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# Advancing inclusive planning: mapping the multistakeholder perspective and engagement of Indigenous development in selangor, Malaysia

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Orang Asli communities in Selangor, Malaysia, face increasing pressures from rapid urbanization, socio-economic marginalization, and cultural erosion. This study explores the perspectives of key stakeholders involved in Indigenous development, aiming to understand how inclusive, multistakeholder planning can support sustainable outcomes for the Orang Asli. Using a qualitative approach, semi-structured interviews were conducted with representatives from four institutions: a state agency, JAKOA, a cultural museum, and an NGO. Thematic analysis was applied to examine stakeholder responses across three domains: economic development, cultural preservation, and environmental sustainability. Findings reveal five key themes: the need for a formal framework, economic vulnerability, cultural heritage preservation, environmental stewardship, and inclusive

governance. Despite fragmented efforts, stakeholders express strong support for coordinated, culturally sensitive planning. The study highlights the importance of empowering Indigenous voices, integrating traditional knowledge, and fostering collaborative governance structures. In conclusion, while current initiatives provide a foundation, more comprehensive and participatory frameworks are essential to advancing Indigenous development. Future research should involve direct engagement with Orang Asli communities and assess the long-term impacts of implemented strategies to ensure inclusive and resilient development planning. © The Author(s) 2025.

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