

# RM1mil aid for kidney patients

## Foundation goes beyond call of duty to help its members with daily welfare

THE National Kidney Foundation of Malaysia (NKF) has pledged almost RM1mil from its own coffers to help provide for its patients' subsistence during this economically challenging period.

The non-profit organisation, which has been providing subsidised dialysis treatments in Malaysia for over 30 years, is taking another huge step by helping their patients with their daily needs.

"The Covid-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on the cost of living and it has not spared



anyone, including our dialysis patients who are generally from the lower income group.

"At NKF, the welfare of patients – physically and psychologically – is of paramount importance.

"As part of our commitment to

holistic care, we are providing this financial assistance to give our patients a lifeline throughout this pandemic and movement control order (MCO) for food and other daily necessities," said NKF chairman Datuk Dr Zaki Morad Mohamad Zaher.

The foundation's 27 dialysis centres nationwide currently have 1,712 patients and the financial assistance with an allocation of RM600 for each eligible patient will be channelled in two payments of RM300 in May and June.

Kidney patients on dialysis are dependent on a four-hour treatment, hooked to a dialysis machine, three times a week for the rest of their lives.

Often, patients are initially traumatised when they find out that they have end-stage kidney failure, and that to survive, they need continuous dialysis treatment or a kidney transplant.

Understandably, many have difficulty leading normal lives or finding regular employment. So, it is crucial they have access to affordable dialysis treatment in a

caring environment.

"Amid such tough circumstances, dialysis patients can certainly do with more tender loving care and hope.

"We are serious in assisting our patients in this time of need and we will ensure that the financial assistance totalling almost RM1mil will be distributed prudently in aid of their welfare," added Zaki.

Those who want to contribute towards the organisation's efforts can call 016-230 1072 or log on to [www.nkf.org.my](http://www.nkf.org.my)