**Annex A**

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION - COMCARE TRENDS REPORT FY2016-FY2020**

**AND COMCARE ANNUAL REPORT FY2020**

1. **What does ComCare assistance cover?**

ComCare beneficiaries receive a comprehensive package of assistance which may include cash assistance for their daily living expenses and assistance with their household and medical bills. They may receive employment assistance such as job search and/or training, which is provided by Career Consultants from Workforce Singapore (WSG) and NTUC e2i. They may also be assisted through referrals to other government agencies and community partners such as Family Service Centres (FSCs) for casework and counselling.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, to provide existing ComCare beneficiaries with longer runway to regain stability during this economic downturn, MSF automatically extended the duration of their ComCare assistance by six months. This applied to ComCare households whose assistance was due for review between May 2020 and October 2020. New ComCare beneficiaries this period also generally received at least six months of assistance, to give them a longer runway to regain stability.

1. **ComCare helped around 96,000 beneficiaries in FY2020. What assistance is available for other vulnerable groups?**

The Government has expanded and strengthened our social safety nets over the years.

As the needs of the low-income or vulnerable groups are often multi-faceted, we have in place multiple layers of government assistance and a network of government and community agencies that provide targeted and customised assistance for individuals or households in need, including the following:

* Employment: Progressive Wage Model, Enhanced Workfare Income Supplement Scheme, Workfare Training Support (WTS) Scheme
* Retirement Adequacy: CPF LIFE
* Healthcare: MediShield Life, CHAS, Pioneer Generation Package, Community Network for Seniors
* Housing: Additional CPF Housing Grant, Fresh Start Housing Scheme
* Social safety nets: ComCare, MediFund

We have also strengthened upstream intervention for vulnerable families and children to set a good foundation. For example:

* KidSTART provides holistic support to children from low-income families to enable them to have a good start in life.
* MSF supports MOE’s UPLIFT initiatives to enhance after-school care support for students.
* Community Link (ComLink) provides targeted support to families with children in rental flats.
* Fresh Start Housing Scheme supports low-income families in owning a home again.

We will continue to monitor the trend of households needing help, and work closely with other government agencies and our community partners to provide support and assistance to individuals and families in need.