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Community leaders urged to join fight against drugs

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Rosey (fifth left) presents an anti-drug campaign poster to Jamalie while Ripin (sixth left), Lukanisman (third left), Mastapha (fourth left) and others look on.

MIRI: Community leaders are urged to work with the government in the fight against the drug menace.

Assistant Minister of Women, Family and Childhood Development Rosey Yunus said their support was vital in addressing issues related to drug abuse within the community.

“Community leaders are the trusted persons at the grassroots level, and also the closest persons to the people.

“Community leaders have a clear picture and know better problems on the ground,” she said when officiating at a ‘get-together’ session with community leaders in Subis District at the Bekenu community hall yesterday.

Later at the same function, Rosey, who is also Bekenu assemblywoman, presented posters of the anti-drug campaign to community leaders in the district.

She believed that involvement of the community leaders in the fight against the drug menace would ensure the roles of National Anti- Drug Agency (AADK), Malaysia Drug Prevention Association (Pepadam) and Subis District could be enhanced.

Community Empowerment Programme, she added, was a programme not only to disseminate information and educate members of the public about the danger of drug abuse, it also involved active participation of the community, including the leaders.

Sibuti MP Lukanisman Awang Sauni, Lambir assemblyman Ripin Lamat, political secretaries to chief minister Julani Moktar and Sharkawi Suhaili, Miri Resident Mastapha Julaihi and Subis District Officer Jamalie Busri were among those present at the function.