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# Islamic council to build AIDS centre

**THE** Federal Territory Islamic Council (MAIWP) will establish a centre for AIDS victims in Kuala Lumpur.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Jamil Khir Baharom said the centre will be built on a 1.5-ha piece of land owned by MAIWP, as soon as its gets the funds from the government.

"We estimate we need about RM35 million to build the centre that can cater to

between 500 and 1,200 people," he said earlier this week after a zakat distribution ceremony in Kuala Lumpur, according to *Bernama*.

He said the centre will also be open to non-Muslims if the situation warrants it.

The ceremony was part of the zakat month for the Federal Territory. At



Jamil (right) receiving a mock cheque from BIMB Holdings Bhd chief financial officer Muhammad Azlan Muhammad Alam during a recent zakat collection and distribution ceremony

the same event, Jamil also received zakat collections totalling RM1.75 million from

nine corporations. The collection of zakat is done through Pusat Pungutan Zakat.