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DG:About 10,000 sought help for drug addiction

KUALA LUMPUR: About 10,000 Malaysians with addiction problems have sought help, the National Anti-Drug Agency (AADK) said.

AADK director-general [Puan Sri Zuraidah Mohamed](#) said from July 7 last year to Nov 17 this year, 9,595 people had voluntarily applied for the 1Malaysia Cure & Care clinic's drug treatment and rehabilitation programmes.

This achievement was in line with Home [Minister Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Tun Hussein's](#) recent call for the ministry's departments and agencies to show visible outcomes from their transformation programmes.

He said this during the ministry's Innovation Day celebrations and monthly assembly on Nov 21.

AADK has also seen an increase in volunteers, with 194,297 people signing up for the anti-drug programme SKUAD 1Malaysia since its launch on July 4 this year.

"This rise in volunteerism shows that the society is willing to get involved in addressing the nation's drug problems," Zuraidah said.

She added that these achievements showed that AADK had successfully fulfilled three out of seven commitments issued by the Home Minister in 2011.

These commitments were namely drug abuse, increasing the effectiveness of rehabilitation programmes and encouraging volunteerism.