



**IMPROVING HUMAN RIGHTS IN
MALAYSIA : THE CHALLENGE OF
CHILD BEGGARS**

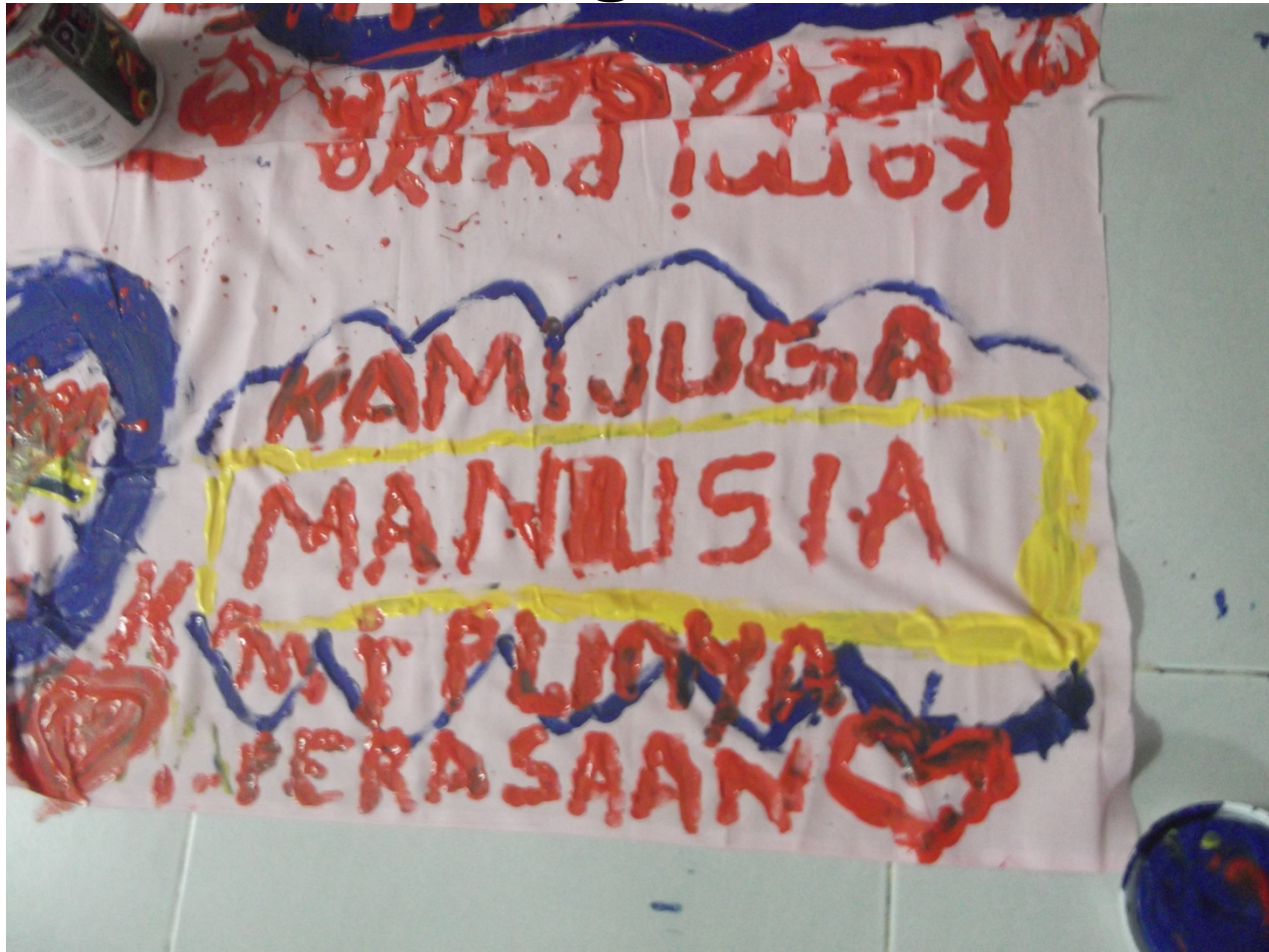
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Many Rohingya refugees in Malaysia



They say “We are human , we have feelings too”*



Who are rohingya?

- The Rohingya are stateless people of Muslim who lived in Western Burma (Myanmar).
- They are not included in the official list of ethnic groups of Burma under the former dictator General Ne Win in the 1982 Citizenship Law
- They fled to Malaysia to apply as refuge in Malaysia, as Malaysia is a country where Rohingya receive minimum protection
- Malaysia did not sign the 1951 UN Convention on Refugees nor 1967 Protocol Relating to the Status of Refugee so Rohingya is illegal immigrant
- However, no rohingya people have been arrested especially when in 2009 Malaysia allowed UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNCHR) access to an immigration detention center

Proposal Background

Problem Statement

- Child beggar in Malaysia
- Most of the child beggars are not Malaysian but refugees from Myanmar and Cambodia (Rohingya)

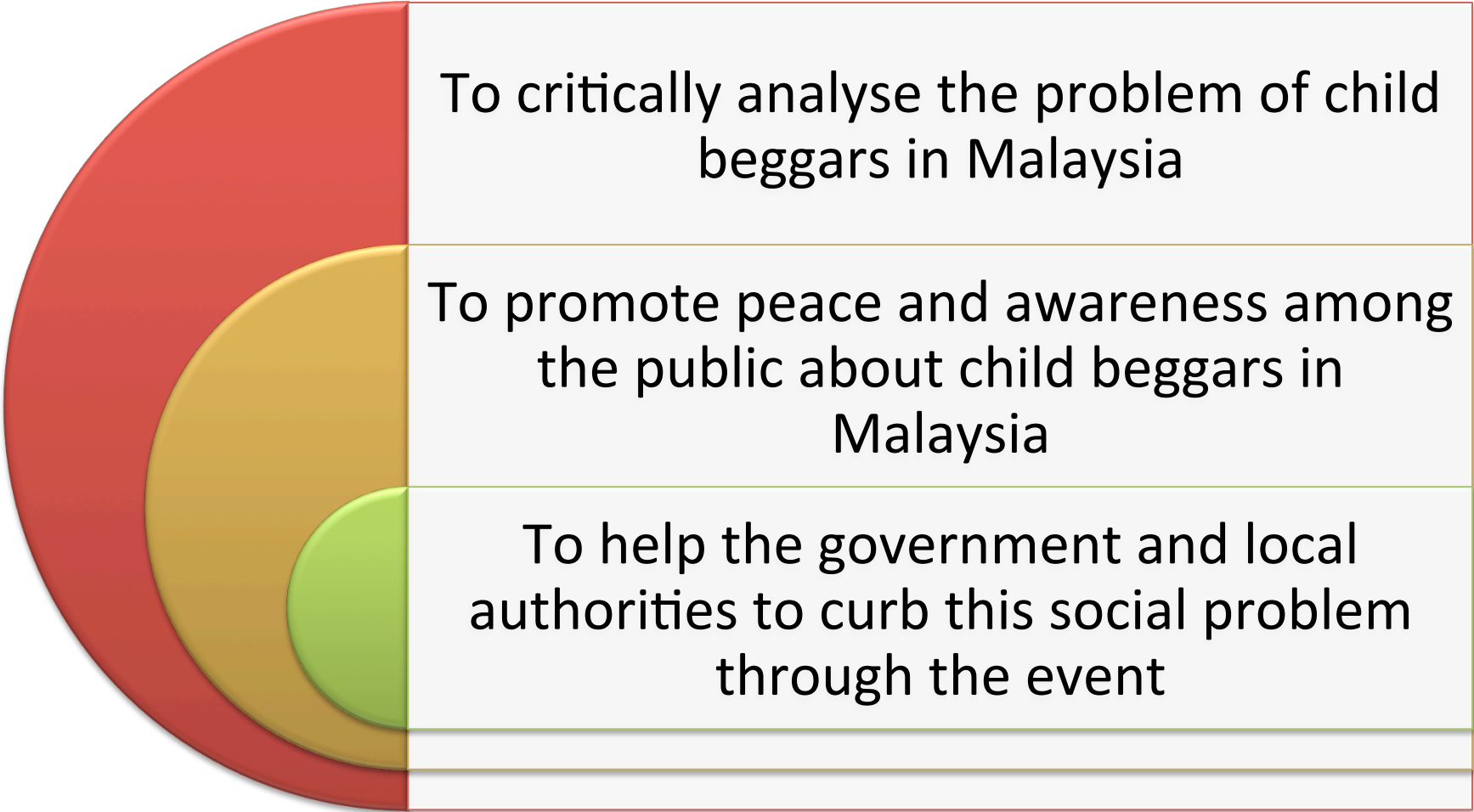
Problem Statement

- There are no specific laws on child beggar
- The only relevant law is the Child Act 2001* but it is not applicable to non-citizens

Problem Statement

- The Rohingya * people have been oppressed in Myanmar by the Junta and Myanmar army
- UN Convention on Human Rights requires all to protect the human rights of others *

Objectives



To critically analyse the problem of child beggars in Malaysia

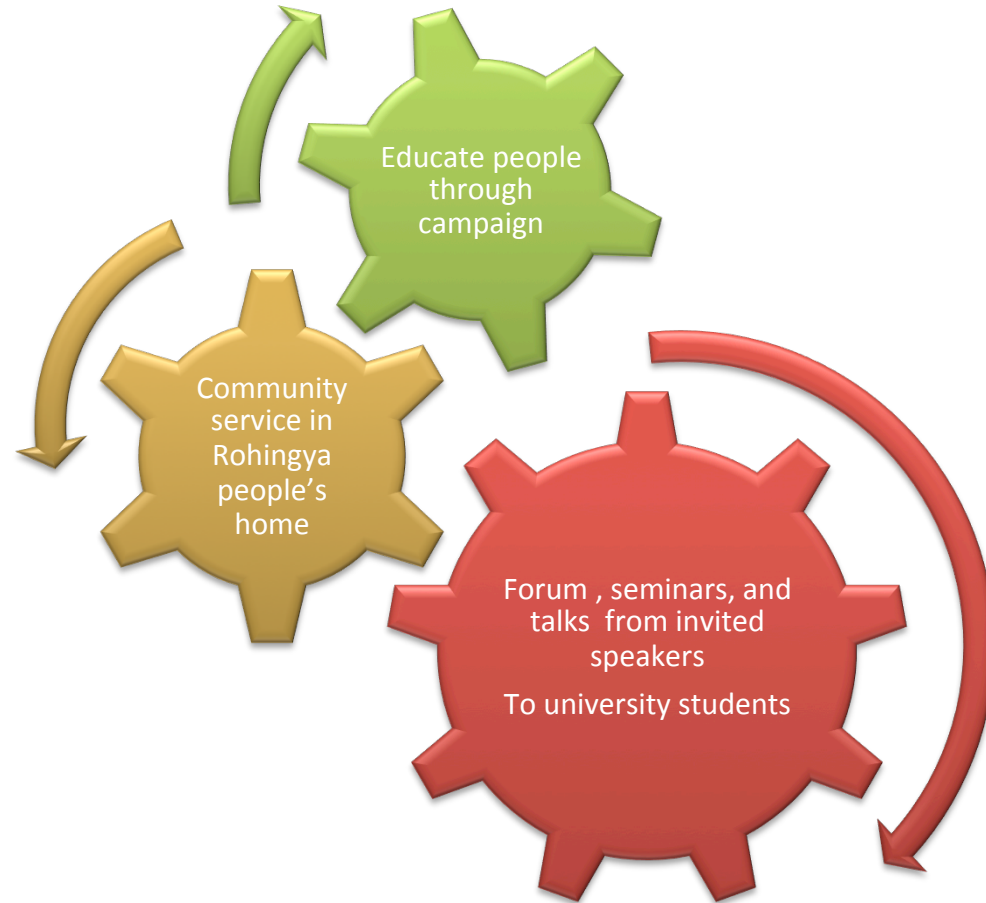
To promote peace and awareness among the public about child beggars in Malaysia

To help the government and local authorities to curb this social problem through the event

Target groups for Awareness Activity



What we are going to do ??



Educate people through campaign


Organised a campaign called “Stop Child Beggars”

Open a booth for invited NGO'S and Government Bodies such as Ministry of Women and Children of Malaysia.


Send the leaflets and flyers about child beggars in Malaysia

Community Service at Rohingya's people Home

Based on visit on last November 2012 through the program "Spread the Knowledge with Love" we found that the Rohingya people didn't get formal education, shelter and clothes.



We are planning on doing another visit in which we will teach them English and Mathematics and also giving them food and clothes which are donated by the public.



We are also planning to do some sort of fun activities such as football game etc in order to promote peace through sport.

Forum , mock debate and talks

We are planning to do a forum among the university student titled “Rohingya Refugees and Child Beggars : What is the Role of Malaysia? “

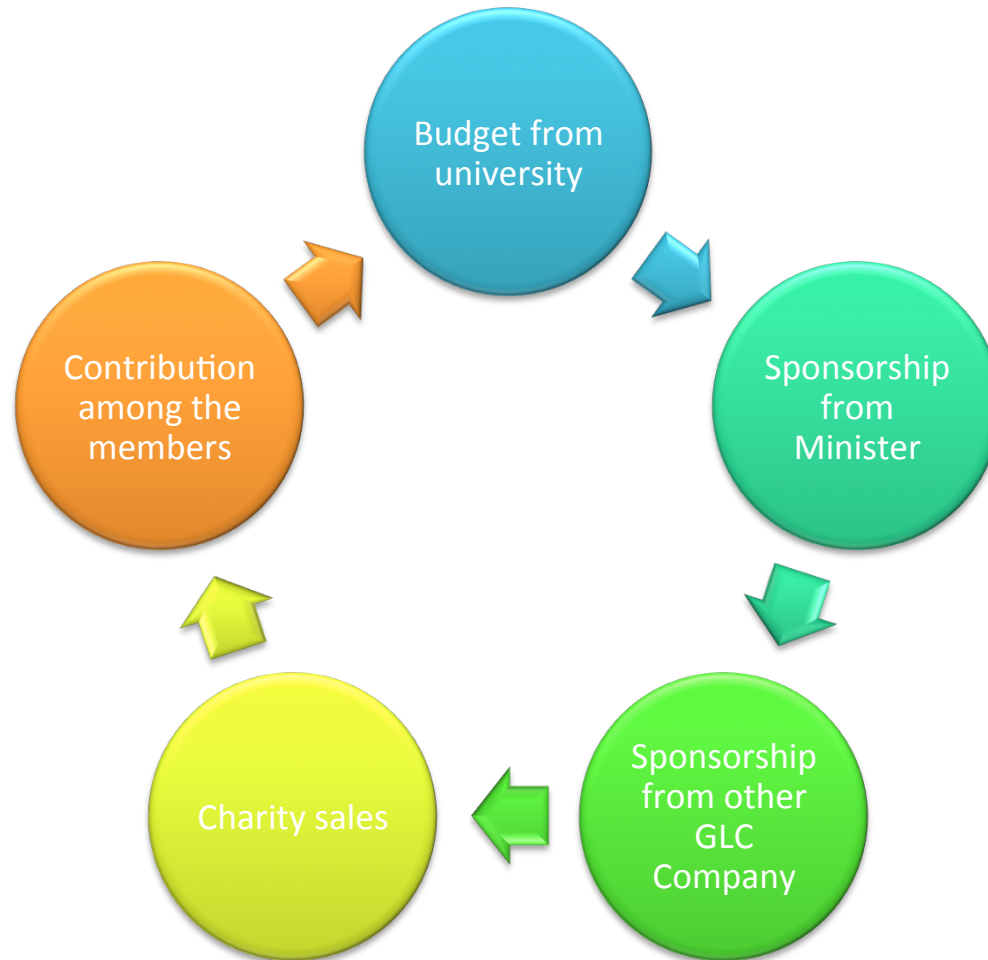


There will be also a mock debate from UTMARA Debate Society

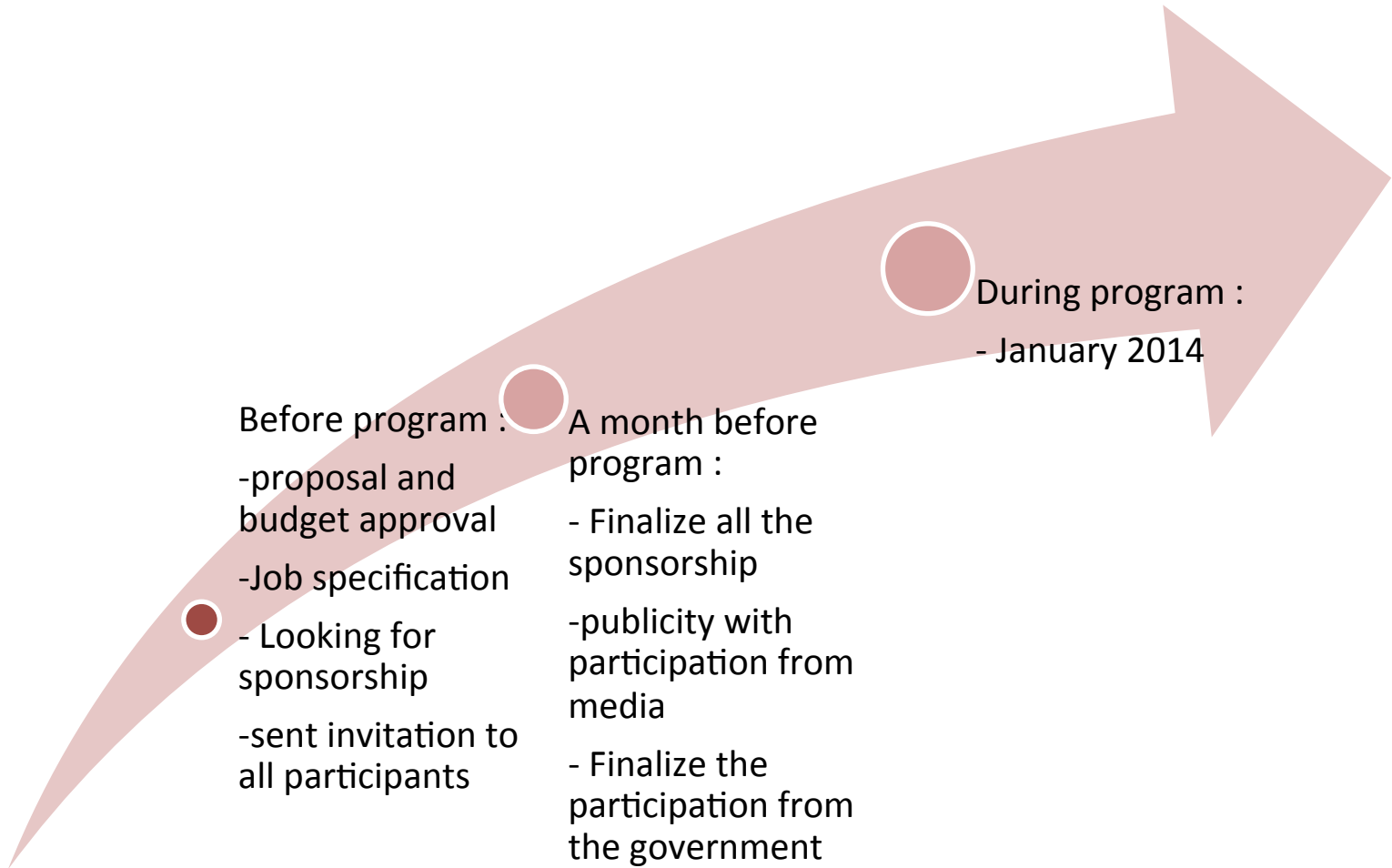


There will be talks from invited speakers and we are suggesting our International Law Lecturer Associate Prof Rohani Md Shah who has been actively involved in UN

Resources / Funding



Timeline



Budget

Item	Price / unit	Total
Food for participants	RM 20 x 3 x 150	RM 900
Flyers and banner	RM 450	RM 450
Stationary	RM 3 X 150	RM 450
Photocopy, printing etc	Lumpsum RM 300	RM 300
Gifts	RM 10 X 150	RM 1500
TOTAL		RM 3600 OR 1200 USD

LIMITATIONS



Time

Participation from
members of
government

Financial assistance

Challenges

- Language barrier
- Others points
- Target no.
- Follow up after forum

Evaluation

Survey form for the participants for the forum

Follow up with Rohingya people's home

Collaboration with :



United Nations
Educational, Scientific and
Cultural Organization



UNESCO Ambassador of UiTM
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For UNESCO



UTMARA DEBATE



Other potential collaborators :

- Olympic Youth Truce
- Ministry of Women, Family and Children of Malaysia
- SUHAKAM (Malaysia Human Rights Commission)
- Amnesty International

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