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RM1.3mil allocated for repair of damaged homes

72 houses affected by storm identified for first phase of project

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RURAL Development Ministry (KPLB) has allocated RM1.3mil to repair 100 houses that were damaged during a thunderstorm in Tanjung Sedili, Kota Tinggi.

South East Johor Development Authority (Kejora) chairman Datuk Seri Che Zakaria Mohd Salleh said the agency had been tasked to oversee the project.

"We are grateful to be given this responsibility and will do our best to help victims get back on track.

"Housing repair aid will be given to those registered under the e-Kasih programme.

"We have also selected 15 con-

tractors to be part of the reconstruction work," he said when contacted.

Che Zakaria added that a total of 72 houses were selected to be restored in the first phase of the project that kicked off on Aug 25.

"The remaining 28 houses will be repaired after completion of the investigation and verification process.

"Up to RM13,000 worth of repair works have been allocated for each home," he added.

Che Zakaria also said that the allocations were given by KPLB after Kejora handed over the assessment report on the damage incurred following the thunderstorm on July 31.

"I would like to thank the then KPLB minister Datuk Dr Abdul Latiff Ahmad for approving this allocation immediately.

"I hope that Kejora and KPLB will be able to continue our partnership when dealing with issues affecting those in need, especially during the Covid-19 pandemic," he added.

It was earlier reported that a total of 366 houses were damaged by the thunderstorm that affected seven villages in Tanjung Sedili, namely Kampung Sri Gading, Kampung Teluk Jeri, Kampung Teluk Jeri Luar, Kampung Teluk Jeri Dalam, Kampung Tanah Putih, Taman Sedili and Kampung Sedili Besar.



Che Zakaria says 15 contractors have been selected for the project.