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Residents clearing up rubbish around their neighbourhood in Taman Bukit Permai, Ampang to get rid of potential mosquito breeding grounds. — Photos: P. NATHAN/The Star

Stamping out the scourge

Selangor earmarks extra RM5mil on war against dengue in 2018 after recording the most number of cases in the country this year



PKD Hulu Langat's dengue control strategies include a 12-week programme on how to search and destroy mosquito breeding grounds.



Drains that are blocked with potted plants make it more difficult for cleaning works to take place.

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MORE control and preventive measures are being taken by local authorities and government agencies in reducing the number of dengue cases as figures remain high in Selangor.

The state recorded the most number of dengue cases compared to other states, in the country, as at Dec 15 with 43,846 cases, followed by Johor (7,630) and Kuala Lumpur (7,577).

While the figure is a 11.6% drop compared to the same corresponding period in 2016, state agencies warn that public apathy could lead to a rise in these figures.

Mohammad Hanapi Jusoh, who is senior secretary to State Health, Welfare, Women and Family Affairs Committee chairman Dr Darayah Alwi, said the state government's focus was to check on areas with high potential for dengue transmission.

"A popular misconception is that rubbish dumps are where mosquitoes are most likely to breed. But this only true for 11% to 13% of the time.

"Most times, construction sites, abandoned lots and public spaces are where these breeding grounds are found," he said.

Hanapi said that even with the high figures, there had been a downward trend of dengue cases over the past several months with week 48 recording the lowest figures in the state since 2014.

"During that week, there were only 418 dengue cases recorded compared to last year where the lowest number recorded case was 512.

"There are currently 13 dengue hotspots in Selangor with 466 cases

reported at week 49," he said during an event in Pandan Indah on the appointment of Ampang Jaya Municipal Council (MPA) councillors in the Dengue Action Committee (MTD).

There are 24 zones in the municipality and each zone chairman will lead the MTD squad.

In 2016, RM1.5mil was allocated under the Selangor budget for the prevention and control of dengue.

This figure was increased to RM5mil this year and an additional RM5mil has been allocated for 2018.

As part of the state efforts to combat the epidemic, Hanapi said RM2.66mil has been allocated to be distributed to the 12 local councils.

"The budget was used to intensify control and prevention activities by using pest control operators.

"This year, we also worked with Selangor assemblymen where 56 of them received RM10,000 each," he said adding that the Petaling, Hulu Langat, Gombak and Klang district and land offices received RM50,000 each.

Five other district and land offices namely Sepang, Hulu Selangor, Kuala Selangor, Kuala Langat and Sabak Bernam were allocated RM30,000 each to fight the dengue menace.

Efforts by state agencies

For the message to reach the community, the Hulu Langat District Health Office (PKD Hulu Langat) has started dengue control strategies through several initiatives including source reduction, search and destroy and *gotong-royong*.

PKD Hulu Langat Vector Unit chief Dr Rosilawati Salleh said to