU!