



# ANNUAL REPORT 2020

**PERSATUAN AUTISME KEBANGSAAN MALAYSIA  
THE NATIONAL AUTISM SOCIETY OF MALAYSIA  
(NASOM)**



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## PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT



The past 34 years have been an amazing journey for NASOM. Despite the struggles that NASOM has gone through, NASOM is still relevant and remains as a parental choice for autism treatment. Whatever the future holds, we will assure that NASOM will continue to strive in providing and delivering services for individuals with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and their families.

The year 2020 has become the new norm of digital transformation, society has undergone significant changes. From the rise of COVID-19 to the value of digital technology, various social systems and processes have undergone major changes. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, most of our planned events, projects and collaborations have been cancelled and we have to adjust to most of the work being done virtually.

Despite the limitations due to the COVID-19 pandemic, I would like to share our activities over the past year, particularly in providing more opportunities for meaningful engagement with the corporate and government sectors, introducing innovative topics for virtual talks, training and providing services and professional development. In the coming year, we will continue this initiative, improving and expanding our services, as well as various collaborative project with our supporters, sponsors and strategic partners.

Now, it's time for us to restart and maximise our fundraising activities. We cannot use the current situation as an excuse to stop looking for other opportunities to raise funds and donations. We need to work harder to get more supports and contributions to become self-reliant centres and continue to provide services and reach out to families in need.

Thank you to our donors, supporters, volunteers, sponsors for your incredible support and thoughts. We believe you all will continue to support our noble efforts. Finally, I would like to express my special appreciation to 2020-2022 NASOM Board of Management for their commitment and also to all NASOM staff for the tireless work and support they provide each and every day. Let us together take NASOM to the next level and build a better future for our children and our society in the years to come.

Thank you.

Stay safe and stay healthy.



**Dato' Megat Ahmad Shahrani Megat Sharuddin.**

President

27 November 2021

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

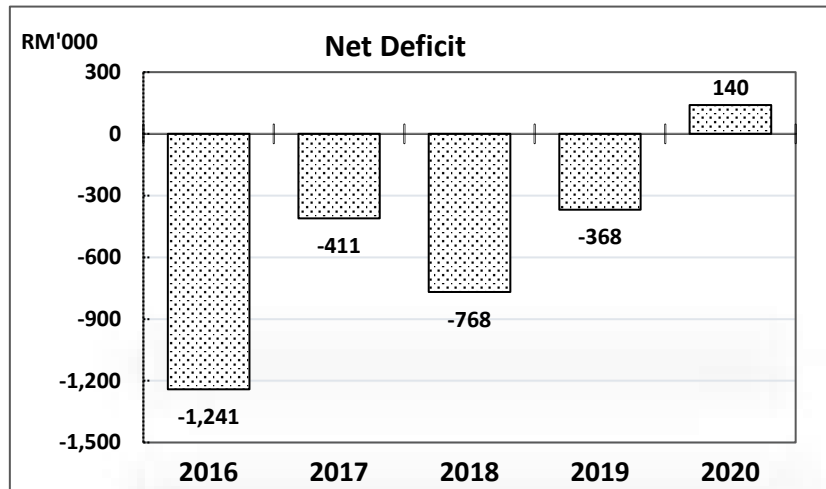
On behalf of the NASOM 2020/2022 board members, I am pleased to report that the period under review ending 31 December 2020 was a mixed year for NASOM offering anticipated and unprecedented challenges. Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, NASOM is still doing its best to continue its efforts to maintain our operations and financial position. The new NASOM board was elected in August 2020. With all the challenges and through their commitment and dedication as well as the support we have received, we managed to continue to uphold our efforts to improve and expand our services in advocating for the rights of people with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD); to give them opportunities to learn and live productive and fulfilling lives.

During the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, a new branch was officially opened in Kota Kinabalu situated at Taman Salut Perdana, to cater to the needs of families for ASD children in the vicinity. Initially the centre started with 22 students and 5 teachers. It is a tripartite collaboration project between Agensi Inovasi Malaysia (AIM), Permodalan Nasional Berhad (PNB), and The National Autism Society of Malaysia (NASOM) under the Social Outcome Fund (SOF) to offer Early Intervention Program (EIP) for children with ASD under 14 years old. Finally, NASOM is able to assist and provide assistance for many children with Autism in Sabah as they have very limited resources and programs available for such community.

Although the COVID-19 pandemic has affected lives around globally but it has not stopped us from connecting with the rest of the world and we have successfully held the 5<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Autism Network (AAN) Congress virtually on 14 December 2020, attended by all the ASEAN countries. The congress was officiated by YB Senator Datuk Ras Adiba Radzi.

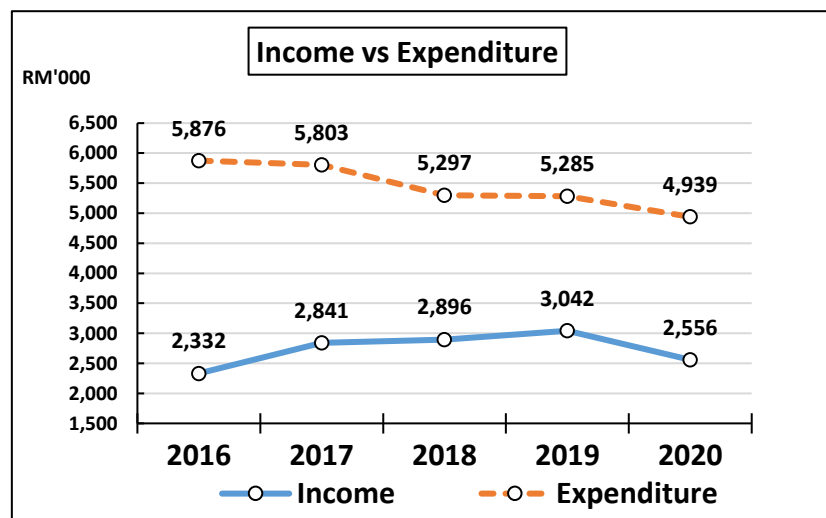
### **Summary of Financial Performance 2020**

Financial Year 2020 (FY2020) has shown that NASOM recorded a net surplus of around RM140,000 compared to previous years which were in a deficit position. NASOM survived this challenging year due to higher receipts from external contributions which increased to RM2.5 million compared to RM1.9 million received in FY2019.



For 2020, NASOM received a higher allocation from the Jabatan Kebajikan Masyarakat (JKM) Grant of RM993,000 compared to FY2019 which we only received RM563,000. Apart from that, NASOM also received the Wage Subsidy Program (PSU) under the Pakej Ransangan Ekonomi Prihatin Rakyat (SOCSSO) for a total of RM475,000 which helped NASOM cover its operating costs particularly in payroll which forms the highest expenses.

On the other hand, public and corporate contributions decreased from RM1.2 million in FY2019 to RM1.0 million in FY2020. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and the Movement Control Order (MCO) implemented by the government, our fundraising activities were affected and we only relied on direct contributions from the public and corporate.



FY2020, total operating income from program fees and other income decreased to RM2.6 million compared to total income recorded in FY2019 of RM3.0 million.

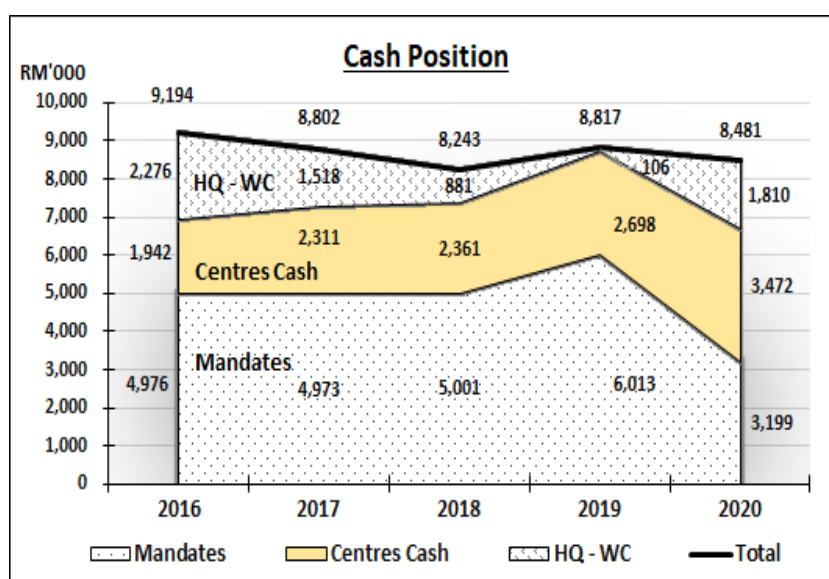
In 2020, NASOM OUG had to cease its operations as the centre could not be registered due to illegal renovation to the premises by the landlord. NASOM has received several notices from the Dewan Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur (DBKL) to vacate the premises following the failure to register and operate the centre with the Jabatan Kebajikan Masyarakat (JKM).

Efforts to find suitable premises have been carried out, numerous suitable premises have been identified but did not materialise due to lack of support and consent from immediate neighbours and the community around the area.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, quite a number of students resigned from the NASOM Program in 2020. Face-to-face learning was not able to be carried out and we started introducing virtual learning sessions, adapting to this new situation and the impact of the pandemic on parents also caused many of them to withdraw their children from the NASOM programs.

Looking at the challenging situation and despite NASOM facing financial constraints, the board decided and agreed to help alleviate the burden of parents and families affected by the pandemic and MCO by providing fee discounts and subsidies for the NASOM students for a few months.

For operating expenditure, FY2020 recorded a decrease of RM4.9 million compared to FY2019 of RM5.2 million. 76% of our total expenditure was attributed to personnel costs amounting to RM3.7 million comprising teachers and administrative staff. In addition to the closure of NASOM OUG, the decreased total expenditure was due to lower operating costs as most of the centre were not physically operating and not many events were organized by NASOM during the MCO.



Restricted Funds and Grants, i.e., donations and grants with mandates attached, dropped from RM6.0 million in FY2019 to RM3.2 million in FY2020. The higher amount dropped due to reclassification of Ministry of Finance (MOF) Special Grant total amount of RM2.5 million, which was approved by MOF to use the funds for operating costs

Unlike the funds that we raise ourselves, the purpose of donations and grants with mandates are determined by the donors and grantors, and are not allowed for other purposes. Amongst the mandate funds are JKM Annual Grant, Sunshine September Fund, Children Welfare Fund, Research Fund, Skill Development Fund, etc. For FY2020, the new mandate funds received such as fund from Standard Chartered for MyITCrew@ILKBS (Institut Latihan Kemahiran Belia dan Sukan), Magnum Corporation for Operational Support, Kementerian Belia dan Sukan for Pembangunan Bakat Sukan Autisme and FWD Takaful Insurance Berhad for teachers' training.

Funds maintained by the respective NASOM centres with cash reserves increased from RM2.7 million in FY2019 to RM3.4 million in FY2020. The increase was also due to the surplus and external contributions received by the center. Funds for each centre are only to support their own centre operations.

The NASOM Secretariat's working capital fund, for which money is available for capital and operating expenses, including financial assistance to deficit centres if necessary, increased from RM106,000 to RM1.8 million. This increase was due to the reclassification of the MOF Special Grant and was approved by the MOF to support administrative costs. Basically, the NASOM Secretariat is no longer able to extend further assistance to deficit centers and the centers have to be self-sufficient to cover the operating costs of their centers.

On behalf of the Board and Management of NASOM, I would like to thank all the people and organisations who have supported NASOM over the years. Heartfelt thanks to all the donors, sponsors, partners, collaborators, supporters, volunteers, media, authorities, etc. for your valuable contributions. It is impossible to name everyone, but everyone has contributed in their own way to help improve the quality of life of people with ASD. Please continue to support NASOM to enable them to lead a relatively normal life by ensuring our programs can be carried out continuously.

Thank you.

On behalf of the Board.



**JULIAN WONG MING VUI**

Chairman

27 November 2021

**PERSATUAN KEBANGSAAN AUTISME MALAYSIA**  
**The National Autism Society of Malaysia (NASOM)**  
**Board of Management**  
**2020-2022**

**PRESIDENT** : YBhg.Dato' Megat Ahmad Shahrani bin Megat Sharuddin

**CHAIRMAN** : Mr. Julian Wong Ming Vui

**VICE CHAIRMAN** : YBrs. Associate Professor Dr. Saiful Amri bin Mazlan.

**HONORARY SECRETARY** : Ms. Anne Subashini Sivanathan

**ASSISTANT SECRETARY** : Mr. Unnikrishnan Suresh a/l N.Unnikrishnan

**TREASURER** : Mr. Mohamad Zamzuri bin Ahmad

**ORDINARY BOARD MEMBER:** Mr. Cason Ong Tzse Chun

YBrs.Dr. Mazidah binti Said

Mr. Harvindar Singh a/l Saran Singh

YBrs. Ir. Mat Jusoh bin Mamat

Mr. Nagor Amir bin Noor Mohamed

Ms. Pathmavathy a/p Raman

Ms. Jennifer Balanting

## 2020 HIGHLIGHTS

### NATIONAL LEVEL

#### 5<sup>th</sup> ASEAN AUTISM NETWORK CONGRESS

The 5th ASEAN Autism Network (ANN) Congress was held virtually on 14 December 2020. The Congress was attended by all the ASEAN countries such as Malaysia, Singapore, Philippines, Indonesia, Thailand, Vietnam, Myanmar, Cambodia and Laos. Several topics were discussed such as The Impact of COVID19 on PWA, Next Decade of AAN, AAN's 10th Anniversary Celebration and Election of AAN Exco Board Members were discussed during the congress. The Congress was officiated by YB Senator Datuk Ras Adiba Radzi.



#### KASHI AUTISME CAMPAIGN BY CHAMPS

Duopharma Biotech has been a faithful partner with NASOM for four consecutive years in conjunction with World Autism Awareness Month. CHAMPS support includes a collaboration with Guardian Malaysia, which donated RM0.50 to NASOM for each bottle of CHAMPS Vitamin C range sold during the campaign from April to June 2020. A contribution of RM50,000 from CHAMPS was presented to NASOM at a brief ceremony on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at the office of Duopharma Biotech Berhad office.



### MARY KAY PINK CHANGING LIVES INITIATIVES

Mary Kay raised a total of RM 35,000 to support the NASOM centre's operation cost. The Cheque presentation by Mary Kay (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd was attended by NASOM Chairman, Mr. Julian Wong at NASOM Setia Alam.



### dōTERRA MALAYSIA HEALING HANDS INITIATIVE

dōTERRA Malaysia has donated RM130,000.00 in cash for a van to the National Autism Society of Malaysia (NASOM). The handover ceremony was held on 14 September 2020 at one of the NASOM centre in Titiwangsa.



The new Board of NASOM paid a courtesy call on the Vice Chancellor of Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) and visited the National Autism Resource Center (NARC) at UiTM Shah Alam.



The NASOM Board members paid a courtesy call on YB Senator Datuk Ras Adiba Radzi at her office in Parliament.



The Marriot Business Council donated disinfectants, hand sanitisers, digital thermometers and face masks for the NASOM centres received by Chairman Mr. Julian Wong.

### CENTRAL REGION

- NASOM Gombak organised a Camp and Sport activities with their students.
- NASOM Gombak, Titiwangsa and Teluk Pulai are involved in the manufacture of boxes for the Youniq Jewelry brand.
- NASOM Bandar Puteri held a Mushroom Cultivation management course with Triple AAA and UiTM Shah Alam.
- The Malaysian Steel Institute visited NASOM Jalan Ipoh and conducted their CSR activities with students in Jalan Ipoh and contributed.
- CSR activities between CECE and NASOM Titiwangsa were held in February 2020.
- Texas Chicken organised activities for students and teachers from NASOM Teluk Pulai at Aquaria KLCC as part of their Chinese New Year CSR project.
- 3 students from NASOM Teluk Pulai were selected to perform poem for IMC event at Summit USJ.
- All NASOM centres began operating classes in the new norm as well as online classes
- Full spring cleaning and sanitation was performed at all centres prior to the opening of the NASOM centres.
- A brief visit to NASOM Teluk Pulai by Chairman of NASOM to view the centre.
- The Chairman and board members of NASOM visited NASOM Bandar Puteri centre to view the centre and its programs.



### SOUTHERN REGION

- In conjunction with AEON's 10th anniversary, they visited NASOM Melaka and donated in kind items to NASOM students.
- Program “We Care because We Love You” by Kolej Islam Melaka students with NASOM Melaka to get to know children with autism.
- The President of NASOM together with the Chairman of NASOM Melaka paid a courtesy call on His Excellency Tun Datuk Seri (Dr.) Haji Mohd Ali Bin Mohd Rustam.
- The “Ziarah Kasih” Program by YAB Toh Puan Datuk Wira Hajah Asmah binti Abdul Rahman and the Melaka NCWO Committee visited NASOM Melaka.
- Touch of Love Charity Tour, a collaboration event between NASOM Melaka and Hotel Management students from UiTM Alor Gajah Melaka Campus.
- All NASOM Melaka began operating classes in the new norm as well as online classes.
- Full spring cleaning and sanitation was performed at all centres prior to the opening of the NASOM centres.



### NORTHERN REGION

- 37 students from NASOM Alor Setar received a set of school bag with stationaries donated by Kumpulan Muhsinin Utara.
- The messy play and art craft activities was conducted by volunteers from AIESEC with NASOM Alor Setar.
- In January, students from Monash University organised Sensory Therapy sessions with NASOM Butterworth.
- All staff at NASOM Butterworth attended the Social Worker briefing under JKM Butterworth.
- NFT vegetable replanting training with Bumbong Lima Agriculture Department officers.
- Alternative communications workshop attended by teachers from NASOM Butterworth at USM.
- Rose Charity Malaysia brought students from NASOM Penang to the Cititel Hotel to celebrate the Chinese New Year.
- NASOM Penang celebrated Malaysia Day at the centre with baking activities for vocational students and colouring for EIP students.
- Chairman Mr. Julian visited NASOM Penang and met with the centre's coordinator.
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### EAST COAST REGION

- Fun Run collaboration from TATIUC, ZSR Vortices and NASOM Kerteh postponed due to the Covid 19.
- NASOM Kuantan organised an outing for the EIP students to Taman Gelora.
- Sensory Play Therapy conducted by NASOM Kuantan for their EIP students.
- SAS Institute Sdn Bhd presented donations to NASOM Kuantan at their office in KL Central attended by Mr Julian and Pn. Zuariyah.
- All NASOM centres began operating classes in the new norm as well as online classes.
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### EAST MALAYSIA

- NASOM Kota Kinabalu officially opened its doors with 22 students and 7 teachers at Taman Salut Perdana, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah.
- Visit by YBhg. Dayang Rugayah Binti Abang Besar the Chief Assistant Director of the Sabah State JKM Federation was accompanied by 5 Sabah State JKM officers and staff to NASOM Kota Kinabalu. In conjunction with the JKM Registration Certificate Presentation Ceremony.



## LIST OF DONORS

2020	
1	Big Pharmacy Healthcare Sdn Bhd
2	CIMB Foundation
3	Duopharma Consumer Healthcare Sdn Bhd
4	Gabungan Strategik Sdn Bhd
5	Gen Arena Sdn Bhd
6	Hotayi Electronic (M) Sdn Bhd
7	Kementerian Kerja Raya (KKR)
8	Kerry Ingredients (M) Sdn Bhd
9	Lionel Tan Chin Lai @ Tan Choon Lai
10	Magnum 4D Berhad
11	Malaysian Timber Council
12	Mary Kay Malaysia Sdn Bhd
13	Nur Afzan Aini binti Mat Jawi
14	Pan Malaysian Pools Sdn Bhd
15	Public Islamic Bank Berhad
16	SAS Institute Sdn Bhd
17	Syarikat Ong
18	United Kingdom Education Centre (UKEC)
19	Universiti Teknologi MARA
20	Yayasan Johawaki



# **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

## **for the year ended December 31,2020**