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Big plans for health facilities at Nusantara

PENAJAM, (East Kalimantan) 01 Nov - The Indonesian government has readied a comprehensive health facilities in Sepaku Sub-district, in East Kalimantan, a strategic area within the new capital city Nusantara.

Head of the North Penajam Paser Health Service Jansje Grace Makisurat said told ANTARA news agency last week that the facilities of several health service centres are being upgraded in anticipation of the influx of a large number of infrastructure workers for the development of the new capital which will replace Jakarta.

Nusantara in East Kalimantan is located about an hour's flight south of Sabah, and is expected to have major multi-faceted impact on Sabah.

The health service centres included the Regional General Hospital or Sepaku Hospital, Sepaku Satu Health Center, Sepaku Dua Health Center, Semoi Dua Health Center, and Maridan Health Center in Sepaku Sub-district.

The local government also proposed adding health workers in anticipation of the increasing need for health services in the Nusantara area.

Makisurat stressed the need to increase the number of health workers since the number of construction workers entering the region would reach hundreds of thousands.

"The hospital and the four health centres are prepared to support health services at Nusantara," she said last Saturday.

The Sepaku area is expected to receive up to Rp20 billion in 2023 for health services-related development and upgrade.

The central government will provide Rp8 billion for the procurement of medical equipment and Rp12 billion for the construction of inpatient facilities.

The Ministry of Health is constructing the Sepaku Hospital located in the core area of Nusantara and expects completion in 2024.