

Empirical Insights from Malaysia's Medical Supplies Sector: Strengthening Growth Fundamentals for Crisis Preparedness

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Abstract: This paper evaluates the role of Malaysia's medical supplies industry in strengthening growth fundamentals for future health crisis preparedness. Using national input-output tables for 2015 and 2020, multiplier and linkage measures are applied to assess industrial potential. Results highlight the rubber gloves and basic chemicals sub-industries as key contributors, generating significant income for employees, businesses, and the government. These findings provide empirical evidence for positioning the medical supplies industry as a strategic driver of resilience.

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