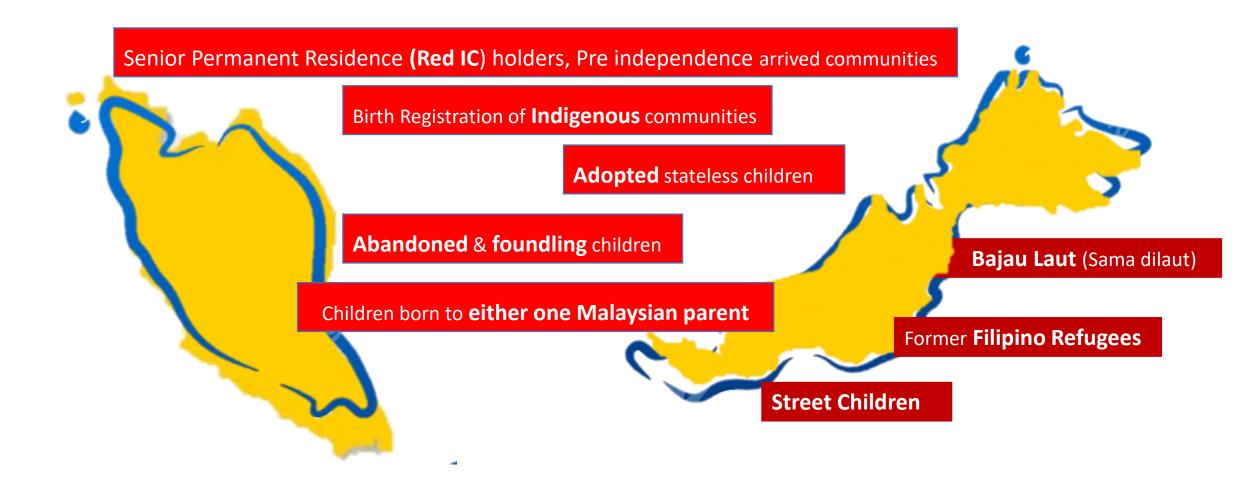
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Positive Progress



Permanent residents aged 60 and above to get full citizenship



KUALA LUMPUR: Permanent residents aged 60 years and above who have applied for full citizenship will be granted this soon, Prime Minister Dr Mahathir Mohamad announced

✓ **Increased approval** of pre independence cases

✓ Commitment to address administrative gaps & challenges in the JPN SOP







Dr Maszlee: Over 10,000 special needs children enrolled in schools under Zero Reject policy

Tuesday, 07 May 201



✓ Zero Reject Policy "Access to Education"

✓ TSMY attendance expressed Malaysia's first international commitment on addressing statelessness during the special session of UNHCR's Executive Committee High-Level Segment Meeting on Statelessness in Geneva, 7 Oct 2019



Presenter: Maalini Ramalo

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(-) Progress



- ✓ (NRD) has progressively given approval to pre-independence stateless cases holding birth certificate (BC) issued in Malaysia as a proof of birth. However, there was **no approval progress** with regards to cases without BC.
 - ✓ Children with strong link to Malaysia (Adopted & born to either one Malaysia parent) placed in severe **mental trauma** over the state' of their birth with no fault of theirs

- ✓ Low intention to address **non-implementation of existing statelessness safeguards** in the law
 - ✓ Details of **JPN SOP** being reviewed remain **unavailable**
 - ✓ Abandoned children **without parents' information cannot access education** through the Zero Reject Policy; Cost of Levy



- Malaysian citizenship laws do not practice
 SDG 5: Gender Equality
 - Malaysian mothers with children born overseas
 - Malaysian fathers with children born out of wedlock
 - Foreign spouses of Malaysian citizens
- Challenges: Healthcare, Education, Economic opportunities, Other social services, Statelessness, Vulnerability to Gender-Based Violence
- Commitment from the Ministry of Women,
 Family & Community Development
- 42 MPs in favor of a constitutional amendment
- Get to the root: patriarchal colonial laws

