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IMPLICATIONS TO POLICY AND PRACTICE OF INTERGENERATIONAL TRANSFERS IN SINGAPORE

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RESULT #1: DECLINING FAMILY SUPPORT TO ELDERS (FROM 91% TO 75%)

Policy implication

- Who bears the cost of the difference between the ability of the family to support and the actual support provided?
 - **Community- strengthen and integrate service provision**
 - **'Family of choice '– network of support**

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Implication to practice and policy

- Are we empowering our elders to be able to do more of **self-care** to be able to maintain their good health and independence?

- **Self Care on Health of Older Persons in Singapore (SCOPE)**

<https://tsaofoundation.org/what-we-do/research-and-collaboration/programmes/self-care-on-health-of-older-persons>

RESULT #2: 20% - 40% RECEIVE MATERIAL, TIME AND EMOTIONAL SUPPORT

Policy implication

- 60% of older persons neither receive nor provide any support
- **‘Longevity dividend’**
- For the 20-40%, the material, time and emotional support sufficient, appropriate and meaningful?
- **Social isolation**

RESULT #3: ELDERLY ARE NOT ONLY RECIPIENTS BUT ALSO PROVIDERS OF CONSIDERABLE SUPPORT

Policy Implication

- Is this contribution being captured and recognised as such? (35% of older Singaporeans)
- **‘Longevity dividend’**

RESULT #4: OLDER WOMEN MOST LIKELY TO RECEIVE AND PROVIDE SUPPORT

Policy and Practice Implications

- Change the narrative that older women are only recipients of support from the family but in actual fact, they continue to provide support as they continue to grow older
- **‘Caregiving – a lifetime commitment that deserves recognition and reward’- matched savings for adult caregivers in their Special Accounts**

RESULT #5: OLDER ADULTS WHO NEITHER RECEIVE NOR PROVIDE MONETARY SUPPORT

Research and Policy Implications

- Need to understand them and identify their lives and their trajectories as they live longer
- How to leverage their independence in responding to the needs of other older adults?



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