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Strengthening Families Remains Core of AMP's Intervention Programme for Muslim Inmates & Their Families

1. After two years since it was first piloted and having served more than 250 inmates together with over 700 of their family members, the Development and Reintegration Programme (DRP) will now extend additional assistance to inmates who have been released from prison but whose family still require support post-release. These inmates and their family members will be offered assistance under AMP's Family Services unit or referrals to other relevant social agencies, depending on their needs. The assistance offered under the Family Services unit will be provided for a period of up to three years after their release. Previously the assistance provided was for up to one year post-release.
2. Strong family support is essential in the successful rehabilitation and reintegration efforts of the inmates, as a majority (69%) of inmates under DRP, also known as the programme's clients, them are either married with children or are singles who require family-focused intervention, such as divorcees with children. Of those who have been released from prison, 63% have returned to their family home and are under the residential scheme with family supervision.
3. Inmates who are assisted under AMP's Family Services unit will receive holistic support in the form of financial assistance, economic empowerment, socio-educational development and other assistance such as counselling and workshops.

4. “Having worked with the inmates and their families over the last two years, we realised that support given to the inmates and their families over a longer period of time could help strengthen the family relationships for successful rehabilitation and reintegration of the inmates. That is why we made the decision to extend the assistance period to 3 years so they and their families can benefit longer from our programme and become stronger in the long run,” said Mr Mohd Anuar Yusop, Executive Director of AMP.
5. The DRP, which was launched in November 2018, adopts a structured approach in the provision of a reintegration programme for Muslim offenders from incarceration to post-release. It assists Muslim offenders and their families through individualised intervention plans, in-care and aftercare engagements, and other financial and socio-educational assistance.

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