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Introduction

This project, conducted as part of the Community Engagement and Volunteering subject, focuses on addressing two critical societal and environmental concerns: feeding the homeless and feeding stray cats around the city. This initiative aims to foster compassion, empathy, and responsibility among participants while directly improving the well-being of vulnerable groups.

The project is designed to be completed over two days, which is the first day we feed the homeless. It takes around 3-4 hours to complete and the 2nd day we feed stray cats, with planned activities that ensure the efficient distribution of resources and impactful engagement. On the first day, efforts will concentrate on feeding homeless individuals, providing them with nutritious meals and a sense of dignity. The second day will shift focus to feeding stray cats, ensuring they receive sustenance and care.

This documentation serves to outline the purpose, planning, execution, and outcomes of the project, highlighting its significance in promoting community welfare and the humane treatment of animals. Through this initiative, participants aim to contribute meaningfully to society and raise awareness about these important issues.

Name of our project : Sharing Hands, Feeding Hearts

The name of our project is Sharing Hands, Feeding Hearts whereby fits the activity that we did for the community service project and the purpose of us to give assistance to the needy in the shape of giving food.

For the first activity, we gathered and shared our money to buy resources that will be used to make a meal for the homeless. We then gathered at a restaurant and together we prepared and cooked the meal. We budgeted for 30 packs of meals, and after all the meals had been packed, we personally brought the meals to a nearby mosque and distributed them to the homeless. In less than one hour, we managed to distribute all the meals, and head back to review our first project.

For the second activity, we decided to again give our contribution to the community but this time to nature or to our little stray friends. We bought 2 cans of wet food and a packet of kibbles to feed the stray cats. Our targeted place and journey is to go along the LRT line which is definitely being a home to these stray cats. We went to four LRT stations, which are Taman Melati, Wangsa Maju, Sri Rampai and Setiawangsa. At these stations, we managed to feed about 10 stray cats and even get the opportunity to show them love and kindness by patting them on the head and the body.

Benefits of the project

Social Impact

- **Homeless:** Providing nutritious meals helps alleviate immediate hunger and offers a sense of care and dignity to individuals who are often marginalized.
- **Cats:** Addressing the needs of stray animals contributes to their well-being and reduces the risks they face due to starvation or neglect.

Personal Development

- Participants develop empathy, compassion, and a deeper understanding of societal and environmental challenges.
- Enhances teamwork, leadership, and project management skills, which are valuable in academic and professional contexts.

Community Awareness

- Raises awareness about homelessness and the plight of stray animals, encouraging others to contribute to these causes.
- Builds stronger connections within the community, fostering a sense of collective responsibility.

Educational Value

- Provides hands-on experience in addressing real-world social issues, complementing theoretical knowledge gained in the classroom.
- Encourages problem-solving and resourcefulness by managing logistics and ensuring project goals are met within a limited timeframe.

Positive Ripple Effect

- Inspires participants and observers to continue supporting initiatives that promote social and environmental welfare.
- Contributes to building a culture of volunteering and advocacy for vulnerable groups.

Challenges during implement the project

Food Preparation

- Ensure that meals were cooked efficiently while also meeting nutritional and taste criteria.
- Needed to strike a balance between the quality of food and the amount required for both homeless people and stray cats.
- Ensuring that meals remained warm and appealing during distribution created logistical challenges.

Quantity

- Figuring out how much meals to prepare and make.
- Absence of detailed data made it difficult to correctly estimate the number of homeless people and stray cats.
- Distributing resources between the homeless and also wet food for the stray cats nearby Irt over two days necessitated careful planning to avoid shortages.

Budget

- Had a limited budget, therefore it was critical to acquire low-cost, high-quality materials and supplies for both homeless people and the stray cats.
- Additional expenses, such as transportation which is taking Irt to one station to another, food packaging and things to serve foods for cats.

Time Management

- The project had a limited time frame, with activity spread across two days.
- Meal preparation, transportation and distribution had to be coordinated in a short period of time, which required thorough planning.
- Team members had to balance their personal commitments with project duties, making timeliness and coordination important.

Conclusion

This project has helped us to realize that giving back to the community is an essential part of being a better person in our daily lives. Sometimes, it does not need to be a big contribution or with a huge amount of money to help the community. Maybe with a simple activity such as cleaning up the beaches, or like our activity, feeding the stray cats can show that we are giving back to the community.

With the completion of this project, we managed to show our teamwork and bond that has been a major strength throughout the project. We believe that by accomplishing this project it is proven that we were able to work together as we were already together as a team from the beginning of our student years in UNIRAZAK. As for our final semester, this project really helped us strengthen our bond which will become stronger and beneficial in the future.

Overall, we are grateful and thankful that we managed to complete our project with such a smooth plan and journey. Most of the plan went well, and even some adjustments were made, in the end, the main objective was achieved. We hope that we will continue contributing to the community in our own ways, and may our contribution give a positive impact to the growth of the community in the future generations.