# Empowerment of Orang Asli Youth

Building a sustainable future through community-based education and skill development

a project by the Dignity For Children Foundation













## A Sustainable Education Model for Orang Asli Youth

**The need is great.** 13.8% of Malaysia's population are Orang Asli and many of them live in remote villages in rural areas near to the forest.

of Orang Asli students did not complete their schooling up to Form Five, compared to the national dropout rate of 1.11% in 2021.

30%

42%

of Orang Asli students finish their secondary school, which is less than half of the national average of 72%.

2%

of Orang Asli children have succeeded in completing tertiary education.





**High dropout rates** due to inadequate monitoring and evaluation of aid programs.



**Poverty and financial constraints**, which make school-related expenses a burden for many families.



**Limited transportation and road access**, particularly in remote areas, affecting school attendance.



**Insufficient and poorly fitted educational resources** like uniforms and supplies.



**Cultural and language barriers** in mainstream education.



Need for specialized teaching methods to address unique cultural needs and learning gaps.

## Our Unique, Tailored Approach

Dignity's approach to education focuses on **community-centered**, **studentdirected**, **and differentiated learning** to meet diverse needs

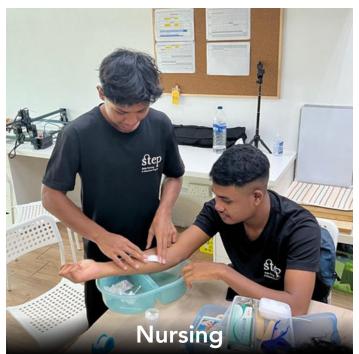


- Self-paced and culturally-responsive learning
- **3 Differentiated learning** for students with varied backgrounds
- Focused training in practical, employable skills:
  Early Childhood Education, Hairdressing and Barbering,
  Food and Beverage, Nursing, and Woodworking

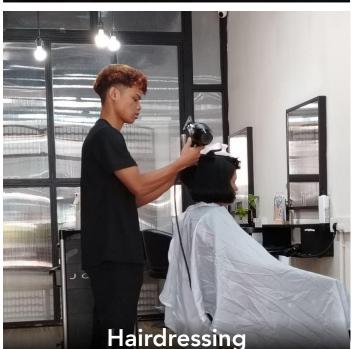


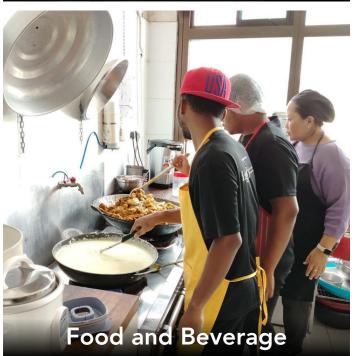
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### **Our Impact**



25 Orang Asli youth completed our inaugural program and internship

This educational achievement equips them with practical and marketable skills, thus enhancing their employability



A replicable community-based education model, fostering broader socio-economic development



### Join Us in Building A Sustainable Future!





We need partners who will collaborate with us and support us to expand our model of sustainable, community-based education model to more marginalized communities.

### **Future Goals:**

- throughout Malaysia
- Support our graduates in seeking employment opportunities

Reach more Orang Asli youth in communities

Support us or get in touch: dignity@dignityforchildren.org www.dignityforchildren.org

