

NKF offers to mobilise for vaccination programme



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NATIONAL Kidney Foundation of Malaysia (NKF) wants to help the government ramp up its ongoing National Covid-19 Immunisation Programme by offering the use of its vehicles.

“We know how crucial it is to achieve herd immunity fast, and the only way the government can achieve this in a timely manner is with help from private organisations and non-profit organisations like NKF,” says the NGO.

Currently, NKF has four buses and three vans that are fully equipped for mobile health screening purposes and the NGO says they are ready to be mobilised.

These vehicles are used by the NKF team to provide medical checks like blood pressure, blood glucose, urine test, cholesterol test, body mass index tests and counselling.

Since 2008, NKF has screened a



total of 619,045 people nationwide.

It has recently been reported that the government will be mobilising 30 vaccination trucks to administer Covid-19 vaccines at People's Housing Project (PPR) flats and construction sites in Kuala Lumpur.

This move is done with an aim to speed up the vaccination programme by reaching areas with a high population density.

Each vaccination truck will be able to administer 100 doses a day.

“I think this is a very good idea by the government to bring the vaccine to the people instead of

waiting for them to register,” said NKF Malaysia chairman Datuk Dr Zaki Morad Mohamad Zaher.

“We at NKF want to do our part to help the government speed up the national immunisation programme by offering the use of our vehicles.”

He said the NKF vehicles could be used by the government to roll out more mobile vaccination programmes nationwide, by targeting PPR flats and those living in rural areas who might find it difficult to travel to the designated centres.

“Most people living in rural areas may not even be aware of the availability of the Covid-19 vaccine or have failed to register through MySejahtera because they do not own a mobile phone.

“We hope that with our vehicles, the government will be able to help reach out to more people and get them vaccinated soon.

“As the number of daily cases is significantly high in recent times, achieving herd immunity and getting the masses vaccinated is one sure way to help flatten the Covid-19 curve,” he said.

NKF is also volunteering its manpower to help the government with the vaccine administration, if necessary.

Volunteers from NKF are ready to go through the required government training programme to learn how to properly handle the vaccine and administer it, added Dr Zaki Morad.

NKF Malaysia is a non-profit charitable organisation dedicated to helping Malaysians suffering from end-stage kidney failure who lack access to or cannot afford dialysis treatment.

It currently has over 1,700 dialysis patients receiving subsidized dialysis treatment in 27 dialysis centres nationwide.