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JOHOR government has identified 3,200 plots that will be developed into housing areas for second-generation Felda settlers, says Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Hasni Mohammad.

He said the second generation was in dire need of their own home that was equipped with the necessary public amenities and infrastructure.

"Johor has the second-largest Felda area after Pahang, and the state government has identified some 3,200 plots that can be developed into a housing project for the second generation of Felda settlers.

"The 'how to develop the project' part will be handled by the Perbadanan Kemajuan Rumah Johor. But most importantly, the location must have amenities to meet all of the settlers' needs," he said in a speech at the Perbadanan PRIMA Malaysia (PRIMA) Residensi Larkin Indah Housing Loan Scheme launch ceremony.

The programme was launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob.

Hasni said the state government had also allocated RM20mil for the Rumah Ihsan Johor project, which

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Ismail Sabri (centre) at the launch of the PRIMA Residensi Larkin Indah Housing Loan Scheme in Johor Baru.

was aimed at helping those who lost their homes to disasters.

"Those who lost their homes can apply for this aid. This has been prepared so that we can provide help to the rakyat holistically."

Meanwhile, Housing and Local Government Minister Datuk Seri

Reezal Merican Naina Merican said the ministry planned to introduce another two PRIMA residential projects in Johor.

"Besides Residensi Larkin Indah, we also have Residensi Kota Tinggi and Residensi Pelangi Indah in the pipeline.

"To date, we have delivered three PRIMA projects, namely Residensi Taman Nusantara, Residensi Tebrau in Johor Baru, and Residensi Bandar Layangkasa in Tiram, Pasir Gudang," he said. Meanwhile, Residensi Larkin Indah Housing Loan Scheme

recipients were overjoyed at being selected.

Private sector worker Mohd Ameen Mohd Habib, 39, said he had been applying for a house since 2019 but was rejected six times before finally getting approval this year.

"It is good news for my family because I have been living in a rented home for the past 11 years with my wife and children.

"Although this is just a housing loan approval, at least it is one step closer to owning my first house," he added.

Sharing the same view is videographer Jeremy Lim, 33, who said it was difficult to find an affordable house in the city centre and hoped that similar projects would be introduced in the future.

"I live in Pontian so I have to travel back and forth to Johor Baru every day, which takes a toll on my time, energy and finances," he said.

As for nurse, T. Deepa, 42, the application process was fast and she hopes to move into her new home once it is completed by the end of this year.

"My husband works in Singapore and this will be a nice homecoming gift for him when he returns," said the mother of two.