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Intervention Note :

The burden of dementia was first acknowledged in the 2018 Malaysian National Health and Morbidity Survey (NHMS). This study estimated the prevalence of probable dementia among Malaysian was 8.6%, which is higher than the World Health Organization (WHO) estimates of 5% to 8%.

To address the increasing disease burden of dementia in Malaysia, the government has drafted the **Dementia 2021-2030 Action Plan** in line with WHO Global Action Plan on The Public Health Response to Dementia 2017-2025 and Sustainable Development Goal. The Plan of Action outlines seven broad multi-sectoral whole-government strategies addressing risk reduction, early diagnosis and holistic management of dementia and central to all, this new strategy recognizes the importance of engaging people with dementia and their care-takers in various level of implementation.

Malaysia is committed towards improvement in prevention and care people with dementia and to date has:

- Promote efforts by NGO and private sector to provide safe platform for communities to create awareness on dementia and dementia-friendly community. Establishment of the Atria-ADFM community corner project within a shopping mall in 2017 is an example.
- Celebrates Dementia Awareness Campaign since 2018, in World Alzheimer's Month Celebration to advocate policy makers and raise public awareness on Dementia.
- Participated in Global Dementia Observatory data collection exercises in strengthening policy, service delivery, information and researching in January 2019.

Malaysia will continuously strive to improve various aspect of dementia care in the community. Malaysia takes note of the Global action plan on the public health response to dementia 2017–2025. Thank you.