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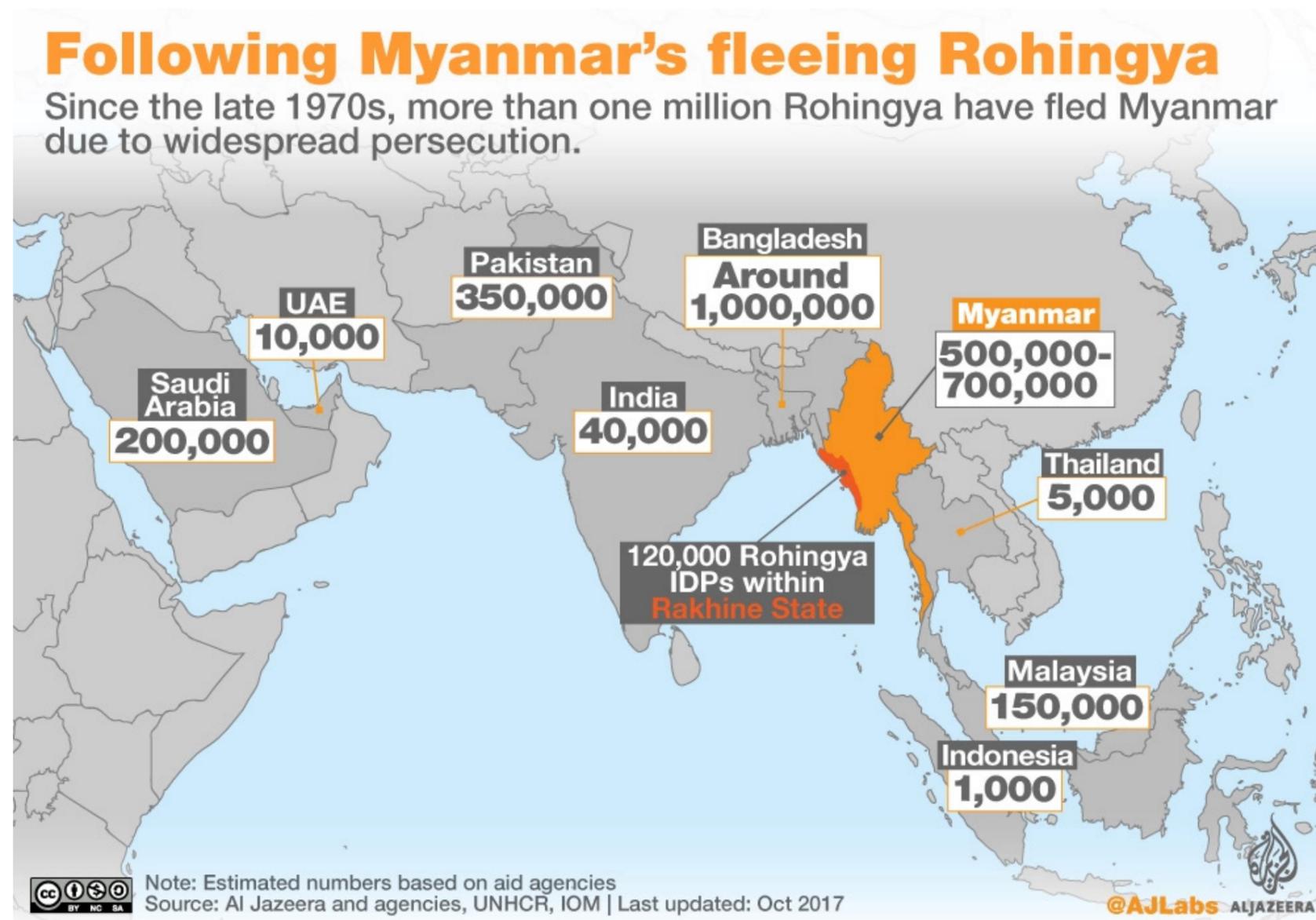
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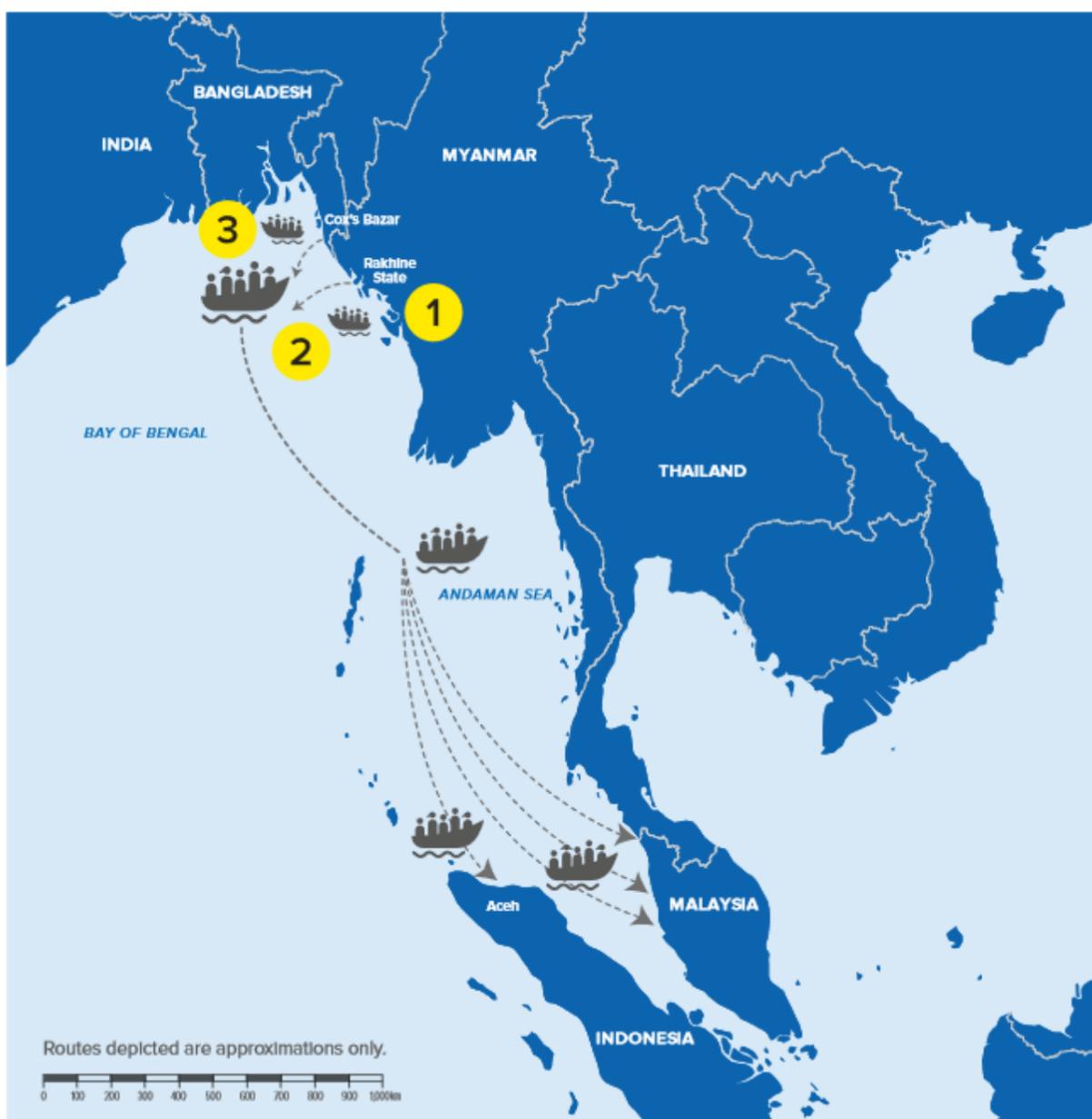
- 2017: Approval from the Board to open a mission in Bangladesh – which would help build a **regional approach on the Rohingya crisis**
- 2020: **Fact-finding mission in Malaysia**
- 2021: Opening of the Malaysia mission
- 2021: Identification of the **Andaman Sea** as one of the fourth area to be explored by **Maritime ambition** project
- 2022: **Launch of the operations in Malaysia + fact-finding mission on Maritime Ambition**



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Figure 2.2 Map of sea movements of Rohingya in the region



Refugees in Malaysia at a glance:

Malaysia hosts some 181,000 refugees and asylum-seekers. 85% are from Myanmar, including some 103,000 Rohingyas. The remaining are from 50 other countries, including Pakistan, Yemen, Syria, and Somalia.

67% of refugees and asylum-seekers are men, while 33% are women. 45,650 are children below the age of 18. They live in cities and towns across the peninsular, with sizeable populations in Klang Valley, Johor, and Penang

Figure 3.1 Movement trends: 2013 - June 2021



Maritime Movements in Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal (persons)⁵



Dead and missing⁶

	2013	2014	2015 ⁴	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021 (until June)
Maritime Movements in Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal (persons) ⁵	51,870 *	63,590 *	32,610 *	n/a	n/a	762	1,337	2,413	633
Dead and missing ⁶	890	730	200	n/a	200 ⁷	11	4	209	9

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A continuous drama into the Andaman Sea to reach Malaysia:



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The context in Malaysia

- **Legal Framework**

Malaysia is not a State party to the 1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees and its 1967 Protocol. By law, refugees and asylum seekers are considered **undocumented migrants** in Malaysia. **As such, they live in fear to be arrested** and face many barriers (financial, language, discrimination, state repression, work) to access affordable healthcare services.

- **Public health system**

The Malaysian health system consists mainly of a tax-funded public sector and a private sector that generates revenue through fee-for-service, out-of-pocket payments, and private insurance.

The public healthcare sector limits its **low-cost services to citizens** only and imposes **high fees upon foreigners** who seek medical care.

- **Registered refugee status**

Being a registered UNHCR refugee or an asylum seeker provides access to services and a status: **50% discount on medical fees**, less exposed to immigration raids, imprisonment, bribery.

- **Common barriers**

Security and protection issues, language difficulties, and poor health literacy.

Plus stigma, Hate Speeches from Malaysian officials



The screenshot shows the UNHCR Malaysia website. At the top left is the UNHCR logo with the text 'UNHCR The UN Refugee Agency' and 'Malaysia'. At the top right are links for 'Home', 'Support', and 'Notices'. The main heading is 'UNHCR Document'. Below this is a paragraph: 'Individuals registered through UNHCR's processing as needing international protection will be provided a UNHCR documents that will say that the bearer of the document is under the protection of UNHCR.' In the center is a sample UNHCR document card. It features a photo placeholder labeled 'Sample Photo', a barcode, and the following information: UNHCR No.: 791-08C00345; Name / Nama: John Doe; Date of Birth / Tarikh Lahir: 01/01/1984; Sex / Jantina: Lelaki - M; Country of Origin / Negara Asal: Unknown; Issued Date / Tarikh Dikeluarkan: 18/01/2022; Renewal Date / Tarikh Pembaharuan: 18/01/2025. At the bottom right of the card is a red circle with 'MY' inside. To the right of the card is a paragraph: 'UNHCR identity documentation provides a level of protection which may reduce the risk of arrest, and allow limited access to health services, education and other essential support services from UNHCR, its partner organizations or other actors.' Below this is another paragraph: 'The UNHCR document is the identity document that recognises that you are under UNHCR protection. It has no formal legal value in Malaysia and is not a passport.'

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Detention « inhumane » facilities versus fear to be arrested:



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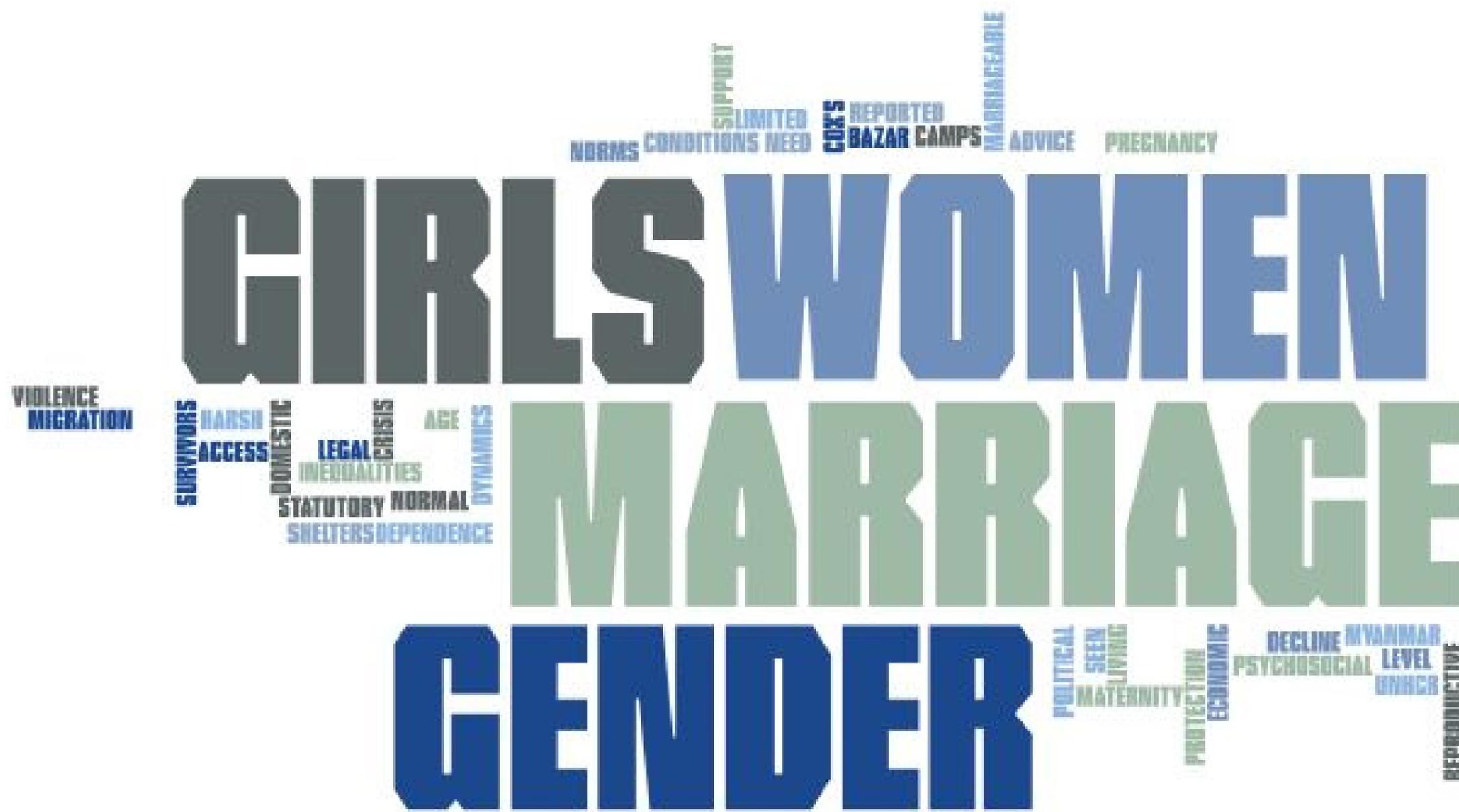
On Sexual and Reproductive health:



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On Gender Based Violence:



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Our Project

Project: to alleviate the barriers towards the refugees and asylum-seekers' access to comprehensive healthcare through a community-based approach

Specific objective:

Contribute to alleviate barriers to accessing SRHR (including Gender-Based Violence prevention and response) and MHPSS services for refugees and asylum seekers in Malaysia.

Result 1: Refugees and asylum seekers access SRHR (including GBV) and MHPSS services delivered through a community-based approach consisting in fixed facilities, mobile clinics, community networking and referral to healthcare services

Result 2: Local health actors' capacity to provide a comprehensive quality healthcare is strengthened through task sharing and training hence enabling a scale-up of their operations

Result 3: Coordination, Advocacy, Research

Number of refugees targeted:

19,000 direct persons in 4 states of Malaysia

Partners:

 MERCY Malaysia

 Malaysia Relief Agency



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Implementing partners:



Other key actors :



MdM Training services:



ABOUT US

Created in 2021, MDM Training Services Sdn Bhd does more than just providing services. We thrive to respond to an emergent market on technical advisory related to the provision of healthcare services to vulnerable and low-income populations in Malaysia. We help our clients to implement their vision and values. We will design and tailor you solutions in close cooperation with your team members. To meet your needs and expectations, dedicated teams are formed. We are tightly aligned with your business.

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REPRESENTATION

All you need to represent you in accordance with your values and principles



TECHNICAL ADVISORY

The best experts on the market to help you find the solutions to your objectives



EMPOWERMENT

Access to local communities and key stakeholders, experts at your disposal



DESIGN

In accordance to your needs, we will develop the standards, guidelines and tools

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Thanks for your attention.

Any Questions ?

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