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Joint effort:
Villagers and volunteers making a reservoir at a water catchment area to get water supply.

Quake-hit KK villages get water tanks

KOTA KINABALU: Some 16 villages in Ranau who are still facing water woes following the June 5 Mount Kinabalu earthquake will receive 160 plastic water tanks donated by companies and the public.

The tanks and 143 rolls of poly-pipes were bought using funds collected from the corporations and the public.

The fund drive was organised by the Centre for Strategic Engagement (CENSE) - a think tank, Sabah's newest radio station KupuKupuFM and the Pertubuhan Perhubungan Strategik Rakyat Malaysia (PPSRM) non-governmental organisation.

Science, Technology and Innovation Minister Datuk Seri Madius Tangau, who received the contribution on behalf of Upko, yesterday,

thanked the contributors for their help for the affected victims in Ranau.

"We hope more people would emulate them and come forward to give a helping hand.

"Although water supply is restored in the affected areas, there are some areas that need help and much more needs to be done. I hope there will be more sponsors for the Sabah earthquake victims," he added.

PPSRM vice-chairman Fui K. Soong, Upko information chief Albert Bingkasan as well as KupuKupuFM producer Lester Miol were present during the ceremony.

Since it launched the fund-raising campaign in June, PPSRM had raised over RM200,000 for the initiative,

of which RM130,000 had already been spent for the distribution of water tanks and poly-pipes.

Work was also carried out to restore gravity water supply system in Kampung Lobou Timboa and Kampung Dumpiring, both in Ranau.

The work was carried out with the help of the Royal Military College Putra Old Boys.

PPSRM plans to build or restore gravity water systems on a *gotong-royong* basis with villagers in need of such aid.

Soong said they hope to raise more funds to expand their gravity water initiative to Kota Belud by early next year, as the district was also severely affected by the earthquake.

