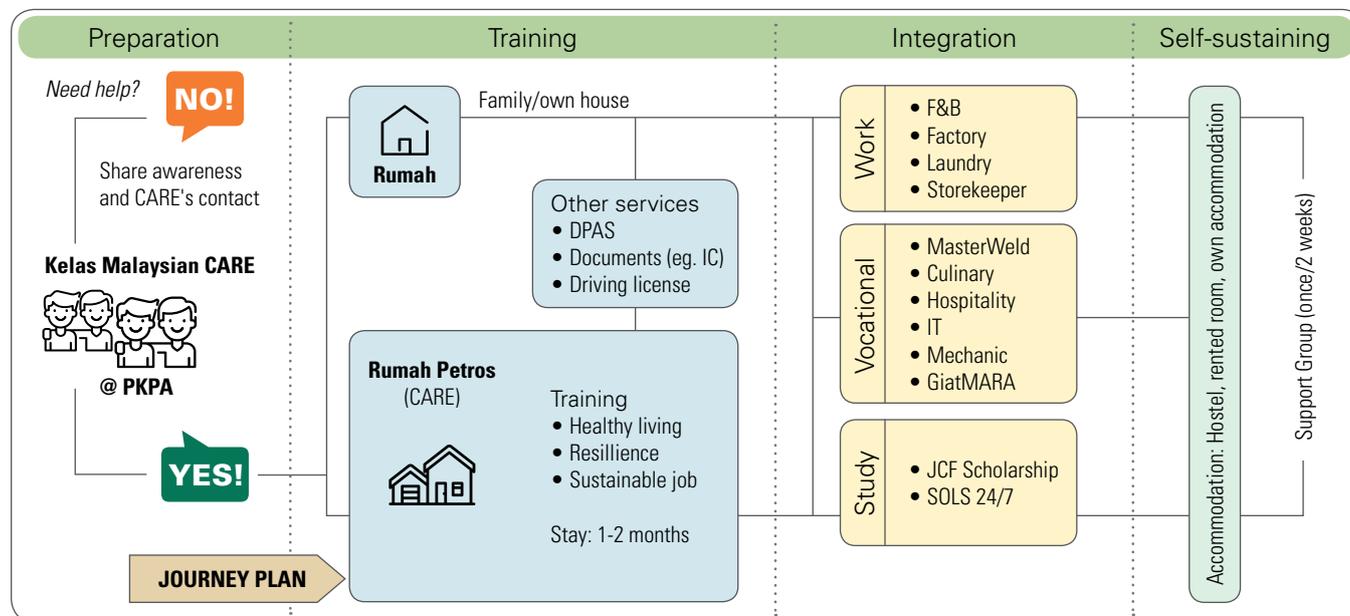


# Prison, MoUs and Money & Me



Model of Malaysian CARE's Services for Juveniles from PKPA

In 2018, prison volunteers from the northern states of Kedah and Perak decided to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Malaysian CARE for the purpose of developing and enhancing the prison ministry through resource sharing, training and equipping volunteers. CARE signed the MoUs with three partners—Community Friends from Trinity Baptist Church Alor Setar, Taiping Prison Ministry and Tapah Prison Fellowship.

The Prison Headquarters in Kajang had also requested CARE to expand its services beyond conducting weekly Religious Class in the adult prisons which CARE has been doing for years together with church partners. The Prison is impressed by the wholistic model CARE implemented in the juvenile prison of the Pusat Koreksional Puncak Alam (PKPA) which began with pre-release classes. These classes focus on preparing the inmates for release, informing them about the options, services and after-care support available to help them towards their sustainable integration into the community.

Pusat Koreksional Puncak Alam (PKPA)	
Services began in Aug 2018 • Data below Aug-Dec 2018	
Manpower (Staff & Volunteers)	36
Pre-release: Juveniles reached	120
Post-release: Juveniles engaged	8

CARE in partnership with The Edge Education Foundation has pioneered the implementation of the Money & Me programme in the juvenile prison. Money & Me is a financial literacy programme designed to teach youth skills such as saving, budgeting, planning and how to achieve their personal goals. CARE successfully customised the programme in terms of context, relevance and language (Bahasa Malaysia) to suit the juveniles. We have discovered that this programme has the potential to be used for other communities as well such as the Orang Asli in Peninsula Malaysia, Orang Asal in Sabah and Sarawak and youth among the urban poor.

2019 is an exciting year for the prison ministry as CARE gears up to equip its partners in the northern region. The annual Prison & Addiction Conference (PAC 2019) from 27th-30th June 2019 will be organised in collaboration with Community Friends from Alor Setar. CARE also looks forward to responding to request from the Prison Headquarters by starting a pilot project at the Kajang Prison, with the involvement of church prison volunteer and partners. ■

Frederick had served in CARE prison ministry for eight years, only to discover recently that his late grandfather did the same in Pudu Prison back in the 1970s.