

PHARMACISTS COME TO THE RESCUE OF FLOOD VICTIMS

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GEORGE TOWN: It is said that disasters tend to bring people of all walks of life together, and it was no different in Penang after the state experienced one of its worst floods.

Aid has been pouring in from all sides. The Malaysian Pharmaceutical Society (MPS) Penang Branch sprang into action shortly after the floods swept the state.

MPS Penang Branch chairman Gina Koay gathered as many members as she could and ordered medical supplies to help those affected on Sunday, a day after the floods.

“It all started when we saw messages seeking help for medical supplies in certain areas.

“We immediately ordered basic necessities such as first-aid supplies and basic medicine for minor ailments, and decided to reach out to people in areas such as Sungai Pinang on the island and Tasek Gelugor on the mainland.

“We contacted the people in charge in those areas and informed them that we would bring the medicine and provide our services.

“We provided blood pressure checks and checked minor ailments, as well as provided counselling to the flood victims,” she said yesterday.

Koay said since Monday, the relief squad had provided 10 sessions at various places all over the state.

“Between five and eight pharmacists join in each time. They are from the private sector and government hospitals,” she added.